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I joined Ravenshaw college in Pre-University Science class in the year 1967 after passing 11<sup>th</sup> class examination. Actually, like any other student, I had a dream to study in Ravenshaw College and I was really happy. After a few days I was admitted to West Hostel and lived in room No. 2, a corner Wings room along with 4 other boarders whose friendship I ever rejoiced. Prof. Rama Nath Mohanty was the Principal of the college. My exposure to academic and social life in Ravenshaw college helped me a lot for my higher studies in JNU and Universities in USA. In due process I joined as Assistant Professor in the School of Life Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in 1987.

In 2006, while serving as a professor in the School of Life Sciences in Jawaharlal Nehru University, I was extremely delighted to know that Ravenshaw college became the University. However, I felt that Ravenshaw College should have been the University in 1943 when a separate university called Utkal University was created from the womb of Ravenshaw College.

After 4 decades of my studentship in Ravenshaw, I joined my alma mater Ravenshaw University, as Vice-Chancellor on deputation from JNU and served Ravenshaw from November 25, 2011 to November 24, 2014.

Ravenshaw University has progressed a lot under the dynamic leadership of my predecessor and successors. I am sure, our present Vice Chancellor Dr. Sanjay Kumar Nayak, a distinguished chemist, will provide great leadership to Ravenshaw University and will enhance the quality of teaching and learning process and upgrade the status of the university in research to put Ravenshaw in the global academic map.

I wish the Vice Chancellor, teachers, students and alumni of Ravenshaw university the very best in their endeavor.