

# 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

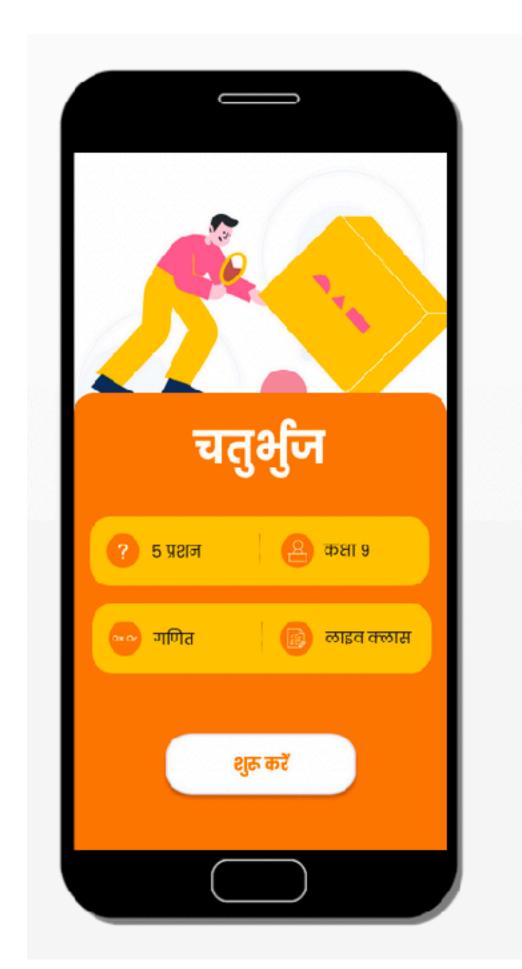
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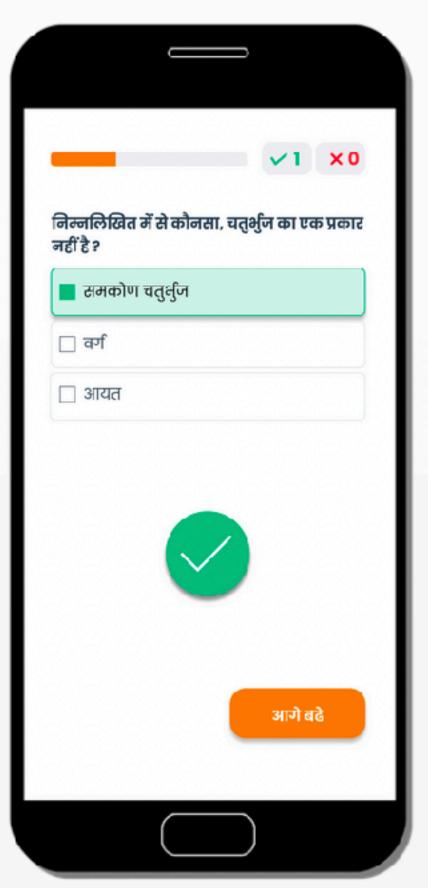
- After-school hours
- Class 11 & 12
- JNV Nodal, JNV CoE,
   TN SoE
- High touch: Teacher feedback, Worksheets

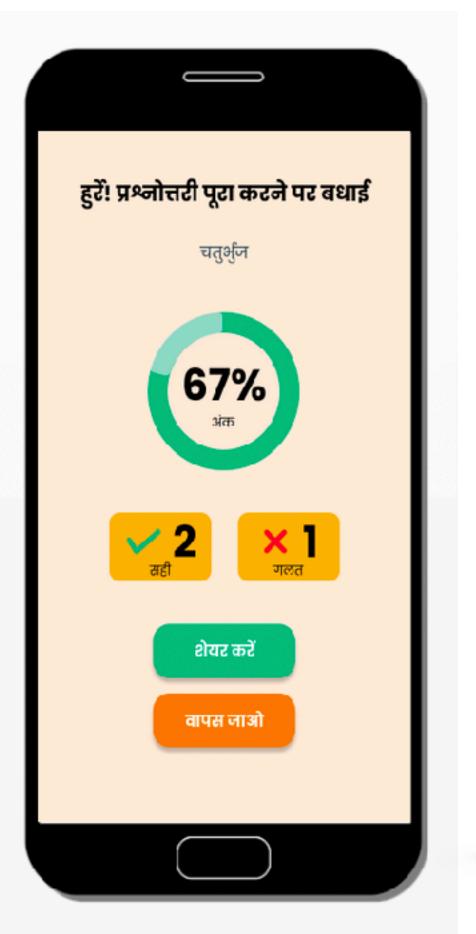
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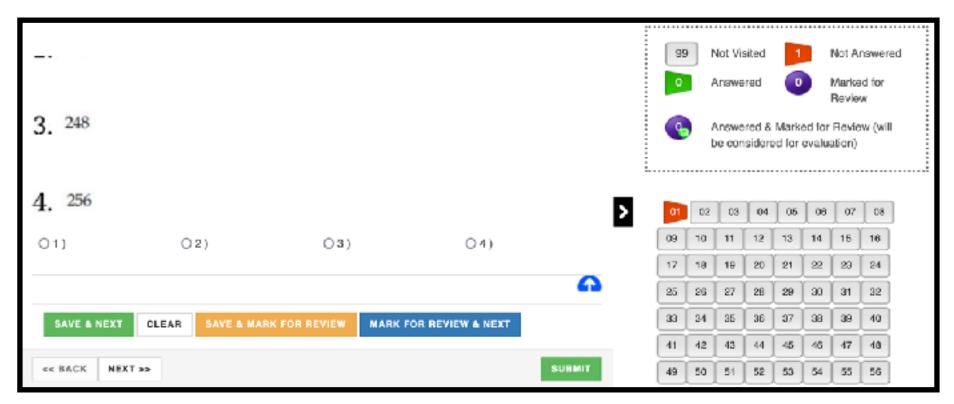
- After-school hours
- Class 11 & 12
- Punjab, Delhi, UTK
- Low touch: Free online tutoring, Tech Interventions

