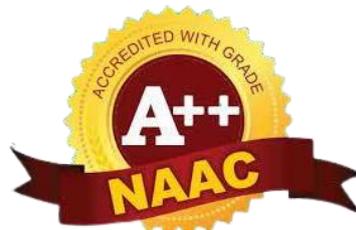# POST GRADUATE ADMISSION INFORMATION BROCHURE
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Ravenshaw: 150 Years and Beyond
Impacting "life worlds" and reconnoitring inherited norms
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RAVENSHAW UNIVERSITY
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Ravenshaw University is a post-sesquicentennial institution that has carved out a distinct niche for itself in the field of higher education in Odisha and beyond. Since its inception, the university has remained indefatigably committed to achieving excellence in the realms of teaching, research, innovation, and community engagement. This iconic institution is wedded to the all- round and holistic development of the learners for whom it provides indefinite opportunities in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. It would be quite apt to iterate that this is one of the most happening and vibrant State Public universities of Odisha. Its serene and green campuses (main and the Mahanadi) offer an intellectually stimulating ambience for the students to discover their passions and empower them to actualize their potential. Diversity, inclusiveness, and equity are the hallmarks of Ravenshaw University. The institution boasts of having alumni, who have earned laurels in different walks of life across the globe.

The Team Ravenshaw extends its best wishes and looks forward to welcoming you as a part of this glorious and heritage institution.

Prof. Dharmabrata Mohapatra

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- Highly interactive education pattern.

- Entrance/NET/Problem-solving-based learning techniques.

- Experienced faculty with adequate teaching and high-impact research experience.

- State-of-the-art laboratory with training facilities for students.

- Extensive learning through a well-equipped digital library and e-resource centre.

- Braille advanced and other facilities for differently-abled students.

- State-of-the-art building- Seven Pillars of Wisdom with a seating capacity of 1300, flanked by three Annexe-conference halls of 300 seating capacity each.

- Residential facility within the campus, with proximity to basic amenities (Bank, Post office, ATM, Cafeteria).

- In-house dispensary, gymnasium, indoor and outdoor sports facilities.

- Exposure to Extra and Co-curricular activities.

- Innovative skill-based / add-on courses for students to earn extra credits.

- High record of student placement through the University Campus placement cell.

- Student facilities (Counselling Centre, GSCASH, Equal Opportunity Cell, Ravenshaw Radio, NCC, NSS).

- Special cell to address the welfare of international students.

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1. RAVENSHAW UNIVERSITY: A JOURNEY OF IDEAS

John Axtell, one of the leading scholars tracing the genealogy of the modern research university, underscores a seminal observation: "Great universities are made, not born. Invariably, their infancies and youth are pinched, puzzling, and unpropitious, and their adolescence, even when finally promising, is bumptious and conflicted". It is a similar story with Ravenshaw, and, therefore, an institutional history of Ravenshaw, which has an intimate connection with India's "colonial past" and diversified and disparate engagements over two centuries, cannot be borne by any simplistic and linear imagination.

The "monument which represents Orissa to the outside world," the "Temple of learning," "stately in proportions which compares not unfavourably with the only other temple – The Temple of Jagannath" and the "source of justice and pride to every Odia" were the qualifiers invoked to depict Ravenshaw in the high noon of a colonial order. Imagined and shaped in the second half of the nineteenth century, Ravenshaw College, which meant much else besides lectures in classrooms, was home to Odisha's first Legislative Assembly, first library, first museum, and first university (Utkal), first convocation and first senate … the list is long. If a strategic shift in favour of the spread of "modern" education and "development" by building an institution of higher education like Ravenshaw in the wake of a catastrophic famine of 1866 characterized the focus of colonial policy interventionism in the nineteenth century Odisha, the "expressivist" signs of the institution were marked by a subversive spirit of anti-colonialism suffused with a radical libertarian ideological position in the first half of the twentieth century.

Beyond its institutional logic and framework of knowledge production, Ravenshaw remained a distinct critical site of negotiating modernity from multiple perspectives by an emerging yet assertive intelligentsia in the early decades of the twentieth century. As a result, the class passionately engaged with more extensive and diverse issues of region, language, identity, community, nation, and the emerging global order. The journey has continued into the 20th and 21st centuries. With Ravenshaw College now a University, Ravenshawvians as scholars, thought leaders, scientists, political visionaries, policy interventionists, corporate celebrities, spiritual ambassadors, and under many such diverse categories, persist in re-negotiating these conceptual problematics from a plurality of perspectives.

As Ravenshaw celebrates 150 years of institutional existence, these searching questions have assumed more profound significance for Ravenshawvians spread across the globe. The rich legacy of interrogating inherited norms and conventions and the process of re-inventing Ravenshaw remain as profound as ever.

1.1. From College to University: A Tryst with Destiny

The institutional title, Ravenshaw, traces its origin to the event of commemoration of the tenure of an official of the colonial order, the Commissioner of Orissa (1865-68), T.E. Ravenshaw, who took a series of measures to deal with the hugely famished landscape of Orissa in terms of developing institutional and infrastructural networks in the wake of the devastating Famine of Odisha of 1866. On January 20, 1868, the Intermediate school was upgraded to a college in 1876 and named after Ravenshaw. Honours courses were introduced in 1912; the Post

Graduate course in English started with a munificent grant from the Rani of Sonepur in 1922. The college shifted from its original building at Chandni Chowk (adjacent to the present High Court of Odisha) to the present 84-acre red building campus with the laying out of the foundation by Sir Edward Gait, the Governor of Odisha, in 1919. Gait hoped that this would grow into a university someday. The Govt. of Odisha recognized the historical importance of this heritage institution and made it into a university, w.e.f. November 15, 2006. It was followed by 12b and 2f recognition by the University Grants Commission.

The brightest students from all over the state always dreamt of joining the prestigious Ravenshaw College. Such was the brand name of the college that it attracted students from even outside Odisha, whose parents' lives and characters were shaped by the college and the illustrious professors and faculty members. The college's imposing structure across the three-row departments of Arts, Science, and Commerce blocks made it appear Colossal to most of the students who might never have seen such a vast campus earlier. The hostels also had numerous stories, which had become richer over the decades of their existence. Ravenshaw University has grown from the temple of education to being a Gurukul of modern-day India. One can take a student out of Ravenshaw, but cannot take Ravenshaw out of anyone who has been there.

While Ravenshaw has already celebrated 150 years of its foundation and is critically engaged in charting out a practical roadmap as a happening university of South Asia, its physical universe has been sought to be reconfigured, retaining an imaginative bonding with the architectural pattern of the past. Significantly, its conceptual "life-world" has been remapped with the induction of a cadre of faculty in tune with the programmatic vision of cutting-edge research orientations of academia. The university faculty members have collectively yet energetically pursued and thought through new domains of scholarship woven around shifting discourses of knowledge in their respective areas, shaping curriculum and academic policies, and establishing and managing centres of new thought and research.

1.2. The Calling of a Productive Present

Upgrading from college to university in 2006 ushered in the beginning of fulfilling a hope that Edward Gait articulated in his speech of 1919. The Institution has emerged as a central hub of research in higher learning in the state and the country. The UGC-NAAC, recognizing its research contribution, among other things, has accredited the institution with an A Grade. This is the first University of the State of Odisha to have been accorded 'A' accreditation in the first NAAC visit. In addition, the University has the distinction of hosting the prestigious Indian Sociological Congress (2010), SPIC MACAY (2011), Indian History Congress (2013), All India Neuroscience Congress (2017), and Institute of Indian Geographers (IIG) 39th Annual Meet (2017), thereby making the institution not only globally visible but also adding on to its unique status as the emerging hub of research in South Asia.

- Ravenshaw is one of the few Universities in Odisha that provides UG courses in a university atmosphere. As a result, UG students are exposed to highly developed research laboratories early in their careers. Moreover, regular conferences, symposia, and seminars expose the UG students to the exciting world of research and higher learning.

