

Assessments at Scale

Is Tech The Driver?

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AFMission

Help students lift themselves & their families out of poverty in a *single generation* by helping them qualify to *quality professional undergraduate courses* & develop the skills needed to build successful careers

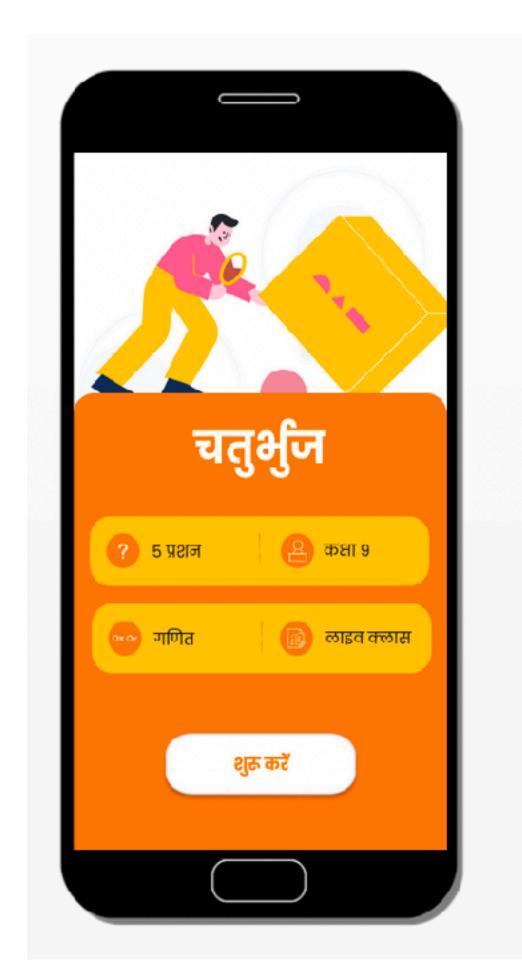
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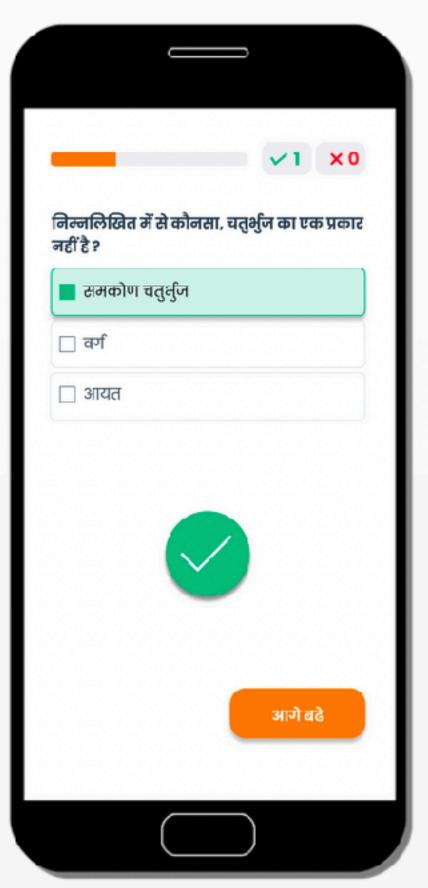
- After-school hours
- Class 11 & 12
- JNV Nodal, JNV CoE,
 TN SoE
- High touch: Teacher feedback, Worksheets

