

First Prize in TCS ION Final!

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When Prarthana A. V of Std 9C landed in Mumbai, accompanied by the Assistant Vice Principal Mrs. Aasha Pillai, to participate in the TCS ION National Final which was held at TCS, Mumbai on 25th and 26th January 2019, she was filled with excitement and trepidation.



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Forty students from Kashmir, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Chennai and many other towns and cities competed with one another in four fields- Reading

Skills, Financial Literacy, Ethics, Values and Life Skills and Super Skills. Declared the winner of the TCS ION IntelliGem Reading Skills Test and runner up in Super Skills Finals at the National Level, Prarthana was elated!

The finals were held under the Junior and Senior categories for each skill. A workshop on reading skills and a panel discussion on Super skills was also organized. Prarthana was selected to be one of the panelists. Present at the event were Judges and Organizers from the different organizations involved like TCS, Scholastic, MICA, Tata Trusts and Greycaps.

The IntelliGem contest was conducted at three levels. The first two levels conducted at school had a written test and an online test respectively. Uma Anand of 9B, Karan Bihani of 9D and Dhanvanth Mahesh of 10A won bronze medals in Super Skills while Ria Sai of 10 B bagged the Bronze medal in Reading Skills in the Second Level. Prarthana qualified for the National Finals in the Reading Skills and the Super Skills categories.

The Finalists from the different parts of the country had to participate in different activities for each category.

- The Reading Skills Finals was based on elocution and poetry recitation.
- The finalists for the Super Skills were involved in a group activity and had to attend an interview with the Judges.
- The Financial Literacy Finalists had to compete in a quiz contest
- The finalists for Ethics, Values and Life Skills were adjudged based on their response to situations and questions posed by a panel of judges.





The finals concluded on 26th January 2019 with an award ceremony for the 8 National winners as well as the rest of the Finalists. “Readers are Leaders,” said one of the Judges as a concluding remark to emphasize the importance of reading to the students.

The prizes were awarded by the Chairman of TCS to the winners. Mrs. Aasha Pillai and Prarthana returned to Chennai on 27th January with pride. Prarthana received a trophy for Reading skills, a silver

medal for the Super skills and a total cash prize of Rs.75, 000 along with Amazon Echo Dot, Amazon Echo Plus and books from Scholastic.



**Congratulations
Prarthana!**

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