

An exciting day of quiz

701 teams participated in the preliminary round

Staff Reporter

CHENNAI: They raised their hands even before the quiz master could complete his question and ran behind the microphone with all the enthusiasm of youth. Quiz master V.V. Ramanan was handling a boisterous crowd of school students on Thursday at Kamaraj Memorial Hall here. Whether the correct answer was a result of some good guess work or sound knowledge of the subject, it was an action packed day of quizzing and excitement.

A total of 701 teams from 163 Chennai schools took part in the preliminary round of *The Hindu Young World Quiz*, of which six teams were shortlisted for the regional finals.


Vrshank Subramanian and Nandan Bhaskaran, class VI-II students of Vidya Mandir, Mylapore, were the Chennai Regional winners but lost in the national semi-finals. But that's not something they are upset about. "On Wednesday, around 7 p.m. when I was returning from Maths class I got to know that Nandan and I would be among the teams who would represent the school," says Vrshank. "It was an absolute surprise and with no preparation (although a week ago we participated in a science quiz) we are thrilled to have won the regional finals," he adds. The two are friends and say they played safe, making sure they did not press the buzzer if they were unsure for the answer.

The teams from Kola Perumal Chetty Vaishnav Higher Secondary School, Arumbakkam and Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan Higher Secondary School, Nungambakkam came second and third respectively.

The other teams who contested in the fiercely-fought finals were P.S. Senior Sec-



AND THE WINNERS ARE...: M.V. Muthuramalingam, Chairman, Velammal Educational Trust and Formula One racer Karan Chandok with Vrshank Subramanian and Nandan Bhaskaran of Vidya Mandir, Mylapore, who won the regional finals in Chennai on Thursday — PHOTO: V. GANESAN


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ondary School, Hindu Senior Secondary School and Gateway School. Some of the more innovative rounds included 'Multimedia Masala', 'Anything Goes', 'Click' and 'Top-sy Turvy' and teams had to frame a question or identify the person in frame or listen

to the multimedia. Questions such as 'What is the significance of the phrase and the speaker in 'Mr. Watson, come here, I want you' had even the audience jumping from their seats to give the right answer. The answer: It was the first call made by Alexander Gra-

ham Bell to his assistant. Plenty of prizes for every correct answer from the audience made sure it was a fun-filled informative outing for the students. Students who stayed till the end were happy they got Formula One racer Karan Chandok's autograph on their class note books.

The regional sponsors of the Young World Quiz 2010 are Shriram Chits, Rajan Eye Care, Balaji Dental, Crocs, India Post, Textile India, Anushka, Globus, Lotte, Medimix, Flora, Jeans Park, Mahavir Optics, Pix-delite, Reebok, Viveks and Tech-knowledge Education. Hospitality partner is Deccan Plaza; Food Partner Sri Krishna Sweets; Travel Partner Parveen Travels and Water partner Repute.

Kochi team wins Young World quiz

The Hindu's children's supplement, a generation grew up on, turns 20

Liffy Thomas

CHENNAI: From being a field day for school students who exercised their grey cells on a day of quizzing, to turning out as a trip down memory lane for a generation that has grown up reading the Young World of The Hindu, it was a birthday celebration that was special in more ways than one.

On Thursday, the newspaper celebrated the 20th anniversary of its children's supplement Young World and the 11th edition of the all-India finals of The Hindu Young World quiz.

In a competition fought by six pairs of boys, the team from Bhavan's Vidya Mandir, Elamakkara, Kochi, won the national finals. Aswin Menon and K. Rishikesh, both from class IX, were on the top of the chart from the beginning. Their research, with emphasis on reading the MasterMind quiz books, and preparation that started a month before the Kochi regional level competition, helped them as they were way ahead of the other teams.

P. Anish and Arnav Chandrasekhar of Vidhya Niketan Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Coimbatore, and R. Avinash and R. Gurudarashane of Petit Seminaire Higher Secondary School, Puduchery came second and third respectively. Sixteen regional level winners of the quiz were shortlisted in the semi-final round, where quiz master V.V. Ramanan tested their knowledge in different areas.

As part of the Young World's birthday a special postal cover was released by M.S. Ramanujan, Postmaster General, Chennai City Region, which was received by N. Ram, Editor-in-Chief of The Hindu. Formula One racer Karan Chandok released 'Forever Young,' the collector's edition of Young World and it was received by national award winning child actors Sreeraam and Kishore.