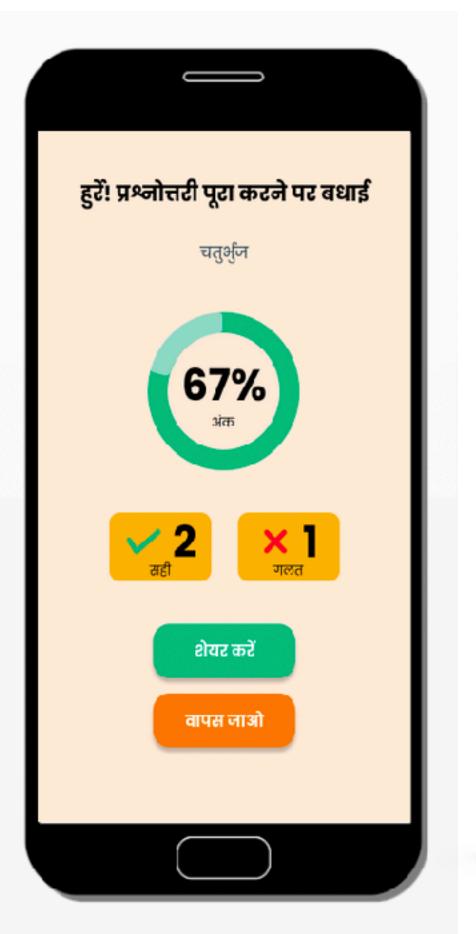
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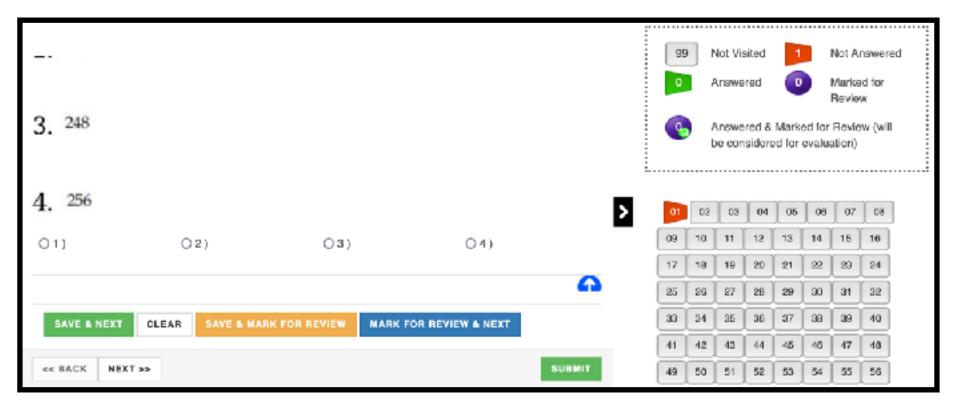
- After-school hours
- Class 11 & 12
- Punjab, Delhi, UTK
- Low touch: Free online tutoring, Tech Interventions

