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## Who's the wiz?

Over 1,200 students from various schools participated in the Mumbai edition of TCS IT Wiz – an inter school IT Quiz held recently at Indian Education Society, Manik Sabagraha, Bandra Reclamation in Mumbai. Apart from schools located in Mumbai, schools from around the region located in Raigarh, Dombivli and as far away as Tapi also participated.

After the preliminary round and some grueling and intense final rounds of quizzing in a nail biting finish Sanyam Satia and Mihir Belgaonkar from DAV Public School, Nerul walked away with the coveted winner's trophy, along with a Galaxy Note each closely followed by Shivam Kumar and Sanat Mishra from Thakur Public School, Kandivli as Runners-up who received their trophy along with a Galaxy Tab. The guest of honour Peter Beckingham, British Deputy High Commissioner, Mumbai, gave away the prizes.

The highlight of the TCS IT Wiz 2012 was the launch of India's animation based quiz software created by Quizmaster Pickbrain and his team. The Regional finals this year was a unique game-based format, driven by special software.

The six finalists who made it on stage also received gift hampers such as laptop backpacks, pen drives, coffee mugs, ear-phones, binoculars and t-shirts. The audience was also rewarded with haversacks, coffee mugs, pen drives and t-shirts for their correct answers. The best cheering school also received a jar of goodies and a coffee table book for their teamwork, creativity and enthusiasm.

The Regional rounds of TCS IT Wiz 2012 is being held in 14 cities – Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Bangalore, Chennai, Coimbatore, Pune, Nagpur, Indore, Bhubaneswar, Kochi, Lucknow, Mumbai and Delhi.

The regional rounds will be followed by a National Finals in December where the winning teams from the 14 cities along with the United Arab Emirates winner will compete for the TCS IT Wiz National Champion title. The winners will also get an opportunity to interact with the CEO of Tata Consultancy Services, Mr. N.

Chandrasekaran over high tea.

The TCS IT Wiz was open to school students studying in class 8-12. There was no entry fee. Schools were allowed to send multiple teams of two members each to participate.