

## Brain power unleashed at TCS quiz

Intense concentration, quick thinking and a lot of recall, the grey cells had plenty to do at the Regional Finals of the Chennai Edition of Tata Consultancy Services IT Wiz 2009, at The Music Academy, Chennai on Thursday.

Six teams Vidya Mandir, Mylapore, Stanes Higher Secondary, Coonor, Bhavan's Rajaji Vidhyashram, The Hindu Higher Secondary School, Adyar, Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan, Nungambakkam, and Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School, Adyar were vying for top honours. PSBB Nungambakkam represented by Siddarth J and Susrut A. Did not believe in too much risk taking but nevertheless emerged the winners. The even scores of Hindu Senior Secondary School, Adyar and Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School, Adyar, necessitated a tie for the second position.

The tie breaker question on the founder of Hotmail, though fairly simple was answered wrongly much to the dismay of The Hindu Senior Secondary School. They hastily pressed the buzzer before the question could be completed and had to be content with the third position. The runners up were Sriram R and Ashwin from Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School, Adyar, with a total score of 25 points.

The innovative format and the interactive style of quizzing of quiz master Giri Balasubramaniam kept the audience engrossed right through.

Keeping pace with the changing trends in IT, the quiz had several mentally stimulating rounds; Twittering - which had questions from IT happenings across the globe, At TCS - based exclusively on TCS, Tagging - a visual round, Crop IT - a round requiring speed of thought and a good bandwidth of IT, and Swods - a round, where you 'see what others do not see'.

The focus was on the application of IT across various sectors such as world of internet and unique web sites, IT buzzwords and acronyms, IT personalia - international, national and local, advertisements of IT and Communication companies, software products and brands, history of IT and the humorous side of IT.

It covered areas where IT has made an impact including education, entertainment, books, multimedia, internet, music, movies, banking, advertising, sports, gaming, blogs, cell phones and social networking.

The quiz received an overwhelming response with more than 1500 students from various parts of the city flocking to the Music Academy to witness the nail-biting finish.

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