Battle of brains at IT quiz in city

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The Kolkata chapter of TCS IT Wiz 2012 on August 9 at Kala Mandir saw almost 500 students taking part, some from Jamshedpur, Patna and other far off places to showcase their knowledge about modern technology. The contest aimed at getting many school children interested in the IT world was conducted by Tata Consultancy Services as part of its corporate social initiative.

"It is heartening to see the levels of awareness among Gen Yers about the IT dominion. It is a proud moment for us every year when we host the quiz contest and see that the future generation is indeed bright and in safe hands. I hope some of these students will go on to bring laurels for our city in the national finals," said Sridhar Bakshi, centre head, TCS, Kolkata.

The schools that reached the final round were Loyola School, Jamshedpur, National Gems H S School, Behala, Don Bosco, Liluah, Rajendra Vidyalaya, Jamshedpur, Kendriya Vidyalaya Army, Barrackpore and DPS Megacity. The written prelims comprised a common set of 20 questions for all the teams. The questions were in the form of oral, visual and audio-visual formats as well. The final rounds saw the use of special software which included Angry Nerds, GTA, @TCS, Max Pain and Total Kombat. The quiz master was Giri 'Pickbrain' Balasubramaniam.

The contest was open to students of classes VIII to XII and the schools were also allowed to send multiple teams of two members each to participate in it.

Aviral Dasgupta and Shubham Agarwal of Loyola School, Jamshedpur walked away with the winner's trophy, while Debarun Banerjee and Soumayjyoti Bhattacharya of National Gems HS School Behala were the runners up.

The regional rounds of TCS IT Wiz are being held in 14 cities which include Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Bangalore, Chennai, Coimbatore, Pune, Nagpur, Indore, Mumbai and Delhi. It will be followed by the national finals in December where the qualifying teams along with the UAE winner will compete for the TCS IT Wiz National Champion title. The winners will get an opportunity to interact with N Chandrasekharan, CEO, TCS.

The overall winners of the contest, Aviral Dasgupta and Shubham Agarwal are IT aspirants and considered themselves lucky participating in the IT quiz, organized by an IT giant.