Quiz Engine for Assessments







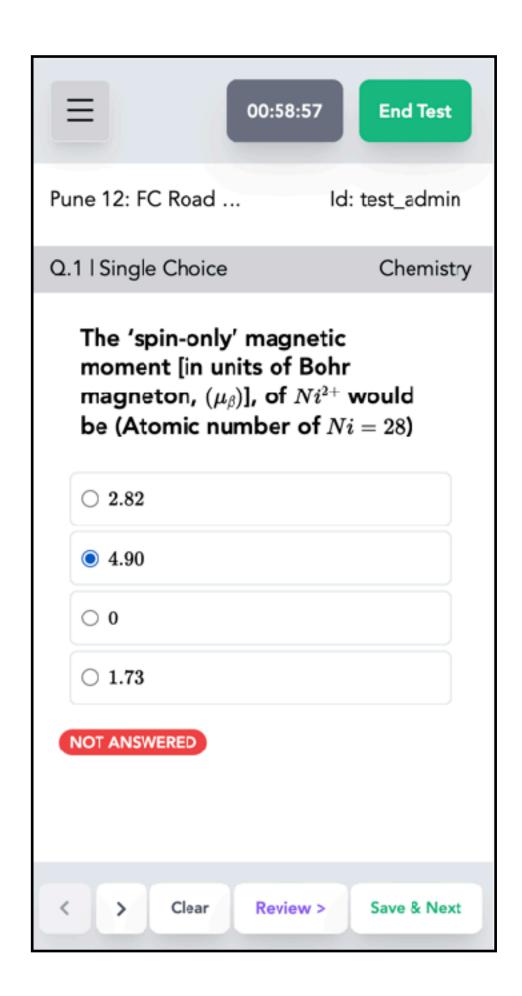


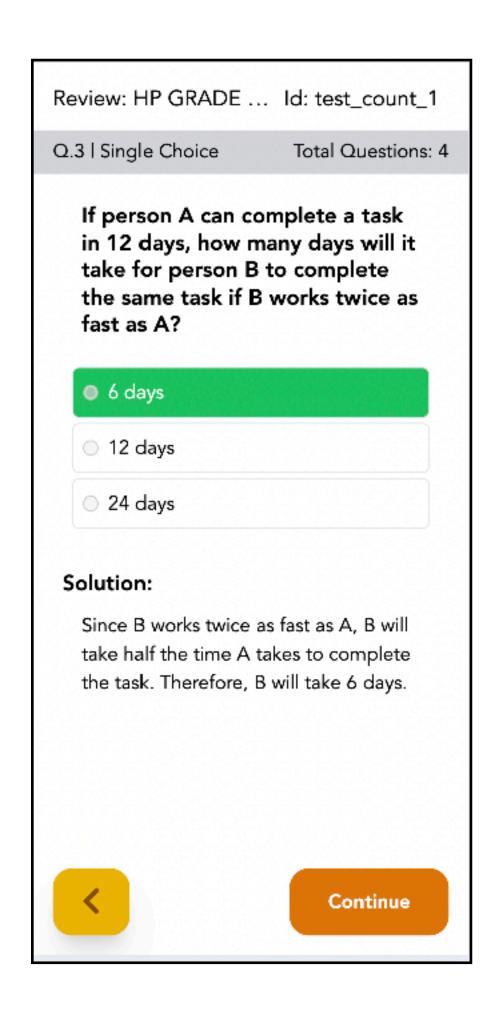
NTA Web Application with ~20 sample papers

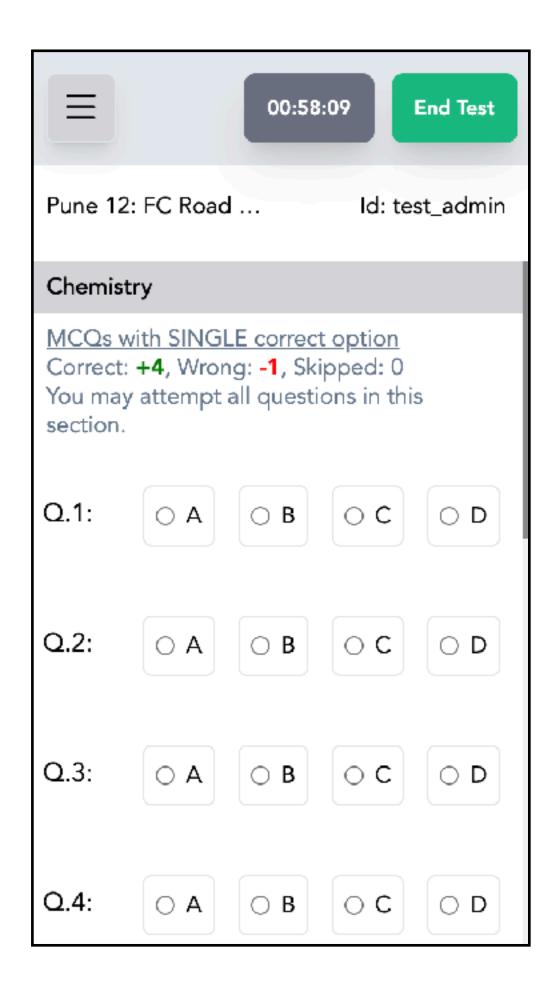
Quiz Engine is Open Source!

