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The DSK Workshop

At 8am on Saturday August 1st, select students from 11th and 12th standard left for a workshop that was to be conducted at DSK Supinfocom International Campus (DSKIC). The campus looked like it belonged to some other country! It was a sprawling 20 acre campus that was carpeted with lush green grass and dotted with palm trees. Every few feet there were abstract 3D structures that had been created by the students.



We were greeted by Abhijit Sir, who took us to a projection room and showed us a presentation that talked about how DSKIC had started and what courses it offered. It has three separate colleges for animation, video game design, and industrial design.

After that the actual workshop began. We were introduced to Govind Sir, who worked in animation. He showed us a few short films that had been made by the students and then gave us an activity to do. We had 40 minutes to design one second of animation (24 frames) through a flipbook. Our topic was a box, so the first frame had to have a box on it, but the rest was up to us and our imaginations. Later we got to see our flipbooks on video and they looked so amazing!



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The other activity that we did was related to industrial design. We were divided into groups of 6 and each group was given a product. The activity was to imagine that product and try to sell it to the others using posters. Each group had 35 minutes to brainstorm ideas and present their product. At first it was a bit awkward, but then we warmed up to each other and then the ideas started coming hard and fast. It was unbelievable to see what we all could do if we put our minds to it! All the products were very original and the best group got a prize from the college.

All too soon it was time to say goodbye to DSKIC. It was a great learning experience and with the memories fresh in our minds, we set off for TOS, hoping to visit DSK again sometime soon.

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