



Stanes duo champs in TCS IT Wiz Quiz

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FOR the ardent students who participated in the regional rounds of the TCS IT Wiz Quiz at the Corporation Kalalarangam grounds in R S Puram here on Wednesday, it was an occasion of intense excitement. Schools from Erode, Tirupur, Ooty, Coonoor, Pollachi, Mettupalayam and many other places were allowed to bring in multiple teams, though only one team from a school was allowed for the finals. The banners put up by Stanes Higher Secondary School, Coonoor, 'TCS has the wizzers and Stanes has the quizzers' proved true with the school team taking away the trophy.

The atmosphere before the finals resembled that of a music show with groovy numbers like *Waka Waka* and *We will rock you* filling the auditorium. Students and parents held up banners and cheered lustily for their respective teams even as the preliminary rounds took a lot of time. Of the 661 teams in the fray, only Liseux Matric Higher Secondary

School, Angappa CBSE Senior Secondary School, GD Matric Secondary School, Laidlaw Memorial School, Ooty, St. Jude Public School, Nilgiris and Stanes Higher Secondary School, Coonoor qualified for the finals.

The duo of Srikanth Sridhar and Nithin Vidya Prakash helped Stanes triumph over St Jude, Nilgiris, who had been winning the city rounds of the quiz for the last three years. Stanes also bagged attractive prizes for being the best cheering school, with the students taking home T-shirts and chocolates. The winners were all smiles on their achievement. 'They have been preparing for this from the beginning of the academic year,' their classmates revealed. Srimathi Sridhar, Srikanth's mother remarked that though the preliminaries were hard, the finals proved to be more difficult.

The quizmaster Pickbrain made the session quite interactive by asking questions to those in the audience between rounds. There were prizes in store for them as well.

TCS IT Wiz Quiz is now all set to move to Pune on August 31 for another city round. More teams will be selected from Bhuvaneshwar, Kochi, Lucknow, Delhi and Bombay during city rounds conducted till November end for the national finals at December for the coveted title of 'TCS IT Wiz National Champion'. This time, the winner of the city rounds have a new thing to look forward to — dinner with N Chandrasekaran, CEO of Tata Consultancy Services.

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