

# Student of the Year: Platform for talent

The contest organised by InterGlobe Technology Quotient aims to provide a much-needed kickstart to careers of travel and tourism students who have the potential to evolve into the leaders of tomorrow.



InterGlobe Technology Quotient (ITQ) is synonymous with the global distribution system (GDS) in India and has powered numerous clients with hospitality, aviation and various other travel related services. But apart from being a leader in its domain, the technology giant is also big on skill development and shaping leaders of tomorrow.

ty Minister – Tourism, Government of Romania, along with His Excellency Radu Octavian Dobre, Chargé d’Affairs, Romanian Embassy in New Delhi, India. CSR has always been of great priority for ITQ and the company has organised a number of activities, including the refurbishment of Rahim Khan’s tomb in New Delhi, and launching a skill development with CAP Foundation for 300 underprivileged students.



In an attempt to hone budding talent from tourism institutes and launch dream careers for the best candidates, the fourth edition of Student of the Year contest was held at Ibis New Delhi Aerocity recently amongst five

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finalists. The Galileo-trained participants spoke on a tourism-related topic, and were judged by a panel consisting of Ashish Kumar, Managing Partner, Agnitio Consulting; Geeta Jain, CEO, Carlson Wagonlit Travel India; and Dr. Prof. M. Sajani, Dean, Faculty of Hospitality & Tourism and Director, Amity Institute of Travel and Tourism.

Anil Parashar, President and CEO, ITO, said, “The contest has been growing every year and this time, a total of 160 colleges participated out of which five reached the finals. Student of the Year aims to give the best talent from tourism universities a chance to acquire the ideal skill-set for a technology-first future, and ensures a win-win situation for the student, as well as the industry.”

Elaborating on the same, Sandeep Dwivedi, Chief Commercial Officer, ITO, stated, “Our idea is to give students a platform to showcase their talent and fast-forward their career. This is our annual event and since several of the participants are from different corners of the country, we would like to make it regional in the future so that more students get a chance to participate.” Also present were Cristina Ionela Tarteata, Depu-

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