

R Jayakanthan from Tata Consultancy Services Crowned National Champion at the Tata Crucible Corporate Quiz 2025

Mumbai, 2nd June 2025: The 21st edition of Tata Crucible Corporate Quiz, India's most prestigious business quiz for corporates, culminated with a spectacular Grand Finale, held at the President, Mumbai – IHCL SeleQtions. **Mr. R Jayakanthan** from **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** clinched the national championship with the grand prize of ₹ 2,50,000/-*, along with a Taj Gift Card worth ₹ 1,00,000/-* and took home the coveted Tata Crucible trophy in a National Final that witnessed some power-packed quizzing action. The national finals witnessed a tie breaker round which was a neck-to-neck competition among three of the finalists. While Mr. R Jayakanthan emerged as the winner, the defending National Champion, Mr. Rohan Khanna from Barclays emerged as the runner-up.

The Grand Finale of the Tata Crucible Corporate Quiz 2025 brought together the nation's best quizzers and quiz lovers from across the nation to celebrate knowledge and curiosity. In this pan-India quizzing competition, which received over 1 lakh registrations, with over 30,000 of those being women, the winners from across the 12 cluster finals battled through two Semi-finals, and the top three from each Semi-Final competed at the national final event.

Mr. Aneek Roy Choudhury from **Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai**; **Mr. Rajarshi Chanda** from **Genpact, Gurgaon**; and **Mr. Naveen Kumar** from **Sai Mitra Constructions, Hyderabad**; progressed to the National Finals from the 1st Semi-Final. The top three from the 2nd Semi-Final, **Mr. R Jayakanthan** from **TCS, Chennai**; **Mr. Rabi Shankar Saha** from **HCL, Kolkata**; and **Mr. Rohan Khanna** from **Barclays, Noida**; secured their place in the National Finals.

The Chief Guest of the evening **Mr. Rajiv Sabharwal, Managing Director & CEO, Tata Capital and Guest of Honour Mr. Girish Kalra, Chief Marketing Officer, Tata AIA** felicitated the winner and runner-up respectively. Mr. Sabharwal expressed his admiration for the contestants, saying, "The grand finale was a powerful testament to the intellectual prowess and strategic thinking vital in today's corporate landscape. It was truly inspiring to witness the curiosity, creativity, and humility displayed by all participants – qualities that are essential for any journey towards excellence. My sincere congratulations to the champions, all the exceptional finalists, and the organisers for upholding this remarkable tradition of intellectual competition for over two decades."

Mr. Kalra commented, "This finale was a masterclass of intellectual agility and strategic depth. Watching these brilliant minds navigate questions across an endless list of subjects and events spanning centuries was so illuminating. My sincere commendations to the winner and all the other finalists for their outstanding efforts, and my gratitude to the organisers for nurturing this remarkable two-decade legacy of intellectual pursuit and competitive excellence."

Expressing joy over his win, Jayakanthan said, “I feel glad to have been a part of the Tata Crucible national finals. This victory was an entirely unexpected but pleasant surprise at the end of it all. Quizzing, as it is practiced in India, has a focus on weaving together disparate pieces of information to make sense of the world around us. It is a unique, pleasurable form of alchemy. I am very grateful to this platform providing such a pursuit. It has helped so many of us showcase our learnings and capabilities.”

Noted quizmaster ‘Pickbrain’ Giri Balasubramaniam hosted the show along with the co-host Rashmi Furtado and questioned the participants in their intriguing style. Together, Giri and Rashmi transformed the quiz into a dynamic spectacle, keeping every participant and spectator glued to the action till the very end.

The brand partners for this edition of the quiz were Tata Play Binge, Tata Motors Curvv, Tata AIA and Big Basket.

All details of the quiz are available on www.tatacrucible.com

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