- Ravenshaw is a unitary university in the State because there are no affiliated colleges. In the absence of the burden of work associated with an affiliated university, the teaching community of the university is devoted to research and teaching. Mentoring young students in research career opportunities has been Ravenshaw University's hallmark.

- Ravenshaw also has a new Greenfield campus (Mahanadi Campus sprawling over 124 acres) in the picturesque junction at the head of the Mahanadi Delta at Naraj, where the university is developing niche research centres. Two new academic blocks, one for the Social Sciences and the other for an Instrumentation Centre, have been constructed. A New Administrative office, the Biotechnology and Zoology Wing, and three new hostels have come up in the last five years. Seven Pillars of Wisdom, Amphitheatre, Yoga and Gym Hall, and other new infrastructure have been established following the upgrade to a university.

- Ravenshaw University has the distinction of developing a barrier-free campus for the differently-abled.

- Students are now given choices from a bouquet of subjects and earn credits with the introduction of Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) courses. Ravenshaw's hostel life, sports, Yoga, gym, and numerous academic and extra-curricular clubs such as Adventurous Sports, NCC, NSS, and others, provide opportunities for the all-round development of students. The Borasambar Chancellor Debate is one of the most prestigious debate competitions organized by the institution since the 1940s.

- Candidates seeking to be part of the exciting journey of Ravenshaw are advised to go through this Prospectus and apply for courses of their choice.

Ravenshaw University Main Campus: Located at College Square (https://maps.app.goo.gl/73KKYguqsbpKDg5A8), the main campus is within walking distance from Cuttack Railway Station and 25 km from Bhubaneswar Railway Station and Biju Patnaik International Airport.

Ravenshaw University Mahanadi Campus: Located at Naraj (https://maps.app.goo.gl/Nk2yKU8GcbssacFy7), the Mahanadi Campus is 13.6 km from the main campus. It is about 35 km from Bhubaneswar Railway Station and Biju Patnaik International Airport.

2. MAIN CAMPUS: DEPARTMENTS & REGULAR COURSES

The university has 24 departments offering various UG, PG, Ph.D., and D.Sc./D.Litt. programmes. Some of the departments have a long lineage. Science departments, such as Physics and Chemistry, came up in 1906. Honours started in 1912 in Philosophy, History, Persian, and other subjects. The first Post Graduate Department is the PG Department of English which began in 1922. After the upgradation to a university, new departments have come up, expanding choices for students. The departments emphasize innovative methods of teaching. In addition, the departments are also working on specific thrust areas, encouraging research and innovation. The course, seats and fees are provided in Annexure 1. Category-wise distribution of seats are as per government directives. Facilities and activities of Ravenshaw University are provided in Appendix-I and Appendix-II.

2.1. Department of Botany

The Department of Botany was founded in 1906 as the first department in the subject to impart teaching and research in plant science in Odisha. With more than 100 years of Botany teaching, the Department excelled in education and the various fields of Plant Science Research. Presently, the Department is offering U.G. (Botany), P.G. (Botany), P.G. (Biotechnology), Ph.D. (Botany), and Ph.D. (Biotechnology) programmes. The Department is presently supported by DST-FIST, Govt. of India (2nd Term; Rs. 1.77 crore) and engaged in research activities in the field of Plant Biotechnology & Plant Tissue Culture, Ecotoxicology, Plant Physiology & Biochemistry, Photosynthesis, Stress Biology, Bioinformatics, Ethnobotany, Microbial Detoxification, Microbial Ecology, Plant-Microbe Interaction and plant improvement through transgenic approaches supported by various funding agencies such as UGC, DBT, DST, ISRO, CSIR, and ANRF. At present, the department is a part of the 'Centre of Excellence in Environment and Public Health' funded by the World Bank Project of the Government of Odisha under OHEPEE for carrying out cutting-edge research in the field. The Department has six research laboratories, three P.G. laboratories, two U.G. laboratories, and one Central Instrumentation Facility. In addition, the Department has one state-of-the-art conference hall, two lecture theatres, two smart classrooms, one reading room, three departmental gardens and a museum.

2.2. Department of Chemistry

Established as a separate department in 1906 as part of the erstwhile Ravenshaw College, the Chemistry Department of Ravenshaw University offers UG, PG, Ph.D. and D.Sc. Programmes. With a sanctioned teaching faculty member strength of 24, it has about 7 research labs for faculty members, 5 research labs for PG, and 4 for UG students. The department undertakes research in Materials Chemistry, including Nanomaterials, Synthetic Organic/Inorganic Chemistry, Synthesis of Bioactive Compounds, Organometallic Chemistry, Biophysical Chemistry, Polymer Chemistry, Catalysis, and Applications of Plasma. The department has received a DIST-FIST grant of 240 lakhs during the 12th Plan period of 2012-17. In addition, the Department offers a new postgraduate course in Analytical Chemistry and Biochemistry.

Department of Commerce

Higher education in commerce was introduced in Ravenshaw College in 1957. As Cuttack was the centre of all business activities, Commerce education gained popularity and backed by strong public demand, the state Government opened B.Com. classes in Ravenshaw College in 1959. The increasing popularity of Commerce education at the undergraduate level paved the way for the introduction of postgraduate courses in Commerce in 1977-78. In 1991, M.Phil. Courses were introduced with 08 intake capacity. In 2006, emphasis was shifted to Research, and a Ph.D. programme in Commerce and Management was started. From 2016, the M.Com. Entrepreneurship programme has been started to develop entrepreneurial skills among budding Commerce Graduates. The department is giving more emphasis on quality education to make the students employable. For its high standard of teaching and academic excellence, the Department of Commerce was ranked sixth among the top ten institutions imparting Commerce education in the country by a survey conducted by India Today in 1997. During its long journey, many eminent teachers and scholars have glorified the department by their contributions. Besides the academic, our students have represented the state in the field of sports, culture and many other activities at the highest level.

2.3. Department of Computer Science

The Department was established in 1998 with the MCA course. Later in the year 2000, the M.Sc. in Computer Science was introduced, followed by the B.Sc. in Computer Science. The Department is known for its prolific culture of academic exercises, including regular workshops and seminars, project work, personality development sessions, and extracurricular activities such as quizzes, coding competitions, and other fun events. Special attention is given to job and career aspirations of students who are guided towards taking competitive examinations such as GATE, NET and NIMCET as well as entry-level exams for PSUs. Every year, a good number of students from the department get placed in national firms, renowned MNCs and start-ups.

2.4. Department of Economics

The Department of Economics of Ravenshaw University (Estd. in 1931) is known for its teaching and research activities in core and applied areas of Economics. The Department offers B.A./B.Sc. (Honours), M.A. in Economics and M.A. in Rural Development, Ph.D. and D.Litt. programmes in Economics. In addition, it runs a regular M.A. programme in Rural Development. Seminars, workshops, special lectures and other academic programmes on issues of national importance are organized from time to time. The Department publishes a research journal entitled Ravenshaw Journal of Economics with an ISSN and a seminar bulletin, Arthatathya, annually. As a significant boost to its teaching and research activities, the Department has been conferred the UGC Department for Research Support (DRS-I) status under the Special Assistance Programme (SAP) since 2014. The Department is known for its advanced syllabi in UG and PG courses. In addition, the Department of Economics offers a self-financing PG programme in Rural Development. Rural Development is a career-oriented programme that provides a comprehensive knowledge of socio-economic factors affecting the transformation of Rural India.

The Department has produced several outstanding academicians, administrators, and professionals who have contributed to different fields of service in India and abroad. For example, Prof Baidyanath Mishra, former Vice-Chancellor, OUAT and Chairman, State Finance Commission, Odisha; Prof. Binayak Rath, former Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University; Prof. Santosh Panda, former Director, Delhi School of Economics, Prof. Pradipta Choudhary, Professor, JNU, Prof. Arup Mitra, IEG, New Delhi, Michael D. Patra, Executive Director at RBI, Badrinarayan Patra, present Minister, Rural Development, Odisha, Sarat Ch. Misra, former DGP, Odisha and Paramahamsa Prajnananda.

