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City to host world's biggest science festival

The widely celebrated Edinburgh International Science Festival will be on from August 30 to September 8 at Bhartiya City



Chowdaiah Memorial Hall was packed with school students, who came to take part in the TCS IT Wiz quiz programme on Thursday

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Bangalore: You may not be a surgeon, or a perfumer, or even a scientist, but here's a chance to play one and have a gala time while you are at it. Come August 30, and the world's largest science festival—Edinburgh International Science Festival (EISF)—will be in town. For the first time, this well-known science event will be held India in the form of EISF-India. Bangalore is hosting the EISF-India at Bhartiya City near Hebbal and the event will go on till September 8.

According to the website www.sciencefestival.co.uk, which has details on the EISF-India, the crowd pullers at the show are expected to be the four engaging workshops—ER (Evergreen Room) Surgery, Splat-tastic, Pongy Potions and World of

Bubbles—which promise to keep people of all ages, especially children, engrossed with almost real-life situations in the science and medical world.

In the ER Surgery, visitors can actually go through all the steps of performing an emergency surgery in a simulated conditions on a 'patient' and actual surgeons will provide details on how to go about it.

Splat-tastic will lure you to experiments involving the generation of slimes and learn about polymers, and also test the viscosity of your slimy creations on a 'splat-o-meter'; while Pongy Potions will transform you into a chemist who can actually produce, say, perfumes on the go using a fair amount of chemistry.

Children may get a real kick out of Bubble Magic,

which involves creating various interesting shapes out of bubbles ranging from the tiniest of them to unbelievably huge ones.

Over the past 25 years, the festival has been making science fun, exciting and engaging for young minds, EISF and Bhartiya City officials said.

They have planned an array of interactive workshops, live shows and exhibits, besides a science circus, an international nature photo exhibition, forensic science experiments, illusion room, smoke bonanza and lego robots, which will keep people belonging to all age groups enthralled.

Eight of EISF's specially trained science communicators will travel to Bangalore to deliver the workshops and train the local teams ahead of the event.

EISF-India is being pre-

sented jointly with Bhartiya City, in association with Art Konnect and MyCity4Kids, and is being supported by the Scottish Government's Edinburgh Festivals Expo Fund.

According to EISF, the Bangalore event could be a starting point to create and develop more science festivals across the country over the next five years.

Simon Gage, director and CEO, EISF, said: "This festival is a bold first step in our plans to present more work in India and to bring our science festival to a nation that is currently making incredible advances in science and technology."

Snehdeep Aggarwal, founder-chairman, Bhartiya City, said: "It (EISF's foray into India) will engage our youth and spark their curiosity in science and technology."

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Test of gray matter to be part of geekhood

City hosts quiz aimed at honing IT acumen of students

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Bangalore: Which company launched a tablet named Fonepad? What is the connection between Facebook, Google and the book Lean In?

Over 1,200 students from various city schools were busy answering such questions at the TCS IT Wiz held at Chowdaiah Memorial Hall, where the hunt was on to find Bangalore's 'Smart Tech Wizard'. Over 700 teams battled it out on Thursday to prove their mettle in the IT domain.

"For two months now, I have been preparing for this day. I want to pursue a career in computer science. Hence, I like to keep myself updated on the latest technology and things happening around the world in the IT space. The quiz is a platform to know where exactly I stand," says Siddharth Srivastava, who along with Harikiran, will represent the city in the mega finals to be held in New Delhi. The duo is from St Paul's English School, JP Nagar.

The electrifying environment in the auditorium justified Bangalore's status as the IT hub of the country.

"There is so much happening in the technology space. Every month we see some new technology coming in the market. It is fun to read about them. By participating in the quiz, I get to learn so much more from other students as well," says Aniketh Reddy from Sri Kumaran Children's Home, who was the runners up.

About the quiz

With an aim to build awareness and hone IT skills among students, TCS organises TCS IT Wiz every year in various cities. Started in 1999, the quiz is open to students of class VIII to class XII.

This year, the written preliminary round of the quiz had 20 questions. The top six teams from this round qualified for the regional finals.

The quiz focused on application of IT across sectors such as world of internet, IT buzzwords and acronyms, software products and brands, history of IT among others.

The final six

- 1 St Paul's English School, JP Nagar (winner)
- 2 Sri Kumaran Children Home, CBSE (runners up)
- 3 National Public School, HSR Layout
- 4 DPS, Bangalore East
- 5 National Public School, Indiranagar
- 6 Sri Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain College

Some of the participants from previous years were also present at the venue.

"I participated in the year 2000 when I was Class XI. The fact that around 1,674 tweets were sent while the quiz was on shows how tech savvy the newer generation is," said Aman Mehra, who works with an IT firm in the city. inbex@dnaindia.net

1 ER (Evergreen Room) Surgery

You can actually perform a surgery on a dummy patient with surgeons guiding you; or can even perform a blood test to determine its group or sugar levels and other things with the help of specialists. You will learn the names of various medical procedures, learn about keyhole surgery, study gallstones using X-ray, or repair a knee joint.

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Splat-tastic

You can get creative with chemistry in this workshop, create slime and learn about polymers like our skin. You will get the chance to perform high impact chemical investigations into how appearances and properties of materials can change when a chemical reaction takes place.

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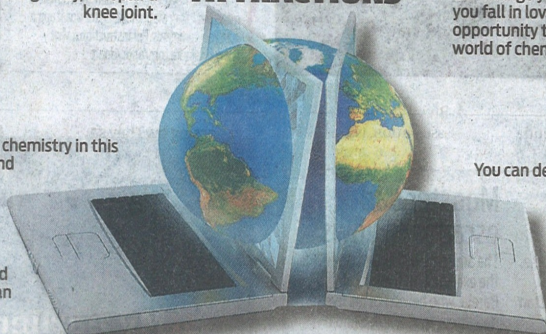
Pongy Potions

You can come out of this workshop with a perfume of your own creation. Or, try your best to raise a stink that's so bad that forces people out of the workshop—all using chemical reactions. Learn about how smells can change your emotions, even make you fall in love. This will be an opportunity to explore the wonderful world of chemistry.

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Bubble Magic

You can design and make your own bubbles and play some incredible tricks. You can even create a giant bubble and stand inside it, something like zorbing. Also find out why bubbles ultimately pop.



For booking tickets and other information, visit www.bhartiyacity.com/eisf