

From Financial Constraints to Agricultural Research: How the National Fellowship Scheme Supported Shri Badde Prasanna Kumar's PhD Journey

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For students from financially constrained backgrounds, pursuing higher education and advanced research can involve significant financial and academic challenges. Timely financial assistance can provide students with greater stability, enabling them to continue their studies, focus on research and achieve their academic and professional aspirations.

Demonstrating how financial support under the **National Fellowship Scheme for Scheduled Caste Students** can support higher education and research, **Shri Badde Prasanna Kumar**, a **32-year-old SC student and Research Associate**, successfully pursued and completed his PhD in Agriculture Microbiology.

Coming from a family that encouraged education, Prasanna Kumar received support to pursue higher studies despite financial limitations. With a strong interest in agricultural sciences, he pursued higher education in agriculture and eventually undertook doctoral research in Agriculture Microbiology.

During his higher education and research journey, he faced several challenges, including financial constraints, research-related uncertainties, repeated experimental failures and the pressure of completing academic milestones within prescribed timelines. Managing research expenses, accessing laboratory resources and balancing academic responsibilities with career planning were also significant challenges. Limited access to advanced research facilities and scientific exposure during the initial stages, along with relocation and adjustment to new academic environments, further added to the difficulties.



SUCCESS STORY

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP SCHEME FOR SCHEDULED CASTE STUDENTS

FROM FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS TO AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH: HOW THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP SCHEME SUPPORTED SHRI BADDE PRASANNA KUMAR'S PHD JOURNEY

Timely financial support can provide stability, empower students to pursue higher education, focus on research and achieve their academic and professional aspirations.

From a family that encouraged education, he pursued his dreams despite financial limitations.

SHRI BADDE PRASANNA KUMAR
32 Years | SC Student & Research Associate
PhD in Agriculture Microbiology
Research Associate

FINANCIAL SUPPORT RECEIVED

- Financial Assistance: ₹35,000 per month
- Since 2017

SCHEME SUPPORT

- National Fellowship Scheme for Scheduled Caste Students

ENABLED HIGHER EDUCATION & RESEARCH

The fellowship support helped him manage academic and research expenses and continue his PhD journey without major financial stress.

FOCUSED ON RESEARCH & ACADEMIC GROWTH

It provided stability and continuity, enabling him to remain focused on research activities, scientific work and timely completion of academic milestones.

ACHIEVEMENT

Successfully completed his PhD in Agriculture Microbiology. He is now working as a Research Associate in the field of agriculture microbiology.

INSPIRATION FOR OTHERS

His journey demonstrates how financial support can help students overcome economic barriers and build a successful academic and professional career.

CHALLENGES FACED

- Financial constraints
- Research uncertainties & experimental failures
- Managing research expenses & lab resources
- Balancing academic, research & career planning
- Limited access to advanced facilities & scientific exposure
- Relocation & adjustment to new environments

ASPIRATIONS AND GOALS

- Complete PhD through quality research
- Strengthen scientific knowledge & skills
- Build a stable career in agriculture microbiology

POSITIVE CHANGE FACILITATED

The fellowship support provided financial stability, enabled continuity in research and helped him overcome financial barriers to focus on scientific work and academic excellence.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

His family's encouragement and belief in education strengthened his determination to pursue higher studies and achieve his goals.

“The fellowship support helped me sustain my research activities, focus on scientific work, and successfully complete my academic goals.”

— Shri Badde Prasanna Kumar

EMPOWERING LIVES. | ENABLING OPPORTUNITIES. | SUPPORTING DREAMS. | BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW. | CLEANER CITIES. STRONGER COMMUNITIES. EMPOWERED LIVES.

Despite these challenges, Prasanna Kumar aspired to successfully complete his PhD through quality research, strengthen his scientific knowledge and research skills, and build a stable career in the field of agriculture microbiology. His family continued to encourage his education despite the financial limitations and uncertainties associated with long-term research and academic commitments.

A turning point came with the support provided under the **National Fellowship Scheme for Scheduled Caste Students**. Beginning in **2017**, he received financial assistance of **₹35,000 per month**. The fellowship support helped him manage academic and research-related expenses and continue his higher education without major financial stress.

The assistance enabled Prasanna Kumar to remain focused on his research activities and scientific work. It provided greater stability and continuity during his doctoral journey, helping him sustain his research activities and work towards completing his academic milestones successfully.

With the support of the fellowship, Prasanna Kumar successfully completed his **PhD in Agriculture Microbiology**, strengthening his scientific knowledge and research capabilities. He is currently working as a **Research Associate**, continuing his professional journey in the field of agriculture microbiology.

His journey demonstrates how financial assistance under the National Fellowship Scheme for Scheduled Caste Students can help students overcome economic barriers, pursue advanced education and research, and strengthen their professional capabilities. The support enabled Prasanna Kumar to focus on his academic goals and successfully progress from doctoral research towards a professional career in agricultural sciences.

According to Shri Badde Prasanna Kumar, **“The fellowship support helped me sustain my research activities, focus on scientific work, and successfully complete my academic goals.”**

Shri Badde Prasanna Kumar’s journey highlights how timely financial assistance can provide continuity and stability to students pursuing higher education and research. From navigating financial and academic challenges during his doctoral studies to successfully completing his PhD and progressing as a Research Associate, his journey reflects determination, academic commitment and the importance of financial support in enabling students to pursue their educational and professional aspirations.

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