2.5. Department of Education

The Department of Education caters to both liberal and professional programmes in Education. The Department of Education of erstwhile Ravenshaw College was established in the year 1943. It is one of the oldest Departments in India to start Education as a liberal discipline at the undergraduate and post-graduate levels. However, as a University Department of Education, its inception dates back to 15th November 2006. The Department at present equitably zeroes in on advanced-level teaching, research and extension activities. The Department at present runs liberal courses like B.A. (Education Elective), B.A. (Education Honours), M.A. and Ph.D. in Education. From 2016, the Department runs Teacher Education Programmes like Four-Year Integrated B.A. B.Ed and B.Sc. B.Ed which have been recognized by the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), New Delhi. Integrated B.Ed Programmes have many of interdisciplinary pedagogy subjects such as Pedagogy of Languages (Odia, English), Pedagogy of Mathematics, Pedagogy of Bio-Sciences, Pedagogy of Physical Sciences and Pedagogy of Social Sciences.

2.6. Department of English

The Department of English is the oldest Post Graduate Department of Ravenshaw, with its origin going back to 1922 when the Rani of Sonepur gave a munificent grant of Rs. 50,000 to Ravenshaw College to start the PG course in English. The department offers UG, PG, and Ph.D. programmes. With a sanctioned teaching position of 16, the department's research areas include Cultural Studies, Translation, Pre-modern Literary Studies, and Post-modernism. The department's distinguished alumni include Annada Sankar Ray, Gopinath Mohanty, Jnanpith Award winner Ramakanta Rath, Saraswati Samman Winner Manoj Das, Saraswati Sammana Winner and noted educationist, Sarbeswar Das and many others, including the present Member of Parliament from Cuttack Lok Sabha, Shri Bhartruhari Mahatab. The department has a seminar library containing 9000 print and digitized books and a conference hall. The department also publishes a prestigious peer-reviewed journal, 'Ravenshaw Journal of Literary and Cultural Studies' (indexed in Modern Language Association [MLA]). Seminars, conferences and special lectures are regularly organized in every academic session. The department is a part of 'Centre of Excellence in Odishan Studies' funded by the World Bank Project of the Government of Odisha under the Odisha Higher Education Programme for Equity and Excellence (OHEPEE). The department has a Centre for Translation and Digital Humanities which offers a one year Post Graduate certificate program in Digital Humanities (see Appendix-III).

2.7. Department of Geography

Established in 1944 as part of Ravenshaw College under Utkal University and from 2006 as part of Ravenshaw University, the Department of Applied Geography offers courses in B.Sc. and B.A. in Applied Geography, M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D., and D.Litt. Programmes in Applied Geography. With a sanctioned faculty position of 18, the Department specializes in Geospatial Data Management, Natural Resource Management, Regional Development and Planning, Population-Development Interface, Population Geography, Social Geography, and Environment and Development Studies. The department has created a niche for itself in eastern India during a short span of over three decades of PG-level teaching. This is reflected in the fact that the department attracts students from neighbouring states like Jharkhand and West Bengal.

2.8. Department of Geology

The Department of Geology, established in 1954, is the cradle of geology education in Odisha. The Department of Geology is housed in a building reminiscent of the Victorian era, constructed from a grant provided by Shri Biju Pattnaik, former Chief Minister of Odisha, and former Union Cabinet Minister of India, from the Kalinga Foundation. The Department of Geology offers courses at the Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Ph.D. levels. More than 130 undergraduate-level students have been admitted to IITs and other elite institutes of repute since 2010. The thrust areas of Research in the department include ore characterization, mineral engineering, and groundwater hydrology. Presently, fifteen Ph.D. scholars are working in the Department. The department has seen a sea change in laboratory facilities augmented through generous funding from the University Grants Commission, New Delhi, and DST-FIST grant from the Ministry of Science and Technology, New Delhi. A DST-FIST grant of rupees ₹ 1 crore 35 lakhs was received by the department. The Department boasts 24 high-end student microscopes (Olympus, Japan make), 2 research microscopes and 1 stereo zoom microscope (Olympus, Japan make), 1 research microscope and 1 stereo zoom microscope (Leica, Germany make), 1 Ion-chromatograph (Thermo-Fischer, U.S.A.), 1 X-ray Diffractometer (Rigaku make, Japan) and several minor instruments.

A geological museum is a window to the past and is the backbone of any institution imparting education in geology. The Department of Geology has a well-equipped museum rich in its diversity of geological specimens, including rocks, minerals, ores, gemstones, and various models of geological events. Fossils, the remnants of ancient life forms belonging to multiple periods of the geologic past, are on display. Gemstones from Odisha, like ruby, sapphire, emerald, garnet, moonstone, amethyst, and many such stones, adorn the museum.

2.9. Department of Hindi

The Department of Hindi was established in the year 1983 with the offering of an Honours course in Hindi. The Postgraduate course in Hindi started a year later in 1984. The contribution of Prof. Tarini Charan Das "Chidanand ji" is unforgettable in this regard. At present, the Department offers UG, PG and Ph.D. programmes. The Department regularly publishes course books for its students. It also maintains a wall magazine, Srujani, to showcase student accomplishments in Hindi literature.

2.10. Department of History

Ravenshaw College has offered teaching of history since the beginning of the 20th century, and History as an Honours subject came to be taught in 1912. Post-graduation programme in History was first introduced at Ravenshaw College in 1950. However, the administrative and academic responsibilities of the concerned department were taken over by Utkal University in 1959 which had been functioning from Ravenshaw College since 1943. The postgraduate department of History finally shifted to Vani Vihar in Bhubaneswar with the shifting of Utkal University to Bhubaneswar in 1962. However, the post-graduate programme in history at Ravenshaw College was reintroduced in 1980. The present-day Odisha State Museum was similarly crafted from the Museum of the History department of Ravenshaw College, which commenced in 1932.

With the establishment of Ravenshaw University and the appointment of faculty members for the department in 2010, the department has been keenly pursuing a two-pronged strategy of integrating high-end research in contemporary historical studies into the teaching practices of all the academic programmes of the department. At the other level, it prioritizes cutting-edge research by the department faculty members in tune with their areas of specialization.

Aligning with the changing disciplinary practices, the faculty members have been pursuing research in local, regional history and identity politics in the post-colonial contexts and issues pertaining to post-colonial subalternity in the context of South Asia. Besides, the interests and focus on exploring the history of health, medicine, medical ethics, science, and technology have been equally significant. The other major strands of research and scholarship have remained wedded to Epigraphy, Buddhist archaeology, changing nature of the religious landscape, socio-economic transition in pre-and early "modern" South Asia, and unflinching academic rigour.

As part of Ravenshaw University, the Department of History at present offers UG, PG, M. Phil and Ph.D. programmes. There are 32 seats at the UG level, and 64 seats at the PG level. At the master's level, Modern and Contemporary History and Ancient Indian History and Archaeology are offered as special papers. The department's faculty comprises one Professor, two Associate Professors, and six Assistant Professors. The department has a library of about 1500 titles and plans to develop an Archive on Contemporary South Asia and an Archaeological Museum. In addition, the Department has started publishing a journal titled Anekantanubhuti: A Journal on South Asian History, Society and Culture.

