

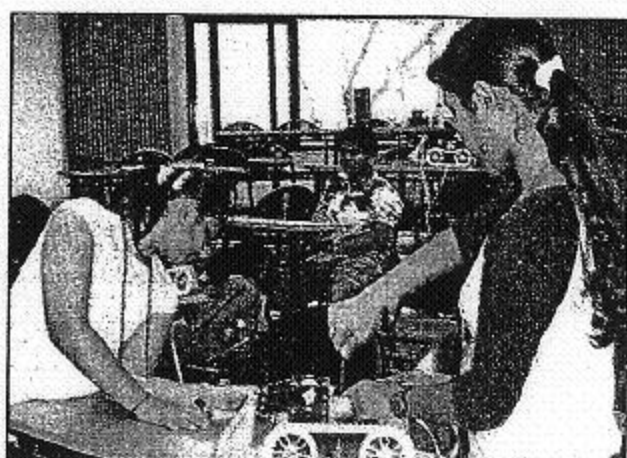
The magic of Robotics

In this age of advanced technology, everyone wants to know what's the next best thing. Robotics is one such field that leaves the new generation spellbound. The city students benefited from Robotics Workshops, Debashree Sarkar finds out more...

Robosoft Systems in association with "Times-NIE", The Times of India Student Edition held RoboCamp and Advanced Legged Robotics Workshops for hundreds of students all over the city this summer. Since last one year Robosoft Systems have trained more than 5000 kids including engineering and school students across the nation. The workshops were held at Andheri Sports Complex, Andheri; IIT, Powai; The Institute of Engineers (India), Mahalaxmi and Fr Agnel Multipurpose School, Vashi. The one week or 15 hours of training programme of two and half hours every day of RoboCamp workshop in-

explore different aspects of making a robot and its mechanism using both the sides of their brain which later helps them understand a certain problem and solve them promptly".

The workshop held at Andheri Sports Complex from April 20 to 25 saw more than 110 students from various schools of the western Mumbai taking part actively. Karan Raja, a student who had just passed his class V from Jambhai Narsee School, Vile Parle was very keen to know more about the subject of Robotics. The young boy says, "I am glad that I attended such a workshop which gave me so much knowledge about the working mechanism of Robots." The students were divided into dif-



ferent groups and accordingly were trained by professionally qualified engineers and robotics trainers. "The trainers at our workshops are thorough professionals and are enthusiastic to impart knowledge to the students", Fahad Azad says.

Students not only from the city schools but from other states attended the workshop with full zest. Sushrut Lagwankar, a diploma in Mechtronics holder from NTFE, Dharwad near Hubli says, "The workshop includes all the facilities that an amateur needs. The course contents are awesome and the faculties make sure that each student's doubts are clear before they head for their home." Farooq Ross Sayeed, co-founder of Robosoft Systems explains the need of knowledge of robotics for future prospects and says, "Children are either not aware of the robotic concept or they are not able to get the resources. We at Robosoft System try to provide hands on training to these students and give them the working mechanism of the Robotics."



Rasika Mahajan, a class XII student of Fr Agnel Multipurpose School and Jr college, Vashi attended the workshop during May 4 to 9. She opines, "The entire session is very unique and interesting. The faculties are interactive and they make us understand all the details of the projects".

At the end of each workshop session, a competition was held wherein all the students actively participated and the winners were given away certificates and other prizes. Every participant was also given participation certificates and they got to take home the specially designed Legged Robotic kit and hand-out and training material as well.

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