

Quizzing gets bigger, better, sharper

Winners walked away with tablet computers and high end smart phones

Quizzing just seems to have got bigger, better and sharper. The stakes are higher. The participants are getting sharper than ever, scoring perfect 10 in almost every round. The TCS IT Wiz Quiz, which took place last week in Hyderabad is a case in point. The winners Syed Murtuza Hashmi and Umair Abdullah from Chaitanya Junior College walked away with a Galaxy Tablet and a digital camera. Runners up P Vasishta and P Aakash from Gitanjali Senior School received their trophy along with an iPod touch.

More than 1200 school students participated in the event which had a fairly tough prelims. Quizmaster Pickbrain returned after the prelim evaluation to share the answers and announce the finalists who were: BVB - Jubilee Hills - Rahul & Anirudh; Chirec Public School - Manas Gundala & Ms. Supriya Lakhtakia; P. Obul Reddy Public School - Sreenihit & Kaushik Roy; Chai-



tanya Jr.College - Syed Murtuza Hashmi & Umair Abdullah; DPS Nacharam - Pranjal Pathak & Subramaniam Dantu; Gitanjali Sr.Sec School - Vasishta P & P Aakash. The teams received their prizes from the Principal Secretary for IT, Govt of AP, Sanjay Jaju who said Hyderabad Rocks. The TCS IT Wiz, a popular inter school IT Quiz programme in India, conducted and organised by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)

received entries from nearly 100 schools in Hyderabad. They received prizes ranging from travel bags, portable speakers, USB pen drives, laser pointers etc. Audience who answered the questions bagged backpacks, pen drives, mini portable speakers and Tee shirts from the quiz master. The Regional rounds of TCS IT Wiz 2011 will be held in 12 cities - Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Coimbatore, Pune,

Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Kochi, Lucknow, Delhi and Mumbai. The Regional rounds will be followed by a National Finals in December where the winning teams from the 12 Regional rounds will compete for TCS IT Wiz National Champion title.

The written prelims consisted of a common set of 20 questions for all the teams at the venue. Questions were in the form of oral, visual and audiovisual format.