2.11. Department of Mathematics

The Department of Mathematics is one of the oldest and prestigious departments of erstwhile Ravenshaw College, established in 1868 and now Ravenshaw University since 2006. It was established in 1925 with Prof. S.K. Ganguli as Professor and Head of the Department. The department currently runs B.A./ B.Sc. (Mathematics Honours), B.A./B.Sc. B.Ed. (Mathematics Honours), M.A./M.Sc., M. Phil. and Ph.D. programmes. The current faculty (with a dedication to teaching, complement one another with diversified research interests in fields like Analysis, Algebra, Fluid Dynamics, Numerical Analysis, Approximation Theory, Probability and Reliability Theory). The current faculty's qualitative publications (approximately 150 in number) are a milestone in research that enhances the scope for further study in the department. The

department has a well-versed curriculum framed according to the UGC guidelines. Every year, students are selected to participate in summer internships and training programmes like MTTS, TPM, etc. to enrich their knowledge and problem-solving skills. Our students also qualify for tests like GATE, CSIR-UGC (NET), NBHM and are admitted into reputed National research institutes like NISER, IISER, IITs, NITs, ISM Dhanbad, etc. They also get good job opportunities at the state and national levels, respectively.

2.12. Department of Odia

Established in 1868 with the founding of Ravenshaw, the Department of Odia introduced Postgraduate teaching in 1944. In 1964, the Sanskrit Department was separated from this Department. The department offers UG, PG, and Ph.D. programmes. With a sanctioned teaching position of 8, the department strives to further research in Odia language and literature, Computer applications in Odia, Linguistics, etc. The Department also uses the expertise of distinguished scholars of the Odia language as visiting and contractual faculty members. The department is adorned with eminent scholars of Odia language and literature, such as Artaballav Mohanty, Karunakar Kar, and Kunjabihari Tripathy.

The department has a conference hall in the memory of Artaballav Mohanty. The department offers various endowment scholarships to UG and PG students. The library collection of the department includes rare books (Hindi, Bengali, English) donated by distinguished scholars and teachers, rare palm leaf manuscripts, Prof. Nikhil Mohan Pattanayak (Srujanika Sahitya Sambhara), Shree Kishori Ch. Das (Kishori Charan Sahitya Sambhara), Prof. Krushna Ch. Behera (Krushna Chandra Sahitya Sambhara). The department is a part of 'Center of Excellence in Odishan Studies' funded by the World Bank Project of the Government of Odisha under the Odisha Higher Education Programme for Equity and Excellence (OHEPEE).

2.13. Department of Philosophy

Honours teaching in Philosophy started in 1908 in the erstwhile Ravenshaw College. Some of the illustrious teachers of the Department were Mohini Mohan Senapati, Ratnakar Pati, S.K. Chattopadhyaya, Ganeswar Misra and Hrudananda Ray. The postgraduate department of Philosophy started in Ravenshaw (Autonomous College) in 1995 and in Ravenshaw University on 15 November 2006. One of the illustrious alumni is the late Pandit Nilakantha Das. Other alumni are Ganeswar Misra, PhD (London), Utkal University, and Hrudananda Ray.

The department aims to create an environment for teaching, training, and research in Philosophy at par with national and international standards; to inculcate critical thinking and value awareness among the faculty, scholars, students, and others associated with the department. Furthermore, the department strives to make it a centre of excellence in Applied Philosophy. Presently, the department facilitates the study of the core areas of Philosophy.

B.A. (Honours) (24 Seats), M.A. (32 Seats), and Ph.D. programmes are offered now in the department. In addition, the department has 5,000 e-books and 1,000 books at present.

2.14. Department of Physics

Established as a separate department in 1906 as part of erstwhile Ravenshaw College and functioning after upgradation of Ravenshaw College into a University, the Department of Physics of Ravenshaw University offers U.G. (Honours and electives), P.G., Ph.D. and D.Sc. programmes (no. of. seats in each course in the respective course section of the prospectus). With a sanctioned teaching faculty member strength of 20 and Lab Assistants of 7, it has about 7 research labs for faculty members, 6 research labs for postgraduate students, and 3 research labs for undergraduate students. The department undertakes research in Plasma Physics, Acoustics and Ultrasonics, Nuclear Astrophysics, High Energy Physics, Theoretical/Experimental Condensed Matter Physics, and Polymer Physics. The Plasma Research Laboratory is recognized by the Asian African Association of Plasma Training (AAAPT).

2.15. Department of Political Science

The Department of Political Science, established in 1958 under the aegis of Utkal University, is one of the oldest and largest departments, offering Choice Based Credit Courses (CBCS) at UG and PG levels, focusing on a multi-disciplinary approach and Ph.D. programmes for research scholars. The department is equipped with Smart Classrooms with Wi-Fi, a Seminar Room with a computer facility for research scholars, and a library with a rich collection of textbooks and reference books. Apart from hosting eminent Fulbright Specialists from top-notch US universities, the Department has had the distinction of having students from different countries, like Afghanistan, Fiji, and Madagascar, admitted for various courses over time. In addition, the Department organizes seminars, workshops, extramural lectures, and National / International Conferences involving renowned academics, scholars, and experts from across the country and abroad to provide intellectual exposure to students and ignite their minds. Besides, it offers UGC-NET coaching classes, Soft Skill Development, Career Counselling, and regular seminar presentations by the students. The regular and visiting faculty are well-known in their respective fields of expertise, having excellent academic credentials and international exposure. The Department intends to grow as an advanced centre for teaching and research in the coming days with the introduction of the Master's Programme in Women's Studies and the opening of new research centres like the Centre for Global Justice and the Centre for South Asian Studies.

2.16. Department of Psychology

The discipline of Psychology started in India in the early 20th century and Odisha in the late 1950s under the pioneering leadership of Prof. Radhanath Rath, who is regarded as the father of Psychology in the state. Prof. Rath established the first Department of Psychology in Odisha in 1953 in Ravenshaw College with an Honours course in Psychology. The Postgraduate Department of Psychology started at Ravenshaw College within 5 years of its inception, which soon moved to Utkal University (Vani Vihar), Bhubaneswar and functioned under the leadership of Prof. Rath, assisted by his students, the alumni of this Department. The Department at Ravenshaw continued with its Honours course in Psychology until 1994, when Shri Partha Sarathi Singh, an alumnus of this Department, instituted a Master's course in Psychology.

A year after Ravenshaw College was upgraded as a university in 2006, the Department offered a Ph.D. course, and in 2016, the M.Phil. course in Psychology. In addition, in keeping pace with the emerging student and social requirements, the Department established a counselling centre, "Sambhab" in 2014, which now caters to the needs of students overwhelmed with parental, peer-relation, instructional, and examination pressures and helps them deal with their problems effectively.

The Department's Undergraduate programme includes papers on Psychopathology, Developmental Psychology, Educational Psychology, Organizational Psychology, and Theoretical Systems in Psychology. The Master's Programme includes papers on Statistics, Research Methodology, Applied Social Psychology, and Counselling Psychology. Special Papers, such as School Psychology and Health Psychology, are offered in the last two semesters. The department encourages a wide range of interdisciplinary research projects at Ph.D. levels. The thrust areas of research of this Department are Educational Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Health Psychology, Positive Psychology, Reading Disabilities and Cognitive Psychology. The Department's Computer Lab trains students to use the SPSS Package for Statistical analysis in research work. Besides, the Department organizes UGC-NET Coaching classes, Personality development programmes and life skill training programmes for the students.

The Department has collaborated with different National institutions in connection with its research works, such as IIT, Bhubaneswar, Department of Mental Health, SCB Medical College, Cuttack, Open Learning System, Bhubaneswar, Chetana Institute for Mentally handicapped, Bhubaneswar, Shankalpa Drug de-addiction-cum-rehabilitation centre, Bhubaneswar, KIIMS, Bhubaneswar, Ranjita Mishra Memorial Trust, Bhubaneswar and Learning Clinic, Bhubaneswar.

2.17. Department of Sanskrit

The Department of Sanskrit was established at Ravenshaw College in 1929. Before this, the Department taught both Sanskrit and Odia as one subject at the UG and PG levels. However, the Department of Sanskrit gained its own identity in 1964 and started teaching both at the UG and PG levels. Subsequently, the PG Teaching Department of Sanskrit was inaugurated in 2013. M. Phil. and Ph.D. programmes started in 2015. The department has a sanctioned faculty position of four.

