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Padma Seshadri boys win TCS IT quiz, head to finals

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Bengaluru: The enthusiasm was infectious and energy palpable as more than 700 students turned up to witness the regional finals of the popular TCS IT Wiz 2017 at Chowdiah Memorial Hall on Thursday.

After five rounds, class 11 students Pranav Prabhu and Aryan Patel of Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan Learning Leadership Academy (PSBB LLA) were declared winners of the regional quiz finals. The champs walked away with gift vouchers worth Rs 60,000, a trophy and medals.

The runners-up — Mukataka Joshipura and Rohan Kapoor from NPS-Indiranagar — were presented with gift vouchers worth Rs 40,000 along with a trophy and medals. The quiz focused on automation, contextual knowledge and machine learning, apart from an exclusive round on TCS.

The questions covered a range of topics in the IT industry. The winning team, along with a teacher/parent, will be flown to Mumbai to take part in the national finals. All the six finalists will also receive an array of prizes from TCS, ranging from gym bag, OTG pen drive, earphones, and



BIG MOMENT: Pranav Prabhu and Aryan Patel smile their way to victory on Thursday

TOP PERFORMERS

Aryan Patel from the two-member regional champion team said information pooling among classmates and watching previous quiz contests helped them crack the quiz. "We pooled in information. We also watched similar regional finals held in Ahmedabad and got an idea on how we got to perform," said Pranav Prabhu, who wants to study electronics. "We studied and updated ourselves every day and our teachers constantly trained us," added Aryan, who loves playing games and wants to become a developer some day.

Bluetooth speakers.

Referring to the level of enthusiasm among Bengaluru participants, quizmaster Giri 'Pick-brain' Balasubramaniam, said, "The students play the IT quiz as though it is their Wimbledon. As a city, Bengaluru is tech savvy. We are in a part of the country that's moving faster compared to other regions. These children have understood that knowledge is very important and they value it." The volley of answers took Giri too by surprise.

IPS officer Bhaskar Rao, AGD, KSRP, said the audience was lucky to be able to watch

such a contest. "By the time these students graduate, India will be a great country," he said.

"Bengaluru is setting a benchmark in learning quizzing," said Nagaraj Ijari, VP and head, TCS Bangalore Operations. The event also included a Twitter contest that resulted in more than 8,105 tweets originating from the hall in less than an hour's time. The winners of the top two highest tweets and the best "tweet of the day" received a gym bag along with a Bluetooth speaker each. A student who tweeted 756 times was honoured during the event.