

# 'IT Wiz'es battle it out

TCS IT Wiz, the inter school IT quiz conducted by Tata Consultancy Services, was held on 10th October at IMA House, Kaloor, Kochi. The quiz received an overwhelming response with more than 1000 students from Kochi, Palakkad, Idukki, Kottayam, Pathanamthitta, Alleppey, Thrissur and Thiruvananthapuram participating. Vignesh G and Roshan J George from Pallikoodam, Kottayam, walked away with the coveted winner's trophy, along with a laptop each, closely followed by Prithvi Lal and Anand Krishnan from Loyola School, Thiruvananthapuram as runners-up who received their trophy along with a digital camera and digital photo frame. The prizes were distributed by chief guest E Nandakumar, ED, Kochi refinery.

The six teams which made it to the regional finals after the written prelims received a travel bag, MP3 players, watches, coffee table books, coffee mugs and T shirts from TCS, besides gift vouchers from leading hotels in the city. Lenovo and Croma had also sponsored prizes for the event this year. The intense competition among the six teams on stage, the innovative format of the contest and the interactive style of quizzing by quiz master Giri Balasubramanian aka Pickbrain, made the quiz very engrossing. The quiz was held across 12 cities - Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kochi, Coimbatore, Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Pune, Mumbai, Bhubaneswar, Delhi and Kolkata for school students from class 8-12.