2.18. Department of Sociology

The Department of Sociology commenced with the introduction of Sociology as an elective subject in 1980 at the UG level. Subsequently, the discipline began as an Honours subject in 1982. The postgraduate programme in the subject started in 1992. Finally, the Department commenced its M.Phil./Ph.D. research programme in 2011. Currently, Sociology of Development, Gender Studies, and Sociology of Education constitute major thrust areas of the Department. The Department houses a library catering to the curricular requirements of P.G. and Ph.D. students. Students of Sociology continue to excel in national and international entrance examinations and placements, thereby adding to its glory. The worldwide presence of its rich and resourceful alumni stands as testimony to its claim. The Department of Sociology, Ravenshaw University, is the first in Odisha to host the Indian Sociology Congress in 2010,

drawing the who's who of Indian Sociology. Besides, the Department regularly organizes weekly lectures, invited talks, symposia, workshops, and national conferences.

2.19. Department of Statistics

Established in 1964 as a part of Ravenshaw College and from 2006 as a regular department of Ravenshaw University, the Department of Statistics has sanctioned a teaching position of seven. The Department offers B.A. and B.Sc. in Statistics Honours, and M.Sc. in Statistics.

2.20. Department of Zoology

Introduction of B.Sc. Honours course in Zoology in 1946 led to the inception of the Department of Zoology as a separate entity. Since then, the Department has shown remarkable progress in teaching and research. M.Sc. course in Zoology was introduced in 1960 as the university teaching Department of Utkal University, functioning from the Zoology building. Subsequently, an independent M.Sc. course began in 1981 in the erstwhile Ravenshaw College, affiliated to Utkal University and became a full-fledged Department when Ravenshaw College became Ravenshaw University in 2006. At present, courses are offered in B.Sc. in Zoology, M.Sc. in Zoology and Master's in Public Health. The Department provides Ph. D programmes. Besides, the department is engaged in research and teaching activities in Biochemistry and Biotechnology courses under the academic umbrella of the School of Life Sciences. This department has a well-developed infrastructure and sophisticated equipment for undertaking in-depth research in any branch of Integrative Biology. The Department offers Aquatic Biology and Toxicology, Neurobiology, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology specialization at the post-graduate level. At the same time, research activities are centred around Aquatic toxicology, Benthic studies, Plankton-Nutrient modelling, neuroscience, cancer biology, redox biology, stress biology, applied microbiology, and OMICs studies. Besides, as a partner in the Centre of Excellence in Environment and Public Health, the Department's faculty members are engaged in interdisciplinary research in drug designing, nanotechnology, and bio prospecting. The department has been recognized by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, under FIST. The faculty members have developed research collaborations with national and international institutions of repute and are recipients of funding from UGC, DBT, DST, BRNS, MoEF and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, USA. The placements of our students in India and abroad reflect the excellent performance and success of the department in teaching and research.

3. PROFESSIONAL COURSES

3.1. M.Sc. in Biotechnology

The Biotechnology Course was introduced by the Department of Botany, Ravenshaw University, for the first time in the state of Odisha in the year 2001. Since then, the PG Biotechnology Course has been running in a self-finance mode, under the umbrella of the Botany Department. Biotechnology, a comparatively new branch of science, is an emerging area with good placement opportunities. The PG Biotechnology Course syllabus covers Plant Biotechnology, Animal Biotechnology, Microbial Biotechnology, Environmental Biotechnology and others with ample emphasis on practical exposure. The course fee is Rs. 50,000/- per annum and the current intake is 24.

3.2. M.Sc. in Computer Science

This course offers scope for direct employability of the graduates in computer science and information technology by producing high-quality software personnel to cater to the needs of IT industries. The course fee is Rs. 35,000/- per annum and the intake is 40.

3.3. M.A. in Rural Development

Ravenshaw University started this Master's course as per the need of the industry in the academic session of 2013-2014 under the Economics Department. The course fee is Rs. 25,000/- per annum and intake is 24.

3.4. Master in Computer Applications (MCA)

Admission into the Course is made through the Student Academic Management System (SAMS) portal. The course fee is Rs. 43,750/- per annum and intake is 32.

3.5. M.Sc. in Analytical Chemistry

The Department of Chemistry is offering a new postgraduate course in Analytical Chemistry from the academic session 2025-26. For this course, the total student intake is 16. A Master's in Analytical Chemistry is a 2-year postgraduate degree focused on methods for separating, identifying, and quantifying substances using advanced scientific techniques. It provides theoretical knowledge and practical skills in spectroscopy, chromatography, and instrumental analysis, with applications in fields like quality control, environmental monitoring, forensic science, and clinical analysis. The program involves hands-on experience with specialized instruments, data analysis, and research projects, and can lead to careers in various industries and research institutions. Intake is 16 for this program.

3.6. M.Sc. in Biochemistry

The Department of Chemistry is offering a new postgraduate course in Biochemistry from the academic session 2025-26. For this course, the total student intake is 24. A postgraduate (PG) course in Biochemistry provides an in-depth understanding of the chemical processes within living organisms at a molecular level, combining principles of biology and chemistry. The typical duration is two years, often requiring a bachelor's degree in a relevant field like Biochemistry or Chemistry, along with strong academic performance and potentially an entrance exam for

admission. The curriculum includes core topics like molecular biology, genetics, and biochemical techniques, preparing graduates for careers in research, industry (e.g., pharmaceutical, biotechnology), or further specialized studies.

3.7. Master in Public Health

The two-year' postgraduate program on Master in Public Health under the self-financing mode has been introduced from this academic year 2025-26 with an intake of 16. The program offers studies in areas such as epidemiology, public health policies, the environment-human health relationship, and various societal and behavioural sciences, focusing on addressing emerging health issues. The course focuses on various specialized areas like community health, health administration, health and hygiene in water, sanitation and practice, communicable and non-communicable disease, towards addressing the preparedness of the students for different public and private sectors of health care institutions.

3.8 Master in Business Administration

The Department of Business Administration was established in 2008 with a vision to be a leading Centre of research and academic excellence. The Department works with missionary zeal to develop professional expertise and leadership skills and is committed to empowering its faculty and students to contribute meaningfully towards the nation's socio-economic development and progress. The Department offers a three-year Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration (BBA) and a two-year full-time Master's in Business Administration (MBA) Degree. All these courses have been tailor-made, keeping in mind industry needs. The University also offers a Ph.D. programme in Management.

The curriculum is developed and designed according to the latest trends in the industry. It employs the newest pedagogy, both in form and content. The summer internship projects included in the curriculum for all management students impart on-the-job industry experience to the students, and the soft skill programmes designed by the school make them industry-ready.

3.9 Master in Journalism and Mass Communication

The Department of Business Administration is poised for its journey towards excellence with an inclusive approach involving faculty, students, alumni, parents, and industry experts. We have qualified faculty members and offer excellent industry interface and participative teaching and learning pedagogies to bring out the best in students from diverse educational, cultural, social and economic backgrounds.

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4. MAHANADI CAMPUS: DEPARTMENTS & COURSES

Ravenshaw University also possesses another new greenfield campus named as Mahanadi Campus that is sprawling over 124 acres in the picturesque junction at the head of the River Mahanadi Delta located at Naraj, where the University is developing niche centres of highly specialized professional courses followed by research activities. The Mahanadi Campus is a step forward in bringing transformation through quality higher education. Stretching through a serene land on the banks of the River Mahanadi and the River Kathajodi, the campus has been designed to disseminate cutting-edge knowledge with a strong social commitment. The campus is now ready to welcome the new batch of students, along with existing students in professional courses such as Information Technology, Business Administration, and Journalism & Mass Communication. Its newly built academic building is an engineering marvel that steps into the thrill of the future with the prudence of the past. The campus (Phase I) is equipped with all contemporary facilities to equip and empower the students to achieve a bright future. The campus is being developed with civil and technical infrastructure, including a state-of-the-art facility for the departments which run only professional courses.

