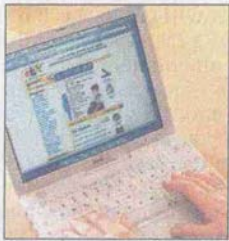


Cotton boys still the best IT wizards

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Bangalore: The world's first phone that can bend, the first electronic scare-



crow on fields, the electronic house that does not need maintenance, a Google earth car for getting 3-D images of streets — the whiz kids of Bangalore knew it all and lived upto the name of the city they live in.

The staggering display of knowl-

edge was during the TCS IT Wiz Quiz 2009 held at the Chowdaiah Memorial Hall on Wednesday. The quiz was open to all students from classes 8 to 12. Among the 1,200 students who participated, Rishab Mehta and Manish Burman from Bishop Cotton Boys School emerged as winners. Rohan Mehta and Sonal Saldanha from St Joseph's Boys High School were the runners up in the close competition.

This competition is the nation's first IT quiz and has been held for the 11th time in a row in 12 cities across the nation. All this while, it was Bishop Cottons Boys School that has been winning the prize. Taking cue from their seniors, the boys now know what to look for in the quiz.

"Schools these days put in lots of effort to prepare their children for quizzes. For general quizzing, it is generally the girls who fare well, but in IT quizzes, boys are unbeatable," said Giri Balasubramaniam, the quiz master. All the six finalists for this quiz were boys. "Quizzes these days are more about application of thought. This is because facts are available at a click of a button. It is mind that counts now," he added.

The quiz was not about the computer programmes, but about the application of IT in ordinary life. The finalists were selected after a written preliminary round of 20 questions. Sudhakar Rao, chief secretary, government of Karnataka was the chief guest.