Paintings to be used for a stamp

Mr. Ramanujan announced that the Postal Department would partner in the next edition of The Hindu Young World Painting competition. The best paintings will be used for a stamp. He recalled his associ-



BIRTHDAY SPECIAL: Postmaster General of Chennai city region M.S. Ramanujan releasing the special cover of The Hindu Young World in Chennai on Thursday. The others are (from left): Racer Karan Chandok, Chairman of Velammal Educational Trust M.V. Muthuramalingam, Editor-in-Chief of The Hindu N. Ram and Joint Editor of The Hindu Nirmala Lakshman. - PHOTO: V. GANESAN



ation with the newspaper, especially Young World where he likes to solve jumbles and the junior version of Sudoku.

Mr. Chandok said the present generation was probably reading less with the influence of the electronic media. "I am from the old school and at home we subscribe to five newspapers," he said, adding that the jokes and comic pages in the Young World were his favourites.

'Young people reading less'

Mr. Ram said young people were reading less of printed paper. He appealed to the audience to read newspapers. "Whether it is print or online, it is your personal choice, but you need to be

at an advantage by reading and thus develop your potential," he said. Mr. Ram said that Young World represented a wide range of subjects and offered comprehensive knowledge.

Nirmala Lakshman, Joint Editor, The Hindu, said the journey of Young World began 20 years ago with a four-page supplement on Saturdays.

It soon became "a new world, a territory for exploration, of learning that soon became an integral part of many children's lives not just at home but also at school where teachers found that much of what went into it made the teaching of lessons in classrooms much easier."

M.V. Muthuramalingam,



THE BIG PRIZE: Winners of The Hindu Young World Quiz K. Rishikesh and Aswin Menon of Kochi pose with their trophies inside the Nano they take home.

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Chairman, Velammal Educational Trust, stressed reading for overall development.

Anjana Vasuki, designer and Niveditha Subramaniam, editor of 'Forever Young' received special mention.