4.1. Department of Information Technology Management (ITM)

The Department OF ITM was established in 1999 to foster a blend of Information Technology and Management courses. Such a mix of two pedagogically different subjects makes it unique in itself. The Department offers an undergraduate programme in B.Sc. Information Technology and a post-graduate programme in M.Sc. Information Technology and Management (M.Sc. ITM) in self-financing mode. The full-time teaching faculty are supported by four Demonstrators, one office assistant, one library assistant and three attendants. The faculty have a robust academic and technical background with extensive experience in the software industry. The department owes its success to its technical and infrastructural facilities. The department has its own library with over 5000 titles. All the books in the library have been barcoded, and the issue and return of books have been automated. There are nine classrooms equipped with 24/7 Wi-Fi connectivity. In addition, there are several functional and well-equipped computer Laboratories with 170 systems.

The department has witnessed a record 80% student placement since its inception, and some of the top recruiters coming to the campus are Deloitte, Gemini, Infosys, Wipro, Concentrix, and Piramal Foundation.

5. ADMISSION PROCESS (As per SAMS Guidelines)

5.1. Documents to be produced at the time of Counselling / Admission

The following certificates and documents, in original and self-attested photocopies of the same, in support of qualification, etc., are required.

- Aadhar Card (mandatory).
- Print out copy of the application form (printed application form after online submission of application) with recent passport-size photographs.
- Certificate of High School Examination or equivalent in support of age
- Mark Sheet and Certificate of Higher Secondary (+2) Examination or equivalent
- Mark sheet and Certificate of UG examination
- College or University Leaving Certificate
- Migration Certificate, if any
- Certificate(s) in support of claim for Reservation, Weightage, and domicile, if any.
- For Ex-Service Men (ESM): The Discharge Certificate with details of family members, signed by a competent authority, should be furnished in the original.
- Blood Group Certificate
- Four recent stamp-sized photographs
- All the admitted students are required to fill out the online anti-ragging undertaking form at www.ANTIRAGGING.in or www.amammovement.org positively and submit the proof of it. In addition, the candidate should sign the photocopies of all documents to be submitted as proof of self-attestation.

NB: Submission of incorrect information may lead to cancellation of admission.

5.2. Period of Admission

All admissions shall be completed as notified by SAMS.

5.3. Admission Fees

Fees for admission into PG courses, to be collected at the time of admission, are as follows.

Table 1: Admission Fee for Regular Courses

No	Course (Category)	Fees (Rs) To be Paid at Time of Admission
1	Arts (Boys)	2460/- (Non-Practical Subjects) 2160/- (Practical Subjects)
2	Arts (Girls, SC, ST)	4960/- (Non-Practical Subjects) 4660/- (Practical Subjects)
3	Science (Boys)	4960/-
4	Science (Girls, SC, ST)	4660/-
5	Commerce (Boys)	2460/-
6	Commerce (Girls, SC, ST)	2160/-

Table 2: Admission Fee for Professional Courses

No	Course (Category)	Fees (Rs) To be Paid at Time of Admission
1	ITM, Biotechnology, Computer Science, MCA & JMC, Master in Public Health, Analytical Chemistry, Biochemistry (Boys)	4960/-
2	ITM, Biotechnology, Computer Science, MCA & JMC, M.Sc. Public Health, Analytical Chemistry, Biochemistry (Boys) (Girls, SC, ST)	4660/-
3	Rural Development (Boys)	2460/-
4	Rural development (Girls, SC, ST)	2160/-
5	MBA (Boys, Girls, SC, ST)	4960/-

Table 3: Annual Course Fee for Professional Courses

No	Self-Financing PG Course	Annual Course Fee (Rs)
1	Biotechnology	50,000/-
2	Information Technology and Management (ITM)	50,000/-
3	Journalism & Mass Communication (JMC)	37,500/-
4	Master in Business Administration (MBA)	1,75,000/- (1st year) 1,67,000/- (2nd year)
5	Master in Computer Application (MCA)	43,750/-
6	Rural Development	25,000/-
7	Public Health	43,750/-
8	Analytical Chemistry	43,750/-
9	Biochemistry	43,750/-

Note: The academic fee for PG students indicated above applies to Indian nationals. The academic fee for PG students of other nationalities is twice the amount applicable for Indian nationals for the respective course, fixed by the University and subject to revision thereof. This applies to both Regular and Professional courses.

5.4. General Rules

- Selection for PG courses shall be conducted via the Students' Academic Management System (SAMS), Department of Higher Education, Government of Odisha.
- Qualifying for the entrance test does not automatically entitle a candidate to get a seat in a course. It will be the candidate's responsibility to ensure his/her eligibility and fulfilment of such other conditions as may be prescribed for admission in the rules and regulations of the university.
- Once paid, the PG admission fee shall, in no case, be refunded. However, in case of cancellation of admission, the course fee may be refunded only within the last date of admission, as notified on the University website.
- If it is found that a candidate has knowingly or wilfully concealed or suppressed any information/ fact which renders him/her ineligible for enrolment to PG, if granted, shall stand cancelled. He/ she shall have no claim whatsoever against the university. The case, if necessary, shall be reported to the police for any further necessary action in the matter.

- If a dispute or controversy of any kind arises during the admission process, the decision of the Admission Committee of Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, in all such cases, shall be final.
- All the admitted students are requested to fill out the anti-ragging undertaking form at www.antiragging.in or www.amanmovement.org positively and submit the proof of it in the office of the Head/Coordinator of the respective department.
- In case of a professional/self-financing programme, if the number of admitted students is less than 16, then the university deserves the right to discontinue/close that course, citing any reason for that. In that case, the admitted students will have their admission and course fees refunded.

5.5. Interpretation of Rules

The decision of the Chairperson, Admission Committee 2026, concerning anything not covered in the official Prospectus, or any dispute in the interpretation of any rule, shall be final and binding.

6. ACADEMIC CALENDAR FOR ALL COURSES

The schedule for the academic session 2026-27 will be notified on the website in due course of time as per SAMS Guidelines.

6.1. Requirement for attendance in classes

A minimum of seventy-five per cent (75%) attendance in the semester is essential for appearing at the Semester Examination. A relaxation of 15% in attendance may be considered for students with medical problems. However, the student has to furnish adequate proof of the same in order to claim relaxation. Similar relaxation in attendance may be considered for students who represent the University at state, national and international events (sports/others).

In no case, shall any compromise in attendance be entertained.

