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TCS IT Wiz 2018

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TCS IT Wiz, India's biggest inter-school quiz, organised by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), a leading IT services, consulting and business solutions, witnessed participation from over 1200 school students from Chennai on Tuesday, August 21, Music Academy, No. 168 TTK Road, Chennai. Outstation teams from Puducherry, Kanchipuram, Theni, Thiruvallur, Kanyakumari, Nilgiris, Vellore and Thiruvannamalai have also participated in the Chennai edition.

Aimed at building awareness about the growing significance of empowering technology skills, this strongly-contested, annual knowledge initiative was open to students studying in class 8-12. Each school was allowed to send multiple teams of two members. There was no entry fee.

The TCS IT Wiz this year was an infusion of tech trends and was presented through gamification rounds, developed by using animation software that kept the audience and the teams at the edge of their seats. The 5 rounds were -Mass personalization, Leveraging ecosystems, Creating exponential value, and Embracing risk besides an exclusive round on tcs@50.The Quiz platform looked into the technological trends that are poised to have huge traction across the globe. The top six teams from the written preliminary round were qualified for the regional finals.

After five rounds of quizzing at the Regional finals, Yazhini S and Harsh Agarwal from St Judes Public School, Kotagiri won the title. The Regional Champions this year walked away with anINR.60,000 worth gift vouchers while the runners-up represented by Sanchit and Chirag from Chettinad Vidyashram were rewarded an INR 40,000 worth gift voucher along with a specially designed trophy and medals. The 6 finalists also received an array of prizes from TCS ranging from gym bag, multifunctional music torch with blue tooth speaker and Wireless outdoor speaker along with tcs50 pen drive. The winners will represent Chennai in the National Finals to compete with 11 other regional champions across India.

The prizes were distributed by the guest of honour Mr. Robert G. Burgess, U.S. Consul General in Chennai, along with Suresh Raman, Vice President and Head of Chennai Operations.

The TCS IT Wiz 2018 will be held across 12 cities across India Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Indore, Nagpur, Bhubaneswar, Kochi, Delhi, Mumbai and Pune.

TCS IT Wiz Format: The animation based quiz software with a unique format had 5 rounds based on the TCS BUSINESS 4.0 Framework. The quiz was based on a professional circuit buzzer giving the teams an equal opportunity to answer.

MASS PERSONALISATION: In this round the teams received elements of an overall answer and they had to identify the missing fourth part. An additional clue option with reduced score were available for the teams to use.

LEVERAGING ECO-SYSTEMS:A visual based round where teams were asked to identify context based on both historic and present attributes.

CREATING EXPONENTIAL VALUE: This buzzer round had teams trying to connect the dots to arrive at the commonality between the clues displayed. Questions were all common to the finalists with negatives in place for incorrect answers.

EMBRACING RISK: The dynamism in this round reflected the modern world requirements of the need to be agile. A multiple clue round played on the buzzer. As the question progressed the value of the question diminished.

tcs@50- An exclusive round on TCS capturing the 5 decades of excellence. Four questions common to all teams and there was negative marking for incorrect answers.

Tweeporting: There was also a Twitter contest during the event. Chennai witnessed over2916tweets. The winners of the top two highest tweets and the best tweet of the day received Multifunctional torch along with Smart Music Flower Pot with Bluetooth Speaker and LED Night Light.

The Quiz mainly focused on:

* Applications of Information Technology across various industries and sectors including technology environment, the business, people, new trends and legends.

* Areas where IT has made an impact, education, entertainment, music, movies, banking, advertising, sports, gaming, social media and world of mobiles.

* IT Personalities, brands of IT and communication companies, software products, the history of IT as well as its humorous side of Information Technology

* Emerging areas such as cloud computing, AI, automation, biometrics, robotics, world of Internet, unique web sites, IT buzzwords and acronyms.