

# Little Flower School Wins Hyderabad edition of TCS IT Wiz 2016

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Winners to represent the city at the National finals in Mumbai

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Prof D N Reddy, Director, Engineering Staff College of India (ESCI) and Mr. V. Rajanna, Vice President and Regional Head of TCS-Hyderabad giving away the TCS IT Wiz 2016 trophy to the winning and Runners-up team.

**HYDERABAD, AUGUST 2, 2016:** Over 900 students from various schools in Hyderabad participated in TCS IT Wiz 2016, India's biggest inter-school quiz, organised by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), a leading IT services, consulting and business solutions on Tuesday, August 2, at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Basheerbagh. TCS IT Wiz was open to High School students studying in class 8-12. There was no entry fee.



**Winners Syed Md. Hashmi and Hussain Ahmed from Little Flower High School, Abids, Hyderabad.**

The theme of this year's quiz was DEFAULT IS DIGITAL. The Quiz platform looked into the technological trends that are poised to have huge traction across the globe. Students who are a part of this quiz would benefit from understanding these technologies as they walk into their future. The top six teams from the written preliminary round were qualified for the regional finals.

After five rounds of quizzing at the Regional finals, Syed Md. Hashmi and Hussain Ahmed from Little Flower School won the title. The Regional Champions this year walked away with an iPad air each while the runners-up represented by Priyansh Shandilya & Dhairya Kapasi from FIITJEE Jr. College were rewarded an iPad mini each along with a specially designed trophy and medals. The 6 finalists also received an array of exciting prizes from TCS ranging from space pack, selfie stick, earphones, Bluetooth speakers and pen drives. The winning team along with a teacher/parent will be flown to Mumbai to contest in the National Finals.

The prizes were distributed by the guest of Honour Prof D N Reddy, Director, Engineering Staff College of India (ESCI) along with V. Rajanna, Vice President and Regional Head of TCS Hyderabad. The Quiz was hosted by noted quiz master Giri 'Pickbrain' Balasubramaniam.

TCS IT Wiz 2016 is held across 15 locations in India - Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Coimbatore, Delhi, Hyderabad, Indore, Kochi, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Pune and Visakhapatnam.

**TCS IT Wiz Format:** The animation based quiz software with a unique format had 5 rounds:

Ø **LANDING PAGE:** A context based round designed in the format of a landing page with 10 points for each right answer.

Ø **SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMISATION:** In this round team had to choose multiple SEARCH ENGINE Key words from the world of information technology. The tally of the THREE words in the back end triggered an algorithm to choose the category of question.

Ø **GOING VIRAL:** Questions were picked on viral issues and trending topics to create a Lateral Thinking round where a video was incorporated which either had gone viral or was a successful campaign along with certain aspects. The teams had to join the dots and deduce an answer. This was also a buzzer round with negative scoring.

Ø **NET'WORTH:** From start-ups to funded ideas, this round featured clues with diminishing value of each clue used. This was a high risk high reward round.

Ø **@TCS:** A buzzer round the world of TCS with negative points for incorrect answers.

Ø **Tweeporting:** There was also Twitter contest during the event. Hyderabad witnessed as many as 2600 tweets. The winners of the top two highest tweets and the best "tweet of the day" received themselves Bluetooth speaker and earphones.

**The Quiz mainly focused on:**

Ø Applications of Information Technology across various sectors and aspects, including technology environment, people, new trends and legends

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

Ø Areas where IT has made an impact - education, entertainment, books, multimedia, music, movies, internet, banking, advertising, sports, gaming, social media and world of mobiles.

Ø IT Personalities - Global, national and local, brands of IT and communication companies, software products and brands, the history of IT as well as its humorous side of Information Technology.

### **About TCS IT Wiz**

TCS IT Wiz, a 'knowledge Initiative' started in 1999, is the biggest inter-school IT Quiz in India for students of class 8-12. The quiz aims to build awareness and emphasize the importance of IT skills, and enable students look at technology through an innovative perspective. In today's society and economy, IT plays an integral role and is a key enabler for success in diverse fields. The quiz platform works as an effective supplement to the computer science and IT field, as most of the questions researched for the quiz are beyond the academic areas, compelling the students to look beyond the text books. The quiz works as an alternate learning tool for students in an outside classroom environment. As a pioneer in the field of IT quizzing, the TCS IT WIZ has brought a paradigm shift in the world of quizzing with a mix of intelligent and interesting questions, as well as the introduction of new technology concepts such as software based rounds, gamification and animation. You can also follow us on Twitter: @TCSITWiz