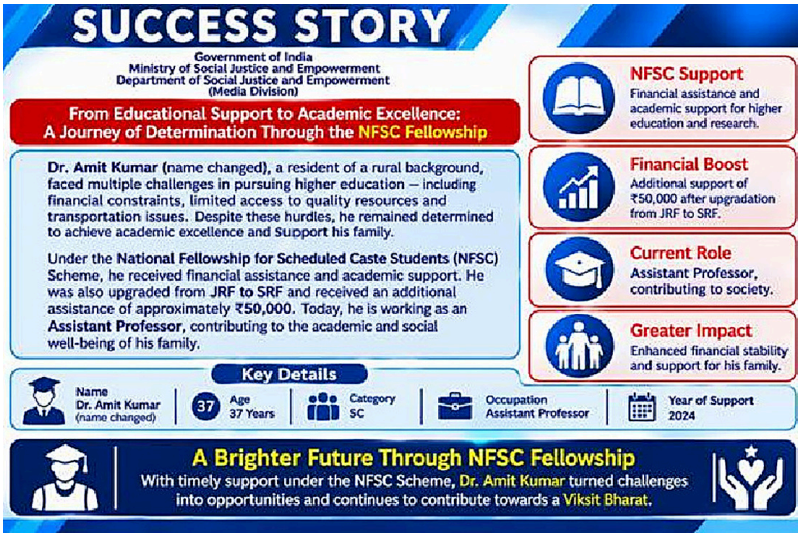
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From Educational Support to Academic Excellence Through the NFSC Fellowship



CHENNAI – 10 Nov, 2026 Dr. Amit Kumar, (name changed), as on date, is able to contribute to the economic and social well-being of his family. His journey reflects how timely financial and academic support can help students from economically weaker rural backgrounds overcome barriers, pursue higher education and translate their aspirations into meaningful professional achievements.

At 37, Dr. Amit Kumar has established himself as an Assistant Professor, reflecting a journey shaped by determination and the support received through the National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students (NFSC) Scheme.

He faced financial, educational and social challenges while pursuing higher studies. His experience highlights the role of fellowship assistance in reducing financial barriers and enabling students to work towards their academic and professional aspirations.

Limited access to quality education, financial instability, inadequate transportation facilities and restricted opportunities created significant hurdles in his educational journey. Despite these constraints, he remained committed to pursuing higher education, achieving financial independence and supporting his family.

A significant turning point came through the NFSC Scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The financial assistance and academic support enabled him to continue his higher education and research without undue financial strain. It helped him meet research-related expenses, purchase study materials and address other essential educational needs.

In 2024, following his upgradation from Junior Research Fellow (JRF) to Senior Research Fellow (SRF), he received additional government financial assistance of approximately ₹50,000. This support further strengthened his financial position and helped him continue his academic pursuits.

The assistance contributed to improved academic and professional opportunities, helping him move towards greater financial stability.