

## THE TIMES NIE SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2024-25

Bani Saxena, a student of Class X, DDMS AMS P. OBUL REDDY PUBLIC SCHOOL, attended the Times NIE Summer Internship Program held from April 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> at the Times House, Hyderabad and received training on the different aspects of journalism in a five-day programme and here is what she shares with us: --

Bani says, "I was an intern at TOI for 5 days, it was a moment of intense learning and exploration for me. This brief exposure encouraged me to pursue a career in journalism, where I will be constantly challenged and pushed to my limits. Despite its limited duration, each day of my internship contributed to an infinite reservoir of experience that remains in my memory.

From noisy newsrooms to alone conflicts with myself contemplating life, I seek knowledge and personal growth at every opportunity. There were incredible opportunities to collaborate with specialists such as journalists who had been there for a long time, as well as people from various professions in the field of media. Their passion for storytelling, combined with their broad skills, served as gasoline for my own enthusiasm, enlightening me further on different challenges related to communicating through stories. Mentors from TOI, helped develop my current thinking by providing direction and support throughout the process, without which I would not have achieved such progress in my path.

Another factor is that, all the tasks assigned to me during training, were intended to not only increase my talents, but also widen my knowledge. Whether it was, conducting investigative research or honing my writing skills, no work that came across my desk, ever left me feeling empty-handed, or like throwing in the towel, until it was completed.

Looking back at the short, yet, important time I spent, interning at The Times of India, I have a lot to thank our Principal, Ms.K. Vinitha Anil, Vice-Principal (Secondary), Ms. B. Nagaveena and my teachers for their invaluable support and guidance throughout my education and for preparing me well, for this amazing opportunity. They made me fall in love with reporting; without them, I would not have been able to work in an ever-changing setting like TOI where you learn new things every second. I am so thankful that they saw something in me worth nurturing; my dreams would not be, where they are now, without these mentors believing in them too!"



