Kotagiri St Judes school students qualify for finals of TCS IT quiz contest

Coimbatore, Nov 29: Two students from St Judes Public School, Kotagiri, Nilgiris district brought glory to the institution in being the runners up at the Tata Consultancy Services IT Wiz 2018 quiz competition.

And the winners of the national finals of country's biggest interschool IT quiz competition was announced by TCS at its grand finale held at Vivanta Taj President, Mumbai. The runners up Yazhini Shanmugam and Harsh Agarwal from St. Judes Public School, Kotagiri received Rs 1 lakh worth e-vouchers for digital shopping, silver medals, and a trophy for the school.

Meanwhile Bhavya Raninga and Nihar Shah, from St. Kabir, Vadodra walked away with the TCS IT Wiz Championship title. The winning team won themselves e-vouchers worth Rs 1.50 lakh for digital shopping, gold medal and the champion trophy for the school.

"It is inspiring to see so many students from across India adopting new age technologies because that is the path

of the IT future and it is a space that has powered our country over the last many decades and it's a path that will power us again. I'm very proud to witness this moment and congratulate the winners and all the teams who made IT Wiz 2018 such a grand success", said Rajesh Gopinathan, CEO and MD, TCS on witnessing the National Finale of TCS IT Wiz 2018. Rajesh Gopinathan, CEO & MD, TCS who was also present on the occasion handed over the prizes to the winners.

It may be noted tha the national finals witnessed a strongly contested participation from six exceptional, enthusiastic

and acumen driven teams which were drawn from 2 semifinals from 12 cities across India, battling it out for the championship title. The Quiz also displayed "real-time scoring," which helped the audience to keep a track of the nail-biting competition.

TCS IT Wiz this year, witnessed participation from over 13,000 students of class 8-12 from 1200 + schools across 12 cities in India at the regional level. Students from Tier II and Tier III cities continued to dominate the participation. The regional editions were held this year between August – November across 12 locations including Ahmedabad, Bengaluru,

Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Indore, Kochi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Nagpur, and Pune.

The 12 winning teams from each of these 12 locations contested their way through two rounds of semifinals consisting of 6 teams each to reach the National Finals. These teams also had an opportunity to interact with the CEO. The six teams who made it to the national finals include Bhavya Raninga and Nihar Shah from St. Kabir, Vadodara, Ahmedabad, M Raj Shankar and Sucheth Hegde from St Pauls school, Bengaluru, Harsh Agarwal and Yazhini Shanmugam from St Judes Public School, Kotagiri, Nilgiris, Arjun Sunil and Nandu Krishnan from Navy children's school, Kochi, Shobhit Mahato and Ambarish Jha from Loyola School, Jamshedpur, Kolkata and Sanchit Khedkar and Archit Venugopalan from Centre Point School, Wardhaman Nagar, Nagpur. All the finalists were rewarded with a special TCS 50 travel bag pack. Pickbrain aka Giri Balasubramaniam, was the quizmaster for TCS IT Wiz.