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Jayakrishna J. and Venkata Sai Adarsh Kone from St. Patrick Matriculation Higher Secondary School with N. Chandrasekaran, CEO and MD, Tata Consultancy Services at the prize distribution ceremony in Mumbai.— Photo: Special Arrangement

Jayakrishna J. and Venkata Sai Adarsh Kone did Puducherry and St. Patrick Matriculation Higher Secondary School proud by emerging runners up in what is touted to be India's biggest inter-school Information Technology quiz, the 'TCS IT Wiz' organised by Tata Consultancy Services.

Shadan Kalam and Adnan Azmat of Rajendra Vidyalaya from Jamshedpur were the champions.

The National Finals was held in Mumbai on December 12, and saw eight teams contesting, said a press release from the organisers. It was hosted by quizmaster Giri 'Pickbrain' Balasubramaniam, and had rounds designed using animation software. Over 5,000 people logged in to the live webcast of the competition, said the release.

The boys from St. Patrick were placed first in the regional edition held in Chennai in August, and went on to qualify through the semi-final before reaching the National Finals. The duo is said to have missed the top spot by a whisker. They were awarded silver medals, an iPhone 6

each, 1 TB portable hard disk, power bank mobile charger, USB Skype phone and a trophy for the school.

Other regional editions were held in Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Bhubaneswar, Coimbatore, Delhi, Hyderabad, Indore, Kochi, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Pune and Visakhapatnam. There were over 17,000 students from Class VIII to XII from 1,806 schools across India who participated in the regional level, said the press release.

N. Chandrasekaran, CEO and MD, TCS who distributed the prizes expressed confidence in India's future in the IT and technology space as being bright after having seen the young talent on display at the competition.

Incidentally, in August this year, C. James Martin and R. Sugandhan of Sri Manakula Vinayagar Engineering College, Puducherry, also brought laurels to the town by winning the top prize at 'TESTimony,' a software testing contest held by the Tata Consultancy Services Talent Acquisition Team in association with Assurance Services Unit. An estimated 1,25,000 college students from across India are said to have participated in it.