

Loyola school bags IT quiz

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KOCHI: A team comprising Karthik Prakash Nair and Advaith Shankar J, Std. X students of Loyola School, Thiruvananthapuram won the State-level TCS IT Wiz contest organised here on Friday by Tata Consultancy Services.

The team would represent Kerala at the national round. All the other teams were represented by students from Stds XI and XII. The Loyola team had a neck-and-neck race with Bhavans Adarsha Vidyalaya, Kakknad, Kochi, each winning 55 points, till the duo from Bhavans lost 10 points in the last round. The runners-up team consisted of Athul Chacko Phillip and Ravikrishnan R. The St. Antony's School, Kottayam represented by Allen Jose and Vishnu Sharma were the second runners-up, having won 20 points.

The Flag Officer Commanding in Chief of the Southern Naval Command Vice Admiral K. N. Sushil was the chief guest. The winners walked away with an amazing range of prizes which were distributed by the chief guest along with Santhosh Kurup, centre head of TCS Kochi.

Around 600 teams from 110 schools in the State vied to make it to the list of six teams which were shortlisted for the finals. The questions



CLOSE CONTEST: The team from Loyola School, Thiruvananthapuram, which won the Kerala round of the TCS IT Wiz contest, interacting with the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Southern Naval Command Vice-Admiral K.N. Sushil in Kochi on Friday. — PHOTO: K. K. MUSTAFAH

covered a wide range of IT and related arenas. The students came up with answers to meaning of snickometer (a useful tool which tracks the cricket ball's path by picking up sounds from the pitch and stump microphones), mouse potato (the computer equivalent of television's couch potato, ie. someone hooked to the computer) etc.,

And who was David Dradley? Rapt came the answer - the one who devised the key

combination Ctl Alt Del. Members of the audience remained spellbound as the finalists answered one relatively tough question after the other. Even the quizmaster could not hide his excitement and spoke of how the teams prepared well for the contest.

The finals comprised five rounds - Experience Anticipation, a software-powered round; Experience Diversity; @TCS, a quick fire round on

the buzzer from the world of TCS; Experience Oneness - one that required a perspective beyond what one saw; and Experience Achievement - the one which decided the champions. There were questions based on the humorous side of IT too.

The prize for the 'Best cheering school' went to KRL School, Kochi, for being sportive members of the audience. Members of the audience too won prizes.