I am **Nandhini J**, **a proud alumna of Kuyilappalayam Higher Secondary School**, and I completed my 12th standard in the year 2021 securing **565/600** marks with Engineering cut-off marks of 190.4/200. Right from a young age, I have been entrusted with leadership responsibilities that I served as the class leader from 1st standard, and from 2018 to 2021, I had the honour of being the **School Pupil Leader**. These experiences played a major role in developing my leadership skills, confidence, and sense of responsibility.

During my school days, especially up to 9th standard, I participated in several Oratory competitions, which helped me overcome stage fear and built the foundation for my public speaking abilities. From 10th standard onwards, I shifted my complete focus to academics and worked with full dedication. That discipline helped me become one of the school toppers in both 10th and 12th Board Exams. However, I strongly believe that this was not just my individual effort — the guidance, motivation, and constant support from my school teachers were key to my success.

After completing school, I applied for Anna University counselling, and with my strong cut-off, I secured admission in my first preferred course and college during Round 1 itself. I joined B.E. Computer Science and Engineering at **Chennai Institute of Technology**, where I got an amazing level of exposure and opportunities. I participated in several hackathon**s**, coding competitions, and Talkathon (a speech competition held at the inter-college level), where I reached the finals. I also had the opportunity to host many department symposiums and tech events, which improved my communication and event management skills.

My college life helped me grow not just academically, but also personally. Interacting with students from different places gave me better insights into the outside world, and being part of various cultural and technical events helped me discover my strengths. During my pre-final year, I began preparing for placements, which felt like another board exam phase — fully focused and committed. With the training and mentoring provided by my professors and placement cell, I observed the patterns, understood expectations, and worked on improving myself. When the time came for interviews, I attended them with full confidence, especially during HR rounds, where my past stage experiences helped me speak without fear.

As a result of this preparation and consistent performance, I received an internship offer for the role of **Software Development Engineer (SDE)** at a well-reputed tech company. I am currently pursuing this internship and receiving a **monthly stipend of ₹1,45,000**. After the internship, my role will be converted into a full-time position, with a package of around **₹47 lakhs per annum**.

This journey, from school to college to a high-impact career start, has been filled with valuable lessons. **I am always grateful to my school and teachers, because the foundation they gave me is what helped me achieve everything that I have today!**

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