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IT prowess put to test

A quiz aimed at enhancing the students' IT awareness was held recently.

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On a day when its Information Technology prowess was put to rigorous test in several engrossing rounds, the team from Loyola School Thiruvananthapuram (LST) came out in flying colours at the TCS IT Wiz quiz contest.

Promoted by the Tata Consultancy Services, the Kerala edition of the interschool IT quiz competition was held at ToCH auditorium here on October 4.

Winners

At the end of it, Achuth Vasudevan and Aju Basil James of LST lifted the winner's trophy bagging in the process a laptop each. Aditya Unnikrishnan and Krishna Kumar R. from the Bhavan's Adarsha Vidyalaya, Kakkanad, were the runners-up, taking along with them a portable DVD player and a digital camera.

A.C.K. Nair, director of the Kochi airport, and Dinesh Thampi, head of TCS Kochi operations, gave away the prizes. Teams from Rajagiri Public School, Kalamassery; St. Thomas Residential School, Thiru-



UP-TO-DATE ON IT: The team from Loyola School lifting the winner's trophy.

vananthapuram; Bhavan's Varuna Vidyalaya, Kakkanad and Pallikoodam School, Kottayam, were among the other finalists.

Innovative format of the rounds coupled with the inimitable interactive quizzing style of quizmaster Giri Balasubramaniam, affectionately known as Pickbrain, made the contest engrossing.

In tune with the changing trends

in the world of IT, the competition had several inventive rounds like 'screenager,' based on latest IT happenings across the world, 'cryptology,' a crossword round with cryptic clues, '@TCS', an exclusive round on TCS, and 'wapplets', testing the reaction and recalling speed in piecing together data to arrive at the answer.

The quiz was aimed at enhancing IT awareness among students and keeping them abreast of the latest developments in the world of IT, as information technology played an integral role in today's society and economy.

The quiz that kicked off in Bangalore in August visited Chennai, Hyderabad, Pune, Kolkata and Bhubaneswar before arriving at Kochi. It will now travel to Delhi, Lucknow, Coimbatore, Mumbai and Ahmedabad. More than 15,000 students are expected to participate in the competition during the course of its tour in 12 cities.

To mark the celebration of a decade of technology quizzing in India and the 10th anniversary of the TCS IT Wiz, Mr. Ramadorai, CEO and MD, recently launched a dedicated website - www.tcsitwiz.com.