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OVER 800 students from various schools in the State capital participated in the TCS IT Wiz, India's biggest inter-school quiz, organised by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), a leading IT services, consulting and business solutions.

The Bhubaneswar edition of the quiz also witnessed school teams travelling from Ranchi, and Vishakhapatnam for this years' quiz. TCS IT Wiz was open to High School students studying in class VIII-XII. Each institution was allowed to send a maximum of 8 teams with each team consisting of two members. There was

no entry fee. TCS IT Wiz this year focused on four areas-Automation, Contextual Knowledge, Machine Learning, and Agile besides an exclusive round on TCS. The Quiz platform looked into the technological trends that are poised to have huge traction across the globe. Students who are a part of this quiz would benefit from understanding these technologies as they walk into their future. The top six teams from the written preliminary round were qualified for the regional finals.

After five rounds of quizzing at the Regional finals, Priyam Panda and Shubham Hota from Ravenshaw Junior School won the title. The regional champions this year walked away with a Rs 60,000 worth gift voucher while the runners-up represented by Sobham Panda and Naibedhya Dash from Mother's Public School were rewarded an Rs 40,000 worth gift voucher along with a specially designed trophy and medals.

The six finalists will also receive an array of prizes from TCS ranging from Gym bag, OTG pen drive, Earphones, and Bluetooth speakers. The winning team along with a teacher/parent will be flown to Mumbai to contest in the in the National Finals. The prizes were distributed by Special Secretary, Finance, Electronics and Information Technology Ashok K Meena along with Suresh G Menon, VP and GM, Eastern region, TCS. The quiz was hosted by noted quiz master Giri ' P i c k b r a i n ' Balsubramaniam.

The TCS IT Wiz 2017 will be held across 12 cities across India – Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Indore, Nagpur, Bhubaneswar, Kochi, Delhi, Mumbai and Pune.