

A quiz pulsating with students' IT knowledge

900 teams of two from different schools take part

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CHENNAI: "The C-DOT expansion we got wrong. Wasn't the answer for console game iPhone?...," chatter a group of boys from Sir Sivaswami Kalalaya Senior Secondary School, discussing answers of the preliminary round of TCS IT Wiz quiz outside the Music Academy auditorium.

Take every step and similar groups are into animated discussions on the quiz.

The participating crowd here on Thursday probably even surpassed the anxious chatter seen around examination centres. Around 900 teams of two from different schools competed to see themselves battle an interesting edition of quiz around Information Technology with quiz master Giri Balasubramaniam. And if you thought the echoes would die down with the elimination round, you were wrong. Students booed, cheered, did some good guess work and above all sat full house. Also keeping them entertained were the gift hampers for the right answers. Vel's Vidyashram, Pallavaram emerged the best cheering group.

In technology style, each of the five rounds tested the teams' knowledge, logic and speed of thought. The team from Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan, Nungambakkam, remained committed throughout, especially in the first three rounds where they were way ahead of others. The boys answered



WINNERS ALL: A. Susrut and J. Siddarth were declared winner of the Chennai edition of TCS IT Wiz 2009 held in Chennai on Thursday. - PHOTO: K.V. SRINIVASAN

some tough questions such as what is the significance of the banner reading "It's True" (with a fallen 'e') with Steve Jobs in the forefront with flair.

The well-fought quiz reached its peak with the penultimate question of the final round, where a tie-breaker was declared for the second position between The Hindu Senior Secondary School and Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School.

"This is disastrous, bad quizzing," remarked the quizmaster when Hindu Senior Secondary School pressed the buzzer before he could complete the question to get an incorrect answer.

That gave way for Sri Sankara boys R. Sriram and C.V. Ashwin to take the second place.

J. Siddarth and A. Susrut from PSBB stood tall coming first in the Chennai edition of the TCS IT Wiz 2009. As Mr. Balasubramaniam said, "They took no unnecessary risk. Apart from outstanding answers they did sensible quizzing."

The prizes to the winning teams were given by N. Vaghul, former Chairman, ICICI and Ravi Viswanathan, VP and Head Chennai Operations, TCS. The volunteers from TCS too had an active day out taking up a different role!