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Chairperson, P.G. Council
Ravenshaw University

ANNEXURE 1: COURSES, SEATS AND FEES

Table 4: Department and Course-wise Summary of Seats

No	Department	Degree	Seats	Annual Course Fee (Self-Financing Courses only)
1	Commerce	M.Com.	64	NA
2	Business Administration	M.B.A.	48	Rs 342000/- (for 2 years)
3	Education	M.A. (Education)	40	NA
4	Information Technology	M.Sc. (ITM)	32	Rs 50,000/- (per annum)
5	Computer Science	M.Sc. (Computer Science)	40	Rs 35,000/- (per annum)
		M.C.A.	32	Rs 43,750/- (per annum)
6	English	M.A. (English)	80	NA
7	Hindi	M.A. (Hindi)	32	NA
8	Odia	M.A. (Odia)	64	NA
9	Sanskrit	M.A. (Sanskrit)	32	NA
10	Botany	M.Sc. (Botany)	24	NA
		M.Sc. (Biotechnology)	24	Rs 50,000/- (per annum)
11	Zoology	M.Sc. (Zoology)	24	NA
		M.Sc. (Public Health)	16	Rs. 43,750/-(per annum)
12	Mathematics	M.Sc. (Mathematics)	48	NA
13	Statistics	M.Sc. (Statistics)	24	NA
14	Chemistry	M.Sc. (Chemistry)	40	NA
		M.Sc. (Analytical Chemistry)	16	Rs. 43,750(per annum)
		M.Sc. (Biochemistry)	24	Rs. 43,750(per annum)
15	Physics	M.Sc. (Physics)	40	NA
16	Geography	M.A./M.Sc. (Geography)	32	NA
17	Geology	M.Sc. (Applied Geology)	16	NA
18	Economics	M.A. (Economics)	84	NA
		M.A. (Rural Development)	24	Rs 25,000/- (per annum)
19	History	M.A. (History)	64	NA
20	Philosophy	M.A. (Philosophy)	32	NA
21	Political Science	M.A. (Political Science)	64	NA
22	Psychology	M.A. (Psychology)	32	NA
23	Sociology	M.A. (Sociology)	32	NA
24	Journalism & Mass Communication	M.J.M.C.	24	Rs 37,500/- (per annum)
25	Master in Public Health	(Public Health)	16	Rs. 43,750/-(Per annum)

Note: Category-wise distribution of seats shall be done as per Government Directives.

APPENDIX – I: FACILITIES AT RAVENSHAW UNIVERSITY

Ravenshaw University provides several facilities for its students. It promises its students an exciting residential and campus life, including curricular and extracurricular activities, besides socialization with their peers as well as their teachers.

1.   Residential Facility

Ravenshaw University provides residential facilities for boys and girls who are accommodated in 13 hostels (7 for boys and 6 for girls). Around 3,500 students, which is approximately 40% of its student strength, find accommodation. Admission in the hostels shall be made strictly based on the department-wise merit list in each programme. A few seats are reserved for SC/ST candidates and for persons with disability as per the rules of the University. Students hailing from or having their parents working in the Cuttack Municipal Area are not eligible for hostel admission.

Candidates wishing to avail hostel accommodation have to fill out the online hostel application form, which will be available on the website after publication of the merit list. Candidates can fill out the application form only after they complete their admission and obtain their University Roll No. For details on the residential facility, please refer to the Hostel Admission Information Prospectus, which will be available on the University Web page after the publication of the merit list.

2.   Training & Placement Cell

The Training & Placement (T&P) Cell takes care of training and campus placements for the students. The Cell is equipped with appropriate infrastructure to execute the placement process. Arrangements for pre-Placement talks, written tests, group discussions, interviews, etc. are coordinated by the T&P staff jointly with the different Departments. The Cell facilitates arranging on-campus placements of students in various industries and makes arrangements for students to participate in off-campus drives organized at various institutions/industries. Industrial training, an essential component of engineering courses, is a part of the curriculum. The cell assists in arranging training of students in the concerned industries, which helps them in getting placements upon completion of their courses.

3.   Sports complex

The University actively promotes athletics and other games. Several students of the University have been State-level Ranji players. The University has beautiful and well-maintained grounds. There are provisions and equipment for more than 9 different sports. The University has outdoor and indoor facilities for

- Cricket (international standard wicket with dressing room and gallery facility)
- Lawn tennis
- Table tennis
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Volleyball

- Football
- Chess
- Athletics

4.   Wellness Centre

The Wellness Centre comprises three separate gymnasiums for boys, girls and teachers, a meditation centre and a Teachers' Recreation Centre.

5.   Ravenshaw Knowledge Centre: Kanika Library

Established in 1922 and named after Sri Rajendra Narayan Bhanjadeo, Raja of Kanika, a feudatory state of Colonial Odisha, the Kanika Library of Ravenshaw College/University is the oldest and largest library of Odisha. After the re-birth of Ravenshaw as a University in 2006, the library has undergone significant transformations to cater to the shifting needs of the students as well as the civil society in general.

The dominant thrust in this regard has been to initiate an integrated library management system based on an automation process using computer technology to augment the resource planning system, namely cataloguing and circulation of the resource base of the library through an online mode. The other component of this initiative has been a concerted plan and effort to develop a digital library with a focused collection of digital objects like texts, visual materials, and audio/ video materials stored in electronic media formats.

Over the last seven years, a few essential facilities have been significantly enhanced. These include setting up of Ravenshaw Knowledge Centre (RKC), providing innovative services like Ravenshaw Knowledge Portal, Internet-cum-Digital Library, Online Reading Room, UGC INFLIB Network, National Knowledge Network, and subscription to subject databases, online journals and e-resources. Besides, a Music Library named after the noted Oriya singer and lyricist, Akshaya Mohanty and a Braille reading system equipped with sophisticated scanner and printer facilities, exclusively devoted to enhancing the reading experience of the visually impaired students, have also been set up.

The other primary focus of library innovation has been the digitalization of the old and rare texts of the library and other printed resources, including century-old institutional documents of Ravenshaw. This drive has entailed an elaborate process of preservation, selection and digitalization of the old and brittle printed resources of rare category, bundled up and dumped in gunny bags.

Many old and damaged books, along with rare journals and back issues of the college magazine, have been digitally scanned and uploaded in PDF format on the university website www.ravenshawuniversity.ac.in. Readers can now easily access hundreds of pages of the historic magazine, dating back to the 1920s and 1930s, which served as a chrysalis for many prominent writers of twentieth-century Odisha, with just a click of the mouse. Kanika Library, the largest and oldest library in the state, holds a special place in the hearts of intellectuals. Located in a 9,000 sq. ft area, the library was inaugurated in 1922 by the Lieutenant Governor of Bihar and Odisha. Its construction was made possible by a generous donation of ₹55,000

from the Maharaja of Kanika, Sri Rajendra Narayan Bhanjadeo. In his honour, the library was named Kanika Library, and today, efforts are underway to restore its former glory.

Kanika Library currently houses over 1.6 lakh study resources, with nearly 1 lakh books available through the e-Granthalaya platform. Additionally, e-Shodh Sindhu provides access to a wide range of journals and journal consortia under UGC's INFLIBNET initiative. The university is also in the process of transitioning to a barcode-based system for issuing library books, enhancing efficiency and modernizing its services.

a.   Hellen-Keller Unit for Visually Challenged

Adopting the benefits of modern technologies and computer software such as Kurzweil, Ravenshaw University provides a computer-based learning environment for visually challenged students. The Hellen-Keller Unit for the visually challenged has a computer connected to the internet and loaded with Kurzweil. Kurzweil 1000 text-to-speech converter software programme enables a computer to read electronic and scanned text aloud to blind or visually impaired users, and the Kurzweil 3000 programme is a multifaceted electronic learning system that helps with reading, writing, and study skills. The Unit is equipped with computers, scanners, hearing aids, and internet facilities.

b.   E-Resource centre

The e-resource centre is a three-storey building under the Ravenshaw Knowledge Centre (the central library complex of the University). It was inaugurated on the occasion of National Science Day-2022, i.e., 28th February, 2022, by the research scholars and students of Ravenshaw University. It harbours around 200 workstations, including 97 MAC systems, of which 17 are high-speed ones. Besides the UGC Inflibnet and national digital library, it subscribes to the following e-Resources.

EBSCO e-Resource package Covers:
- Scholarly Journals: Over 16000 (High-quality content indexed in Scopus and Web of Science)
- eBooks: Over 2 Lac (From top publishers like Elsevier, Springer, Wiley, T&F, 100s of university presses, etc.)
- Non-Journal Contents: Over 2 million (includes Theses, Magazines, videos, Newspapers, Case studies, Reports, Conference Papers, etc.)
- Discovery Platform: World-class EDS Platform with a specialized consortium website developed for OUC
- Mobile App access: Cloud-based mobile app access is provided to all users

Science Direct package covers publications from Elsevier:
- Scholarly Journals: More than 4,000 academic journals
- eBooks: 30,000 e-books

Proquest e-Resource package covers
- e-Book central: Subjects covering Business & economics, Computers & IT, Education, Engineering & technology, History & political science, Humanities,

Interdisciplinary & area studies, Language, literature & linguistics, Law, international relations & public policy and Life sciences.