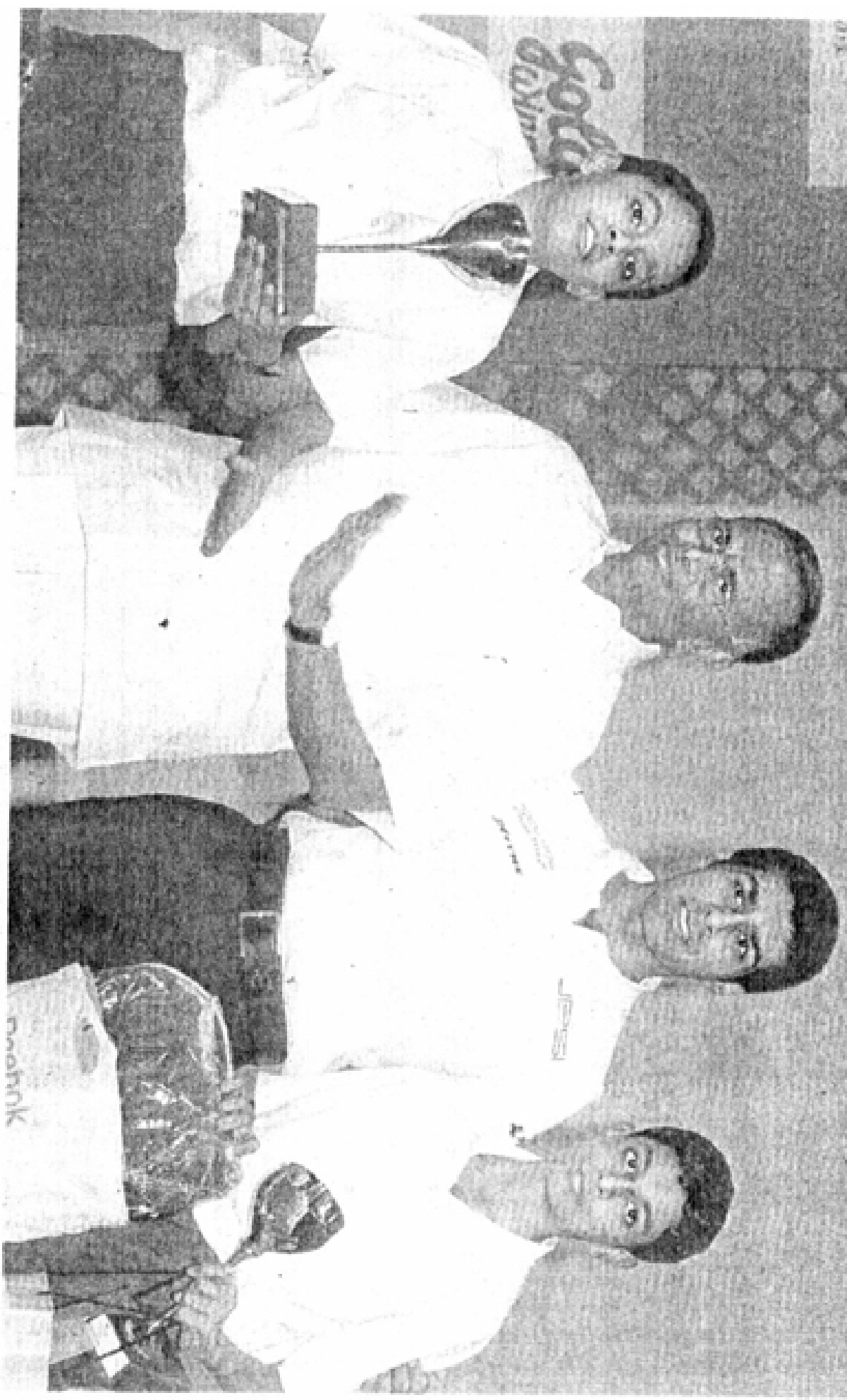
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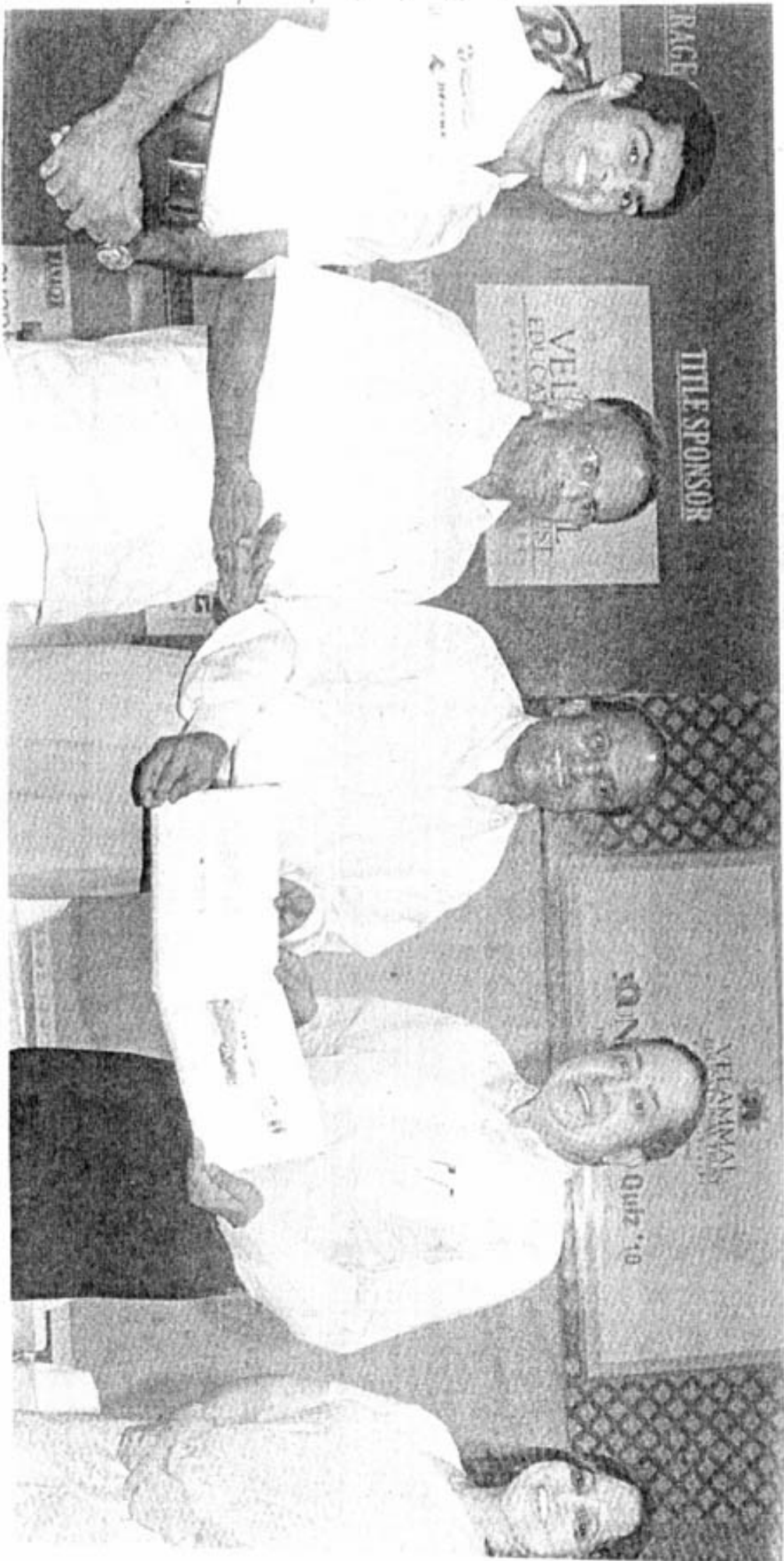
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