

Lovish, Varun emerge 'Smart Tech' wizards

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Lovish Pandey and Varun Singh from LPS emerged as Lucknow's 'TCS Smart Tech Wizard'. The duo will represent state capital in the mega finals. Over 1300 students from various schools of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand participated in the 'TCS IT Wiz' held at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan on Wednesday.

Apart from Lucknow, school teams from Allahabad, Dehradun, Kanpur, Nainital, Varanasi, Rae Bareli, Moradabad, Amethi and Faizabad also participated in the quiz contest.

After the written preliminary elimination round, the top six schools made it to the finals. Regional finals of Lucknow witnessed some edge-of-the-seat stuff with Lovish Pandey and Varun Singh pipping their closest rivals, Ankit and Mohd Hamza from St Fidelis College. The winners walked away with an iPad each while the runners up won themselves a Galaxy tablet each. The winners will now represent UP and Uttarakhand in the mega finals and contest for the "Smart Tech Wizard



2013" title. The prizes were given away by Minister of State for Science and Technology Abhishek Mishra, Agriculture Production Commissioner Alok Ranjan and principal consultant and regional head, TCS (Lucknow), Jayant Krishna.

A live interactive Twitter contest was also organised during the quiz to engage with the students in real time as a part of the social media outreach programme. The event was open to all school students of class VIII-XII. The audience was also rewarded with haver-

sack, coffee mugs, pen drives and t-shirts for their correct answers. Students from Sunbeam School (Varanasi), Aditya Birla Public School (Jagdishpur), Army Public School, Delhi Public School, Rani Laxmi Bai Memorial School and La Martiniere College also got lucky draw prizes. This year the hunt for 'Smart Tech Wizard' will be held across 14 locations across the country. Regional rounds will be followed by a national final in December and the winning teams from 14 cities will compete for the title.