Centre Point School wins TCS IT Wiz 2012

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AT THE TCS IT Wiz 2012 quiz contest, consistency in marks made all the difference in the preliminary rounds in a thrilling finish as Paritosh Kanhe and Aniruddha Morarka from Centre Point School, Katol Road won the prestigious trophy and Galaxy tablet. Dr R K Ingle, Dean of VNIT, and Chaitanya Sathe, Vice-President and Centre Head, TCS Mumbai, distributed the prizes in the presence of N Chandrasekaran, CEO of TCS.

TCS IT Wiz 2012, conducted and organised by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), received an overwhelming response from over 1,400 students from various city schools participating in the inaugural Nagpur edition of the TCS IT Wiz – India's biggest inter-school IT Quiz held on Thursday at Dr Vasantrao Deshpande Hall, opposite MLA Hostel, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

The highlight of the TCS IT Wiz 2012 was the launch of India's first animation-based quiz software created by Quizmaster Pickbrain and his team. The regional finals this year will be on a unique game-based format, driven by special software. The rounds were Angry Nerds, GTA, TCS, Max Pain and Total Kombat.

Chaitanya Sathe, V-P and Centre Head of TCS and Dr R K Ingle giving prizes to Paritosh Kanhe and Aniruddha Morarka.

The six finalists who made it on stage also received gift hampers such as laptop backpacks, pen drives, coffee mugs, earphones, 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 the national finals in December where the winning teams from the 14 cities along with the winner of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) round will compete for the TCS IT Wiz National Champion title. The TCS IT Wiz is open to school students studying in class 8-12. There is no entry fee. Schools are allowed to send multiple teams of two members each to participate.

The Quiz mainly deals with application of Information Technology across various sectors such as world of Internet and unique websites, IT buzzwords and acronyms.

TCS to put city on world map

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ON THE sidelines of the TCS IT Wiz 2012 quiz contest, Chaitanya Sathe, Vice-President and Centre Head, TCS Mumbai said "We will put Nagpur city on the world map." In the near future, both TCS and Nagpur will be synonymously recognised nationally and internationally. With the start of the TCS campus at Mihan, it will directly impact the quality of education and field of academics in the city.

In the future, looking at the talent, TCS will impart knowledge to academicians and faculty members to update knowledge of various colleges in the city. There will be ample scope for employment at TCS for local students. They will have an option to work in the city itself and will not have to go to far off places in search of better employment options, he pointed out. TCS will work closely with various engineering colleges in the city and provide them updated knowledge on the latest happenings in the technology world and what new skills will be required in the students.

The first phase of the TCS campus construction in Mihan has commenced. Work on the campus will be complete by December 2013. There will be an intake of about 3,500 to 4,000 employees out of the total planned intake of about 8,500 employees. The total project cost is estimated at about Rs 350 crore and about 40 per cent or say about Rs 140 crore will be injected in the first phase. The TCS campus will be fully operational by 2014, he said.

In the first phase, basic services, network and infrastructure will be created to meet future needs, which would be the back-bone of the TCS campus. The campus will consist of a cafeteria, gymnasium, recreation area, cricket field, etc., for the comfort of the employees, he said.

As per the present strategy, TCS has planned to start operating in the BPO space in high-end back-office operations. The TCS campus will recruit engineers in various disciplines and professionals like CAs, financial analysts, doctors, etc., to meet present and future requirements, he added.

Sathe said that there were scores of employees from Nagpur who are presently working with TCS.

Looking at the present scenario of gloom in the world economy, Sathe said that the CEO of TCS had met the company's top 200 clients located all across the world and openly discussed at the board level on how TCS would be able to provide its distinguished support to them. The CEO discovered that all the heads of the 200 companies located in the US and Europe were confident of growth in the near future with no signs of slowdown anywhere.

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