

HT-PACE INQUIZITIVE

# Sanskriti School wins annual inter-school quiz

The runners-up were Modern School, Barakhamba, and Mother's International

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**NEW DELHI:** Rousing drum rolls, spirited cheers, a riot of colourful banners and energetic dancers set the mood for the 19th edition of the Hindustan Times-PACE annual quiz, Inquizitive 2019, here on Thursday morning.

As the quizzers racked their brains to crack the preliminary round and make it to the final, the Talkatora Indoor Stadium, which was the venue, reverberated with the vigorous energy displayed by their cheerleading counterparts.

The quizmaster, Rajiv Makhni, fitted perfectly into the mood as he engaged the audience and the participants with charisma and robust humour.

More than 350 teams from schools across Delhi-NCR participated in the preliminary round, which helped identify the six finalists – Delhi Public School, Noida; Modern School, Barakhamba Road; Springdales School, Dhaua Kuan; Convent of Jesus and Mary (CJM), Bangla Sahib Lane; Mother's International School, Sri Aurobindo Marg, and Sanskriti School, Chanakyapuri.

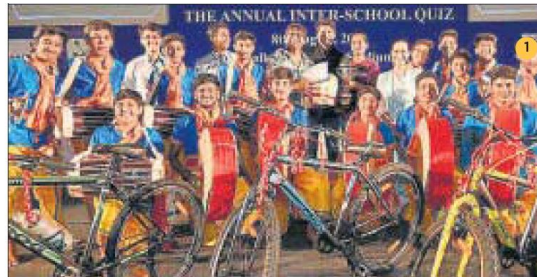
The quiz that ran into six rounds touched upon subjects such as history, current affairs, science, politics, music, entertainment, gadgets and sports.

Among the guests at the event, Sukumar Ranganathan, editor-in-chief of Hindustan Times, shared with the participants how his quizzing experience landed him his first job in journalism after he graduated from business school. He also quizzed the members of the audience. One of his questions was what has UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson promised to deliver by October 31, 2019?

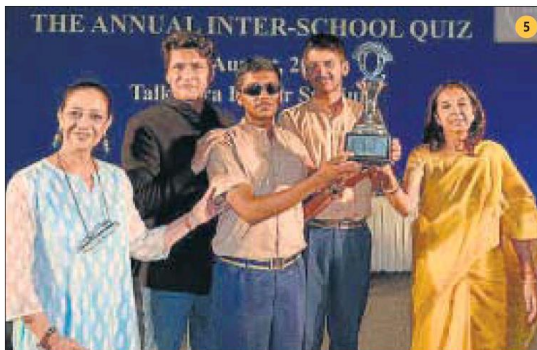
When a student answered that it was Brexit, the editor explained that it was a portmanteau word (that combines the words Britain and Exit). He then asked a related question about which famous English author had first used portmanteau words (Answer: Lewis Carroll)

On the stage, the teams waged a battle that ran neck-and-neck until the final round. The duo from Sanskriti School, Chanakyapuri, Srijay Raj and Prakash Kumar, emerged the winners while Modern School, represented by Arjun Khanchandani and Rijul Ganju, secured the second position.

There was a tie for the third position



1. The team from Mount Abu Public School, Rohini, with the award for the Best Cheerleading Team at the HT-PACE Inquizitive event on Thursday. 2. (From left, top row) Teams from DPS Noida, Springdales School-Dhaua Kuan, Convent of Jesus and Mary, Mother's International, Modern School-Barakhamba Road and winners Sanskriti School with quizmaster Rajiv Makhni 3. Quizmaster Rajiv Makhni with the contestants. 4. A cheering squad during the preliminary round 5. The winners from Sanskriti School, Chanakyapuri, with Anita Kaul Basu, director, Tree of Knowledge; Makhni and Annapoorna Sehgal, head-education, HT Media Ltd.



between three teams – DPS, Noida; Springdales, Dhaua Kuan and Mother's International. Samar Veer and Sibaditya Pal of Mother's International came third after the tie-breaker.

The winning team said, "This was the first time we were quizzing and it feels fantastic to have won. Although we did not answer any question in the last round – there was a little bit of luck on our side. The CJM team performed really well towards the end and that is partially how

wewon".  
Khanchandani said, "Since Modern School has won twice or thrice in the last five years at this quiz, there were high expectations this time as well. We lost by a very small margin and we'll be back stronger next year!"

Jai Khanna and Pranav Dhar from DPS Noida; Sparsh Goyal and Kiran Pande from Springdales, Dhaua Kuan, and Vidula Vohra and Shreya Srikti from CJM won the consolation prizes.



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The Best Cheerleading Team award was bagged by Mount Abu Public School, Rohini, while the Best Banner prize went to Little Flowers Public Senior Secondary School, Shivaji Park, Shahdara. Their entry was based on the theme Water conservation and life's preservation.

The winners received trophies, certificates, tablets, laptops and bicycles.

Describing Inquizitive as "the most energetic, vociferous and incredible inter-school quiz in the country, quizmaster Makhni said, "This year, we raised the standard of the questions in accordance with the extremely high quizzing levels prevailing across the country. Inquizitive is an excellent platform for schools. The energy level of students is so high and the dazzling atmosphere they create is so magical that this event can be described as the rock star among inter-school quizzes."

Annapoorna Sehgal, head-education, HT Media Ltd., said, "With today's quiz, we begin the countdown for the 20th edition. For me, it is a matter of great pride to have been able to create such an amazing legacy of quizzing for 19 years."

