

TCS TUSSLE 2010

LPS wiz-ards enter 'FINAL' FRONTIER

WHAT NEXT The duo defeat 600 teams of UP and Uttarakhand, get a ticket to represent Lucknow at national finals next month

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LUCKNOW: Last year they were runners-up in the finals of the TCS IT Wiz. And at the presentation ceremony they promised to make a comeback in the 2010 edition of the quiz and win the contest. Nobody took note of their confidence level then.

A year later — Rohit Kashyap and Swapnil Palash — students of Lucknow Public School (Sector I) on Tuesday made a strong statement when they won the Lucknow edition of TCS IT Wiz 2010 defeating 600 teams of UP and Uttarakhand that participated in the biggest IT quiz. They won a laptop each and a miniature trophy. These boys also got a ticket to represent Lucknow at the national finals to be held next month. They defeated Dinkar and Vinayak from the Summer Valley School, Dehradun who finished second.

These two boys from LPS were bubbling with confidence and reminded the audience that they are back in finals and would leave the stage only after winning the contest. And they did exactly that. In fact when the LPS team was invited to take the stage for the final rounds, the duo walked up



■ IIM-L Director Dr Devi Singh giving away prizes to the winners of TCS IT WIZ 2010 held on Tuesday. Also seen in the picture is Jayant Krishna, principal consultant of TCS and UPTU V-C Prof Kripa Shankar.

to quizmaster Giri Balasubramaniam a.k.a. Pickbrain and whispered something into his ears. And after the contest was over, the quizmaster shared it with the audience saying that LPS boys reminded him about their promise. IIM-L director Prof Devi Singh and UPTU V-C Prof Kripa Shankar admitted it was a difficult quiz as they too were not aware about answers to some of the questions fired by the quizmaster. Not just

the six teams that made it to the finals got goodies but there were several other prizes to be grabbed.

For instance, a school from Gomti Nagar bagged a chocolate bag for jeering the teams in a most disciplined manner. Four other teams who made it to the finals were: Seth Anand Ram Jaipuria, Lucknow Public School, A-Block, Rajajipuram, Mont Fort Inter College, Lucknow and Delhi Public School, Kanpur.

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WINNERS' VOICE

We prepared throughout the year for this contest. Unfortunately, the hard disk of our computer crashed last week following which we had to rely on our notes. —Rohit Kashyap and Swapnil Palash

VOX POPULI

■ The response to this edition of TCS IT Wiz was overwhelming. As many as 600 teams participated and some 100 teams had to be sent back because of shortage of space. —Jayant Krishna, principal consultant of TCS

■ It's for the sixth time that I've

come here for quizzing. And Lucknow students have done remarkably well over the year. They have pipped Pune and Delhi and are challenging the might of Kolkata and Bangalore boys who are into quizzing for several years.

—Giri Balasubramaniam a.k.a. Pickbrain, Quizmaster