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Put your quizzing hats on for the Chennai edition of the TCS IT Wiz 2014 is in town

TCS IT Wiz 2014 is held across 14 cities in India, and opens its Chennai leg on August 20 at The Music Academy, TTK Road. The quiz is for high-school students from Class VIII – XII, including pre-university or junior college students. Each institution can send in 10 teams of two members each.

There is no entry fee. Entries must be sent through the respective institutions on or before August 18 to Savithri, Tata Consultancy Services, 415/21-24, Kumaran Nagar, Sholinganallur, Old Mahabalipuram, Chennai - 600119, Tamil Nadu. Teams can also register online at www.tcsitwiz.com.

The top six teams from the written preliminary round will qualify for the regional finals. The winner from the regional finals will contest in the Mega finals along with the UAE team, to be held in December.

The quiz will mainly focus on applications of Information Technology across various sectors including technology environment, business, people, new trends and legends. It will also focus on emerging areas such as cloud computing, telecom, biometrics, robotics, Internet, unique web sites, IT buzzwords and



acronyms. The quiz will also cover areas where IT has made an impact – education, entertainment, books, multimedia, music, movies, Internet, banking, advertising, sports, gaming, social networking, blogging, cell phones, etc.

The regional finals will also have a Twitter contest for all participants. This involves a mileage-earning system where every tweet will earn one point, tweets with pictures three points and retweets will fetch five points. The student with highest tweet points across the 14 cities will win a trip to Mumbai to witness mega finals of the quiz.

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Staff Reporter

CHENNAI: Over 1,600 young quizzers from city schools revelled in nailing several lesser-known bits of trivia at the TCS IT Wiz 2014 held at the Music Academy recently.

This question was a good example. “The Walk Again project helped a paraplegic man Juliano Pinto in June. How is this project associated with Brazil?”

Just as the quiz master finished the question, S. Abhinav, a class XII student from P.S. Senior Secondary School, patiently elaborated on the connection.

“At the beginning of FIFA World Cup, the robotic technology helped a man walk and



Quizmaster G. Balasubramaniam (centre) with the winners — PHOTO: R. RAVINDRAN

kick the ball to signify the start of the event.” And, the crowd cheered loudly.

Both Abhinav and Arjun Aravind walked away with an

iPad Air each and will represent the Chennai in the finals of the TCS IT Quiz to be held soon in Mumbai.

“We are here because we

love quizzing. This is the third year for us at this quiz,” Arjun, a class XI student who aspires to become an engineer, said.

The duo waded through five rounds of the quiz with aplomb and led the show from the start.

Interestingly, there were other contestants too. Rayhaan Shaik, a class XII student from Asan Memorial School, won a prize for posting the maximum number of tweets on #TCSITWiz.

“I posted about 309 tweets during the quiz. I don’t tweet too often otherwise, but the environment was fun and we could tweet about anything on #TCSITWiz. So, I decided to give it a try,” he said.