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TCS IT Wiz 2011: SBOA makes Chennai proud

CHENNAI: They came, they contested and they conquered - not just the title but also hearts.

Gokul T and R Aditya from SBOA school, Chennai, defeated eleven other equally talented teams from the rest of the country to emerge winners of the TCS IT Wiz quiz contest - 2011 at the Taj Coromandel on Saturday.

It wasn't a cake walk for the two school kids, who were good enough to be called tech wizards, as they held on to their nerves to win a nail-biting finish. The quiz contest, the finals of which was held on Saturday, had been held over a period of six months. Although Delhi managed to surge ahead with a few quick points, Chennai and Hyderabad weren't far behind it.

The team that surprised the audience was the one from Sri Chaitanya Junior College, Hyderabad, which had two enthusiastic quizzers who overtook the remaining teams during the tie-breaker round to make their way into the second level. While St Paul's English School, Bangalore looked promising at the start of the second level, Lokhandwala Foundation School, Mumbai and Lucknow Public School, Lucknow offered tough competition. Amidst all the high-tech drama, SBOA Chennai maintained a decent score in every round. The final round of the contest - that had teams from Chennai, Bangalore, Lucknow and Mumbai contesting - was a nerve-wracking one.

SBOA, Chennai - the home team stood victorious with 65 points bringing cheer to the audience, while Bangalore occupied the runner's up position with 40 points.

"It feels great to know that the future of our country is bright and safe," said guest of honour, N Chandrasekaran, CEO & MD, Tata Consultancy Services.

The winners were presented with a Macbook pro each, while the runner's up took home iphone 4.

Every participating team won Blue-ray DVD players and other goodies.