TCS Smart Tech Wizard: LPS lifts winners trophy

LUCKNOW: TCS 'Smart Tech Wizard' 2013 took an interesting turn when the boys, who made it to the finals last year but could only fetch the first runners up trophy, emerged as winners this year. Lovish Pandey and Varun Singh from Lucknow Public School, Sector-I, who emerged winners at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan on Wednesday, will represent Lucknow in the mega finals later. They defeated St Fidelis College's Ankit Pandey and Mohd Hamza by a huge margin. The winning team credited their success to senior student Swapnil Palash, who also won the contest a few years back and is presently studying at IIT-Delhi.

The winners walked away with an iPad each while the runners up won themselves a galaxy tablet each. The winning duo will represent UP and Uttarakhand in the mega finals and will contest for the title of "Smart Tech Wizard 2013."

Chief guests Abhishek Mishra, minister of state for science and technology, and Alok Ranjan, agriculture production commissioner, gave away the prizes to the winners and to the runners up.

Quizmaster Giri Balasubramanium and Jayant Krishna, principal consultant and regional head, TCS Lucknow, said they were impressed with the performance of Lucknow team and the standard of quizzing in Lucknow. School teams from Allahabad, Dehradun, Kanpur, Nainital, Varanasi, Rae Bareli, Moradabad, Amethi and Faizabad also participated. **HTC**