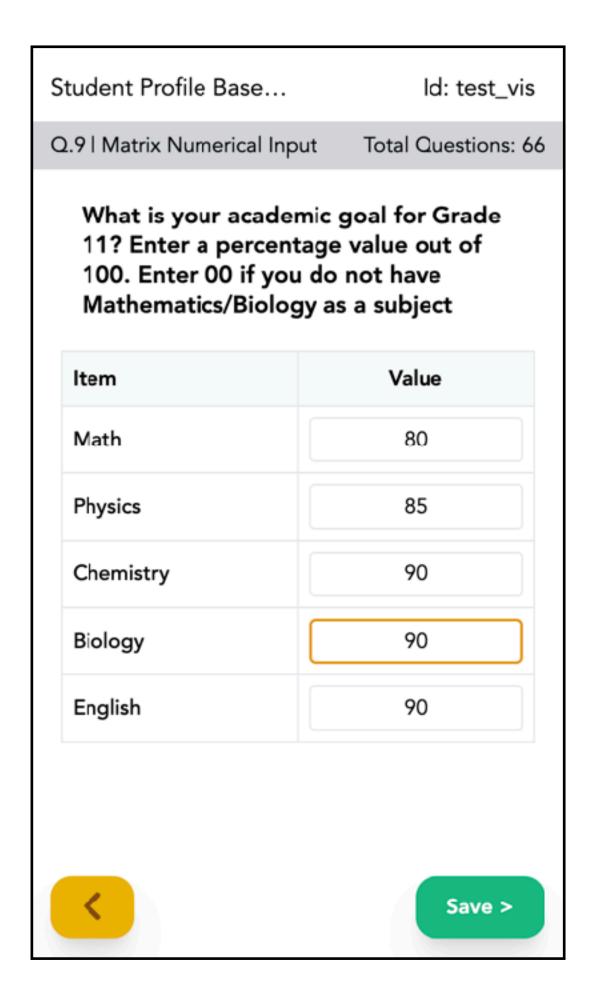
Contributions from interns we found through the Code for GovTech (C4GT) program.

