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Bengaluru duo win TCS quiz, to represent Karnataka at Nationals

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Two Bengaluru students have emerged winners of the regional finals of the TCS IT Wiz quiz and will go on to represent Karnataka at the National-level quiz. Sucheth Hegde and M Rajshankar from St Paul's English School were among the 1248 students and 624 teams who participated in the quiz. The 12th graders managed to walk away with a Rs 60,000 cash prize.

The TCS IT Wiz which is organized by the Tata Consultancy Services takes place in 12 different cities of the country. It was started in 1999 and is considered one of the biggest inter-school IT quiz in India for the students in Class 8 to 12. All the questions asked in these rounds are based on IT personalities, software products, Cloud Computing, Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Robotics, IT buzzwords and acronyms. This year, the quiz at the regional-level introduced new technology concepts such as software-based rounds, gamification and animation too. There were five rounds - Mass Personalisation, Leveraging Ecosystems, Creating Exponential Value and Embracing Risk besides an exclusive round on tcs@50.

Despite minus 25 negative marking for answers, the two 12th standard students managed to win the tech-quiz. Sucheth and Rajshankar, the young minds spoke their heart out about how happy they are to represent Karnataka in the National-Level which will be happening in November 2018 at Mumbai.

How much time did you put into preparing for this quiz? Did you have to read up a lot?

We did not really prepare too much, we didn't rigorously spend hours preparing for this quiz. We kept an eye on all the technology-related news and also went through some of the Wikipedia pages of bigger technology companies and their recent innovations. That seemed to be enough for us.

Out of the five rounds in the quiz, which one was the most difficult?

The round called tcs@50 was more difficult for us as it was an exclusive round capturing their (TCS) five decades of excellence and achievements. We were asked five questions and if we were told we would get plus 50 points for correct answers and minus 25 for wrong ones. In this particular round, we were able to get only one answer right.

Now, that you have won Rs 60,000 cash prize, how do you plan to invest the money?

There are no plans and we have not given a thought about where we can invest this cash prize. We are just very happy to be the winners right now.

Have you participated in a lot of other quizzes too?

We both as a team have not been part of any big quiz competitions like this one. There were several quiz competitions held at different schools and individually we have won many competitions. This is just the second time that we have won the competition as a team.

The two share similar future plans too. The duo want to pursue studies in Science and Engineering streams. Rajshankar wants to do research in Physics and Mathematics and Sucheth wants to pursue Engineering in Automobile Engineering or Aerospace.