ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 9, 2026

We are delighted to announce a new, innovative and aspirational set of prizes generously given by the Mohanty family, aimed at encouraging our department students to strive hard and improve their performance, irrespective of where they currently are. This is in line with our Vision and Mission to encourage students to work hard and become the best version of themselves. The first awards of these generous prizes will be given at this year's Annual Day on November 14th. The details are as follows:

Nagendranath & Dipali Mohanty Awards for Academic Improvement

Effective From: Academic Year 2025–26
First Awards to be Conferred: November 2026

1. Purpose

The Nagendranath & Dipali Mohanty Awards are instituted to encourage academic effort, improvement, and perseverance among undergraduate students of Physics at Ravenshaw University.

Nagendranath Mohanty was an exemplary student and Physics Honours and all round topper at Ravenshaw, graduating in 1947, and Dipali, his wife, was an inspirational, ambitious, and successful mother & role model. Together they served as inspirations to their children Sumitra and Barun who have joined hands with us in providing this encouragement and incentive to our students.

The awards seek to:

- Recognize measurable academic improvement rather than only absolute performance
- Motivate students across all academic levels to strive for excellence
- Strengthen the culture of academic effort within the Physics Department
- Encourage similar merit-based initiatives across other departments over time

2. Nature of Awards

Three annual awards shall be conferred to **Third-Year B.Sc. Physics (Honours)** students as follows:

Award	Amount
First	₹25,000
Second	₹20,000
Third	₹15,000

The awards shall be presented during the **Commemoration day of Ravenshaw University, November 15th of each year**.

3. Eligibility Criteria

1. The student must be enrolled in the B.Sc. Physics (Honours) programme.
2. The student must have successfully completed both First and Second Year examinations.
3. Selection shall be based solely on academic improvement between Year 1 and Year 2.
4. The student must have passed all required courses.

4. Method of Selection

Academic improvement shall be calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Percentage Improvement} = \frac{(M_2 - M_1)}{M_1} \times 100$$

Where:

- $\mathbf{M_1}$ = Percentage marks obtained in First Year
- $\mathbf{M_2}$ = Percentage marks obtained in Second Year

The three students with the highest percentage improvement shall be selected.

This method is intentionally designed to reward progress and effort, irrespective of a student's starting academic level.