Variations of Quiz Engine



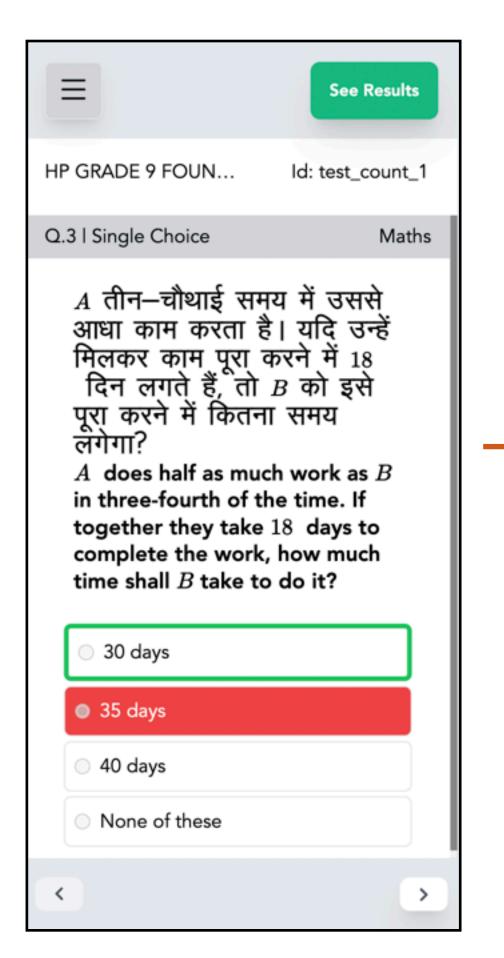




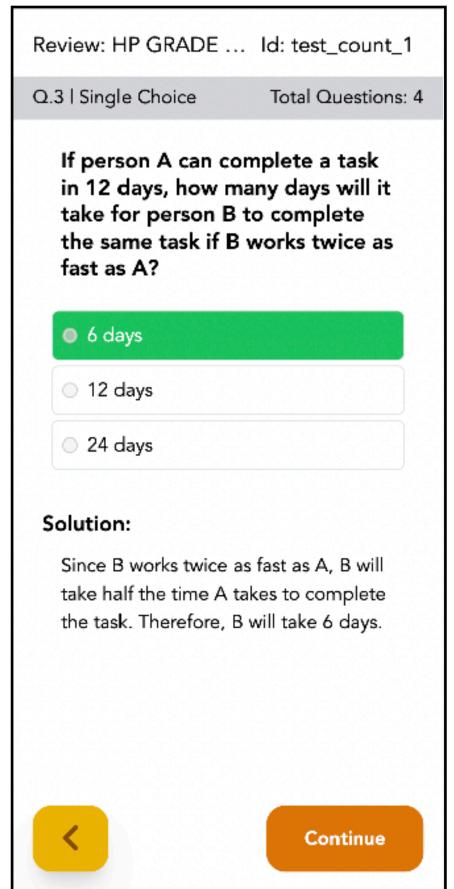


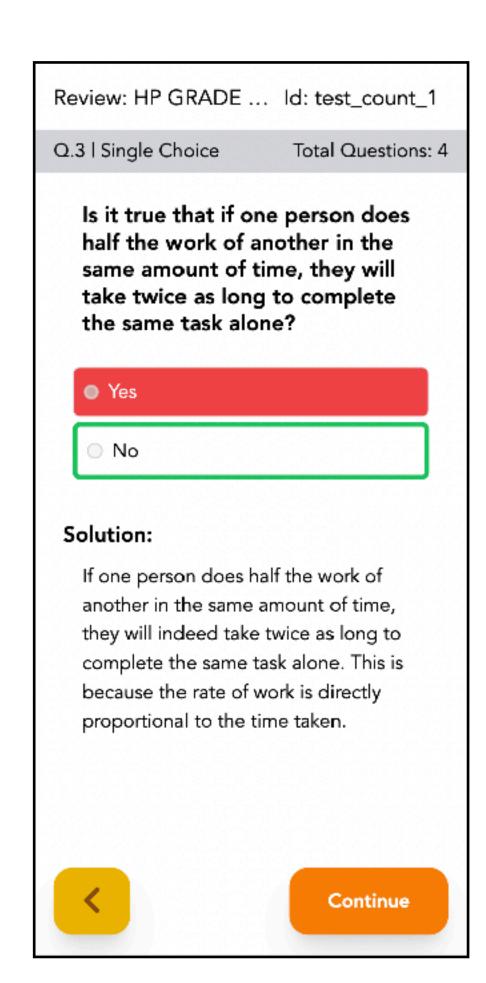
Assessment Homework Digital OMR Questionnaire

Another Variation with an Al Intervention







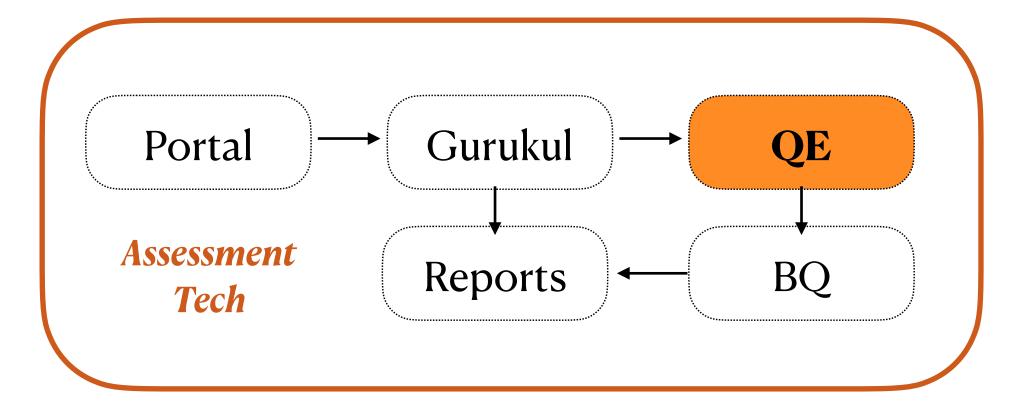


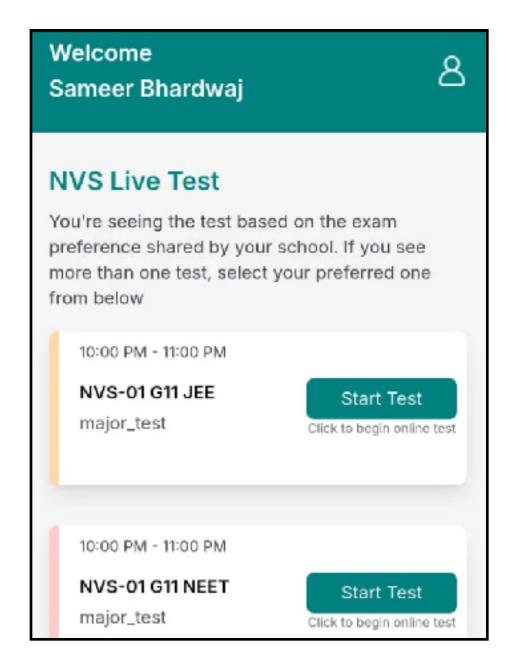
RAIL Fellowship
with Digital Futures
Lab

