

Pursuing Academic Aspirations with Confidence

Rajsamand Rajasthan's Dr. Chetana Regar's Journey through the NFSC Scheme

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The National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students (NFSC) Scheme provides eligible scholars with financial assistance to pursue doctoral studies and work towards their academic goals. For many aspiring researchers, financial constraints can make the pursuit of higher education difficult.

The journey of Dr. Chetana Regar from Rajsamand district of Rajasthan illustrates the role such support can play in making higher education possible.

Dr. Chetana Regar, 32, aspired to pursue advanced studies and build a career in academia. However, the financial burden associated with higher education, along with family pressure, made it challenging to pursue her ambitions. She also recognised that doctoral qualifications and research experience may not always receive adequate recognition in the private sector, creating additional uncertainty about professional opportunities.

SUCCESS STORY

NFSC FELLOWSHIP: EMPOWERING DREAMS THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION

**Dr. Chetana Regar's Journey Towards
Becoming an Assistant Professor**

STATE: Rajasthan | DISTRICT: Rajsamand
AGE: 32 | GENDER: Female
CURRENT STATUS: Preparing for Assistant Professor



NFSC SCHEME SUPPORT
Provided fellowship, HRA and contingency support, enabling her to pursue Ph.D. and work towards her academic goals.





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CHALLENGE
Financial burden and family pressure to pursue higher education.



KEY BARRIER
Despite advanced qualifications, PhD holders are often undervalued in the private sector, with limited recognition of their skills and research experience.



ASPIRATION
To become an Assistant Professor.



POSITIVE CHANGE
Gained confidence and is now preparing for Assistant Professor opportunities.

“Without the NFSC fellowship, it would not have been possible for me to pursue a Ph.D. The support has not only helped me in my academic journey but also given me the confidence to move forward towards my dreams.”

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Her NFSC fellowship assistance began in November 2020 and included fellowship support, House Rent Allowance (HRA) and contingency assistance. The support helped her continue her Ph.D. studies and eased the financial barriers associated with doctoral education. Dr. Regar has stated that pursuing a Ph.D. would not have been possible for her without the fellowship.

The assistance also contributed to a positive personal change: Dr. Regar reported becoming more confident. This confidence has supported her continued commitment to her academic and professional aspirations.

Dr. Regar is currently preparing for Assistant Professor opportunities. Her journey highlights how fellowship support can help eligible scholars pursue doctoral education, build confidence and work towards careers in teaching and research.

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