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**Over 1,000 students take part in TCS IT Wiz**

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Students of FIITJEE Junior College, Priyansh Shandilya and Akshay Kolli, from Hyderabad emerged winners in the region finals of the TCS IT Wiz inter-school quiz competition, which attracted close to 1,000 students from 80 schools here on Monday. Syed Mohammad Hashmi and Samhith Sagar from Sri Chaitanya Junior College were runners-up in the event. The winners of the regional finals will now take part in national finals, to be held in Mumbai in the coming months.

The IT quiz, which was hosted by noted quiz master Giri Balasubramaniam, also attracted outstation teams from Visakhapatnam, Kurnool and Kodad. The quiz competitions were open to high school students of classes VIII to XII and each institution was allowed to send a maximum of 10 teams with a team consisting of two students. Some of the areas on which the TCS IT Wiz was focused this year include automation, contextual knowledge, machine learning and also an exclusive round on TCS. The regional final winners walked away with gift vouchers worth Rs 60,000 while the runners-up received gift vouchers worth Rs 40,000 along with trophies and medals. Vice-Chancellor, JNTU-Hyderabad, Prof A Venugopala Reddy along with vice-president and regional head of TCS Hyderabad, V Rajanna gave away the awards.