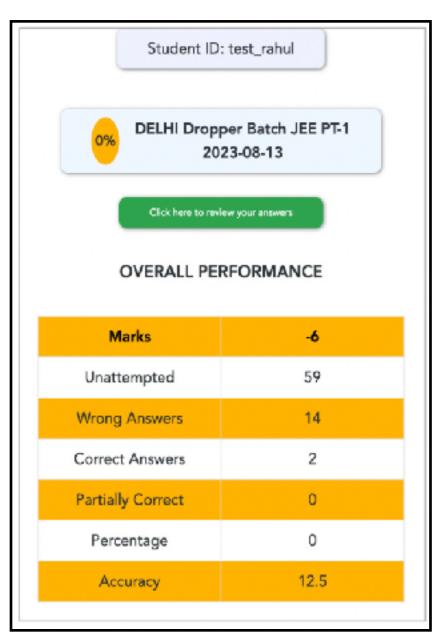
Inactive Learning: Immediately view the correct answer

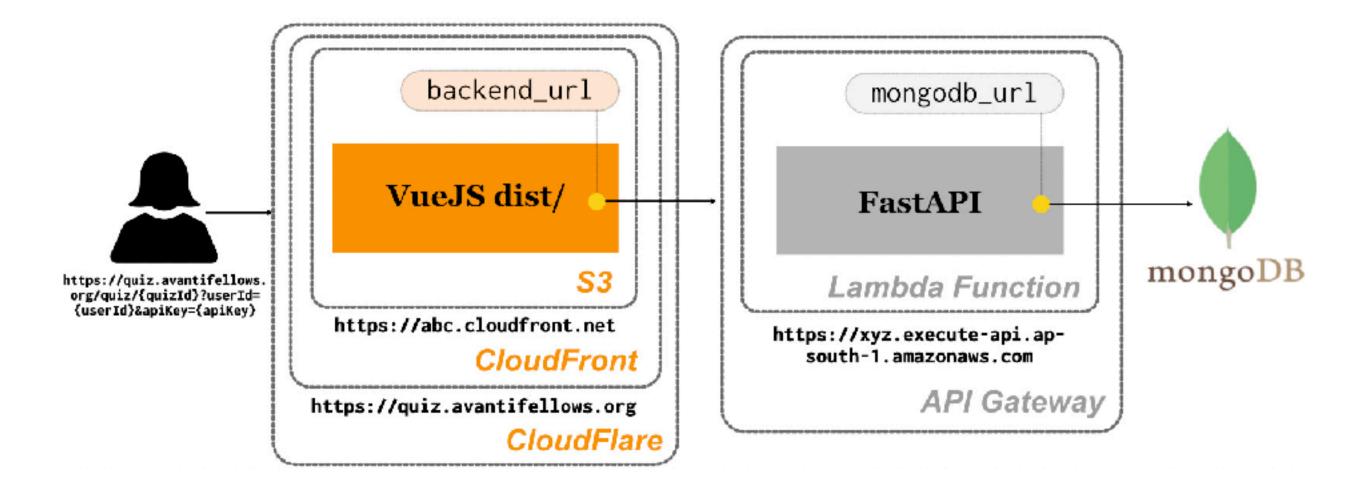
Delayed Feedback: Answer a simpler pedagogical question or a Yes/No question

