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Chowdiah Memorial Hall was packed with school students, who came to take part in the TCS IT Wiz quiz programme on Thursday
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City hosts quiz aimed at honing IT acumen of students

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Bangalore: Which company launched a tablet named Fonepad? What is the connection between Facebook, Google and the book Lean In?

Over 1,200 students from various city schools were busy answering such questions at the TCS IT Wiz held at Chowdiah Memorial Hall, where the hunt was on to find Bangalore's 'Smart Tech Wizard'. Over 700 teams battled it out on Thursday to prove their mettle in the IT domain.

"For two months now, I have been preparing for this day. I want to pursue a career in computer science. Hence, I like to keep myself updated on the latest technology and things happening around the world in the IT space. The quiz is a platform to know where exactly I stand," says Siddharth Srivastava, who along with Harikiran, will represent the city in the mega finals to be held in New Delhi. The duo is from St Paul's English School, JP Nagar.

The electrifying environment in the auditorium justified Bangalore's status as the IT hub of the country.

"There is so much happening in the technology space. Every month we see some new technology coming in the market. It is fun to read about them. By participating in the quiz, I get to learn so much more from other students as well," says Aniketh Reddy from Sri Kumaran Children's Home, who was the runners up.

About the quiz

With an aim to build awareness and hone IT skills among students, TCS organises TCS IT Wiz every year in various cities. Started in 1999, the quiz is open to students of class VIII to class XII.

This year, the written preliminary round of the quiz had 20 questions. The top six teams from this round qualified for the regional finals.

The quiz focused on application of IT across sectors such as world of internet, IT buzzwords and acronyms, software products and brands, history of IT among others.

The final six

- 1 St Paul's English School, JP Nagar (winner)
- 2 Sri Kumaran Children Home, CBSE (runners up)
- 3 National Public School, HSR Layout
- 4 DPS, Bangalore East
- 5 National Public School, Indiranagar
- 6 Sri Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain College

Some of the participants from previous years were also present at the venue.

"I participated in the year 2000 when I was Class XI. The fact that around 1,674 tweets were sent while the quiz was on shows how tech savvy the newer generation is," said Aman Mehra, who works with an IT firm in the city. Inbox@dnaindia.net