City students battle it out at TCS IT Wiz

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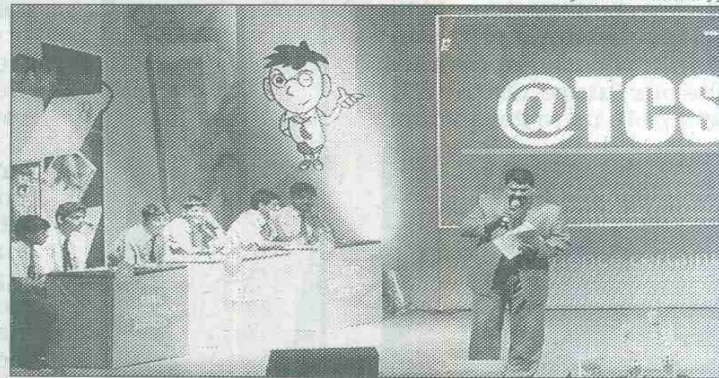
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Kolkata: Over 1000 students from schools in and across the city gathered for the Tata Consultancy Service (TCS) IT Wiz at the Kala Mandir recently. About 70 schools including Apeejay School, MP Birla Foundation, Don Bosco (Park Circus and Liluah), South Point, Assembly of God Church, Julien Day School, Elgin Road among others took part in the inter-school IT quiz.

Popular cricketer Deep Dasgupta graced the occasion as the chief guest while Sridhar Bakshi, Global Delivery Centre Head of TCS was the guest of honour. "This generation deals with a lot of pressure at an young age. Still it is great to see their passion alive," said Deep.

Six teams were shortlisted for the finals after a preliminary round that comprised IT and other technological knowhow. The final round comprised several rounds like the Screenager that dealt with events happening in the global IT industry, Viosk which showed visual clippings to be identified and @TCS based exclusively on TCS.

Mayukh Bose and Vikramjit Ray of St James' School made their school proud when they were declared winners of the quiz. South Point and Don Bosco, Park Circus emerged as the second and third runners up respectively. The winners received a trophy and laptop each while the runners up received trophy along with portable DVD player and digital cameras.

The Tata Consultancy Service (TCS) IT Wiz in progress

The winners were delighted at their feat. "It is really very exciting to win here because last time we had lost. We had taken sufficient preparation to make sure that we win this time," said Mayukh.

Quizmaster Giri Balasubramaniam better known as Pickbrain was surprised to see the know-how of the students. "I salute their respect for knowledge and their passion. This is the reason why this part of the country has produced so many intellectuals," he said.

The IT quiz which has expanded this year started in Bangalore and will end in November in Ahmedabad. It is scheduled to also take place in Bhubaneshwar, Chennai and Kochi among other parts of the country.