QE: A Simple Microservice









Infrastructure: Lambda Function + S3 + Mongo

Tech4Dev is building Sashakt

Enterprise-grade Open Source Monolith*
Infrastructure: EC2 + S3 + Postgres DB

NVS Assessment: A Recent Example

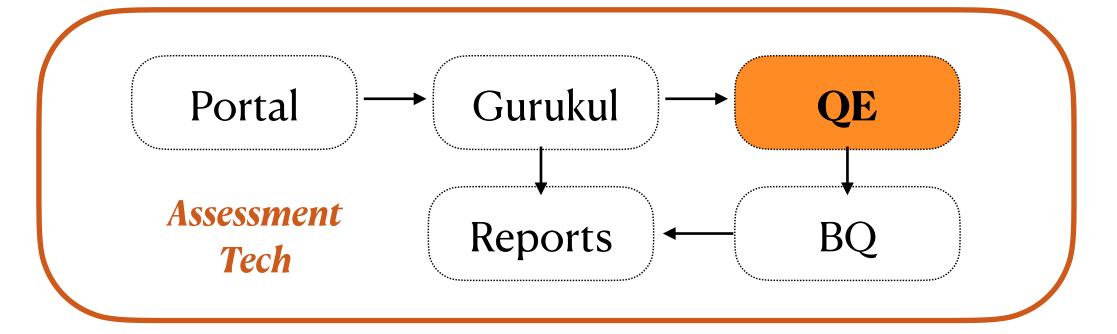
- In the previous academic year, we had **five lakh** test attempts across all programs.
- In the first week of September alone, we've seen fifty thousand attempts!
- Reason: System-wide NVS Assessment #1.
 - ~660 JNVs. Say 100 students (Grades 11 & 12) in each JNV => A total of ~68k students.
 - ~6ok registrations
 - ~50k test attempts
- Can accommodate 5x more students with the current infrastructure.
 - TN State: assessments for six lakh G11 G12 govt. school students

- Comparison: NTA's JEE Main (2024) fifteen lakh test attempts; ~50k users in a session
- Given limited resources, identifying the right set of students turns more crucial for impact.



NVS Test #1 in JNV Hassan

Did we achieve this scale solely through tech?



Tech <> Ownership

Operations

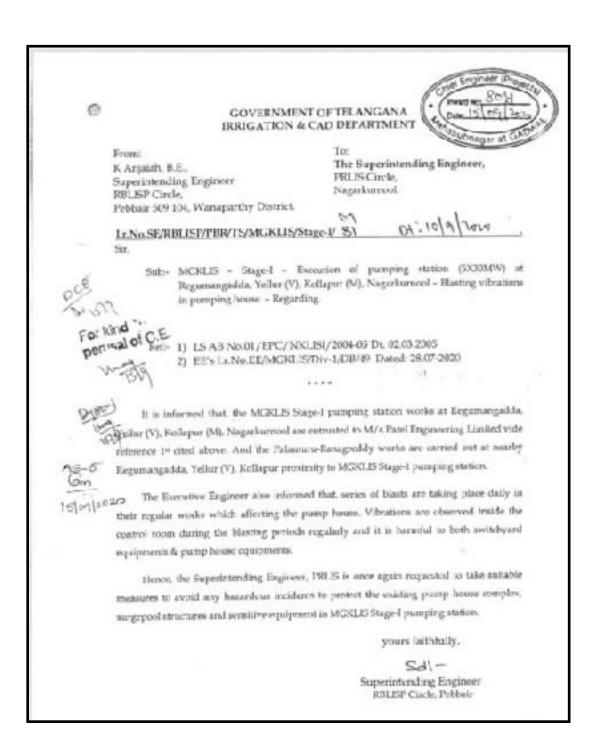
Curriculum Research
Tele calling
Product Managers
Teachers
Program Managers
Data Analysts

Tech <> Accountability / Power

Bureaucracy

MIS Data Operators
Regional Officers
District Officers
Principals
Central NVS Officers
Education Secretaries

Corollary: Is *Assessment Tech* the most important driver for scale? I think, again, no!





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- (1) Assessment Tech is simple both in its function and infrastructure.
- (2) Collaborations: C4GT, Tech4Dev, DFL.
- (3) Is tech the driver? It is necessary, but never sufficient. Operations, bureaucratic willingness justifiably play a larger role.



Thank You!

Slides available at suryabulusu.github.io