- Scholarly Journals: 4,436
- Conference Papers & Proceedings: 16
- Working Papers: 12
- Trade Journals: 8
- Newspapers:7
- Reports:6
- Magazines: 2
- Other Sources: 8
- Alexander street video journals
- Dissertation & Theses

6.   Seven Pillars of Wisdom (Convention Centre) & Heritage Hall

The Seven Pillars of Wisdom is a state-of-the-art, unique Convention Centre in the University. The use of the Dorian Greek Pillar, fillet and elevation make this convention Centre architecturally grand. The 1300-seater Convention Centre is flanked by two annexe-conference halls of 300 seating capacity each on the ground floor. In addition, there is a third annexe on the first floor. All this makes it a unique place in the state of Odisha to hold large congresses, symposia and conferences. The Convention Centre was inaugurated during the 73rd Indian History Congress at Ravenshaw in 2013 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Shri Naveen Patnaik. The Heritage Hall is a veritable legacy of Ravenshaw's history, as this portal served as the Assembly of Odisha Province and Odisha State from 1937 to 1952. The Hall, after its restoration, lends immense grandeur to the University.

7.   Guest House

Ravenshaw University has a Guest House on the first floor of the Convention Centre with 10 well-furnished rooms. For more details, see the University website.

8.   Barrier-free Campus for the differently-abled

The University has the unique distinction of successfully developing a barrier-free campus by creating ramps for people with disabilities throughout the campus.

9.   Counselling Centre (SAMBHAB)

The counselling centre "SAMBHAB" set up in the premises of the Department of Psychology is to help students cope with academic and peer pressure, besides other mental health problems. The counsellor provides a confidential counselling service for all students and staff at "Sambhab." "Sambhab" is open every Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The counsellor also responds to the students on other days with a prior appointment over the telephone.

10.   GSCASH (Gender Sensitisation Committee Against Sexual Harassment)

As per the UGC Task Force recommendation to ensure the safety of women and youth, and conduct programmes for gender sensitization on campuses, Ravenshaw University set up a

Gender Sensitisation Committee against Sexual Harassment in 2013. The Committee addresses complaints of sexual harassment and recommends suitable corrective or punitive measures after conducting a detailed investigation into the complaints. It also conducts workshops on gender sensitization. The Committee includes a student representative and a few members of civil society.

11.   Equal Opportunity Cell

The Equal Opportunity Cell oversees the constitutional mandate of providing equal opportunities to all students irrespective of caste, class, gender, religion and physical abilities.

12.   Health Centre (Dispensary)

The University has a well-furnished dispensary (Health Centre). It functions from 9 am to 5 pm on all working days, Monday through Saturday. Free medicines are provided to meet the immediate needs of the students and staff members of the University.

13.   Banks, Post Office, ATM

The University Campus has a branch of SBI, two ATM counters and a Post Office.

14.   Scholarship and Fellowship Cell

The University has no scholarship of its own. However, the Government of Odisha awards meritorious students the Medhabruti (merit scholarship) and Prerana scholarship to undergraduate and postgraduate students belonging to SC and ST communities. Further, UGC awards RGNF, Maulana Azad, JRF / SRF fellowships to research scholars if they are selected. In addition, a few Departments and Centres offer Endowment scholarships to meritorious students. For details, see the University website.

15.   Anti-Ragging Committee

The University has an Anti-Ragging Committee to ensure compliance with the provisions of Anti-ragging regulations stipulated by the Ministry of education and UGC as well as the provisions of any law for the time being in force concerning ragging. The committee monitors and oversees the Anti-Ragging Squad in prevention of ragging in the institution.

16.   International Complaint Committee (ICC)

Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) of the University aims to prevent, prohibit, and redress workplace sexual harassment. It acts as an, independent inquiry authority, ensuring safe, confidential, and timely (within 90 days) resolution of complaints, with members including a woman chair and an external NGO member

17.   Proctorial Board

A proctorial board consisting of a Proctor, Coordinator and members which include senior faculty and students is appointed by the Vice Chancellor for a period of two years which may be renewed from time to time. The Proctorial Board deals with cases of indiscipline by any student in the campus or outside campus while representing the University and cases of individual/group harassment, threats, manhandling including online harassment.

18. International students / ICCR scholars Cell

The University attracts international students mainly from African and South Asian countries. Several students avail ICCR scholarships to pursue their studies in different disciplines.

19. Canteen facility

The University is providing a canteen facility to the students and both teaching and non-teaching staff. It has spacious & properly maintained rooms as well as a kitchen, and the Kitchen staff takes care to provide the students and staff with nutritious and hygienic food at our campus canteen.

APPENDIX – II: ACTIVITIES AT RAVENSHAW

Ravenshaw University has a rich campus life. There are several platforms and opportunities for students to engage in their own interests. If one peruses through the old issues of Ravenshawvian (the annual magazine of Ravenshaw), one would notice that the campus was the cradle of future literary geniuses of Odisha, such as Bhagabati Panigrahi, Gopinath Mohanty, Mayadhar Mansingh, Sachi Routray, Sitakanta Mohapatra, Ramakanta Rath, Manoj Das, Jayanta Mahapatra and several others.

1. Ravenshaw Radio

Ravenshaw Radio, the community radio, provides an opportunity to students to express their opinions and interact with notable personalities invited for conversations with students on issues of public interest.

2. Borasambhar Debate

The main debating activity is the Borasambar Debate which was initiated in 1934. The Raja of Borasambar province instituted this Debate. The money was raised in memory of Sri Nilamani Senapati, I.C.S., the then Deputy Commissioner of Sambalpur Division. Sri Senapati, in turn, handed over the cash to Ravenshaw College to create an Endowment for the prize money for the winners of the Borasambar Debate. Borasambar Debate is a prestigious event and is on par with the Chancellor's Debate.

3. Literary Publications

The Hostels publish separate literary magazines containing write-ups of the boarders. Articles are also invited from famous personalities of the State. Urmi (West Hostel) and Jagarana (East Hostel) are among the oldest hostel magazines.

4. Adventure Club

The University Adventure Club is an active body that helps organize adventure sports such as paragliding.

5. Film Society

The Film Society of Ravenshaw (FSR) is an independent society run and managed by students, including former students of the University. Al Kabirah, written and directed by Abhishek Parija, a student of the Department of English, was the official selection for the Short Film Festival, Lagos, Nigeria, 9th Indian Film Festival, Bhubaneswar, 2018, and South Asian Short Film Festival, Kolkata, 2018.

6. Ravenshaw Blue

Ravenshaw Blue is an initiative to award special prizes to students for their outstanding performance in sports and academics.

7. NCC, NSS & Red Cross

Both boys and girls are allowed to join NCC. The selection to the NCC is made after a thorough medical examination. Each student admitted to the NCC is required to attend parades which are held on Sundays.

The National Service Scheme (NSS), sponsored by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, is an active unit in Ravenshaw University. The primary objective of the NSS is to enrich the social consciousness of students. The scheme is intended to provide an opportunity to students to engage in constructive social action programmes, develop cooperative team spirit and gain skills in democratic leadership quality. The Unit has been organizing various activities related to social problems widely. Students are requested to enrol themselves as NSS volunteers in the prescribed format available on the University website.

Red Cross aims to enable communities to reduce their vulnerability to disease and prepare for and respond to public health crises. Guiding and supporting the development of its Societies is one of the Red Cross's fundamental tasks. Capacity-building programmes and activities include: management and volunteer training, improving branch structures, planning, fund-raising, gender equality, and creating the opportunity for Red Cross Societies to network.

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