### Quiz Engine for Assessments







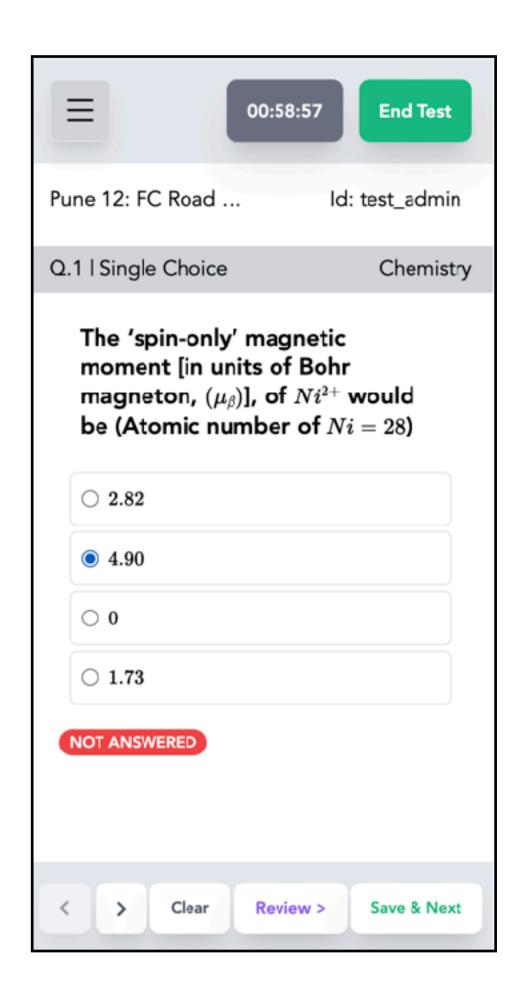


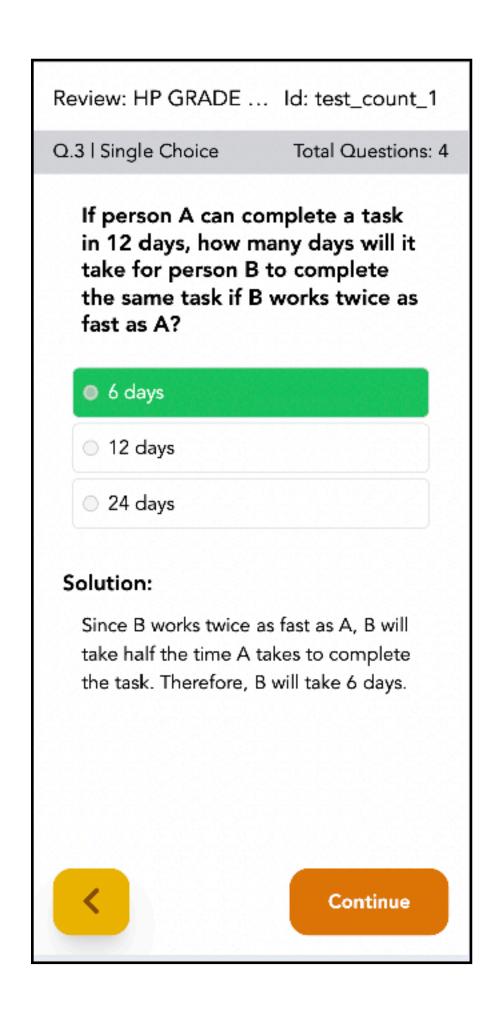
NTA Web Application with ~20 sample papers

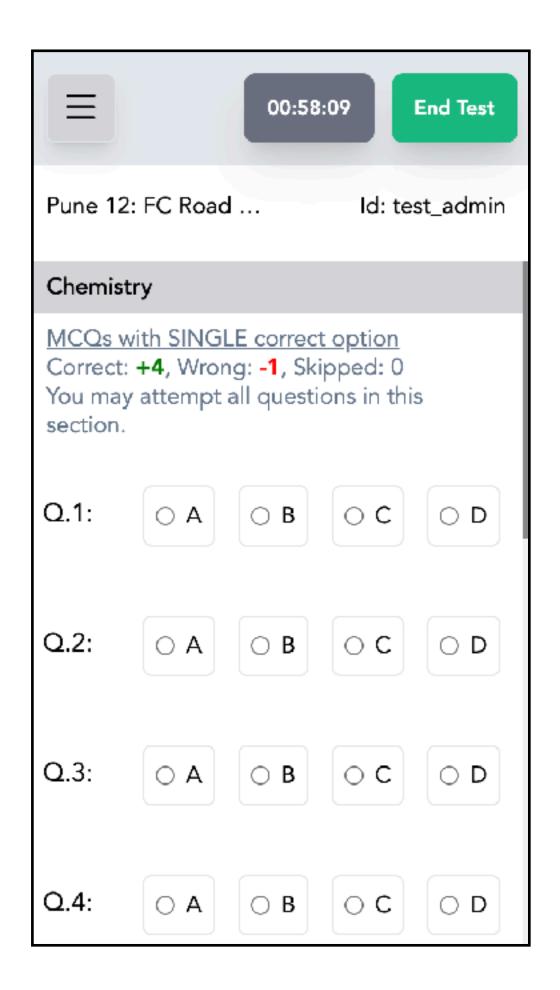
Quiz Engine is Open Source!

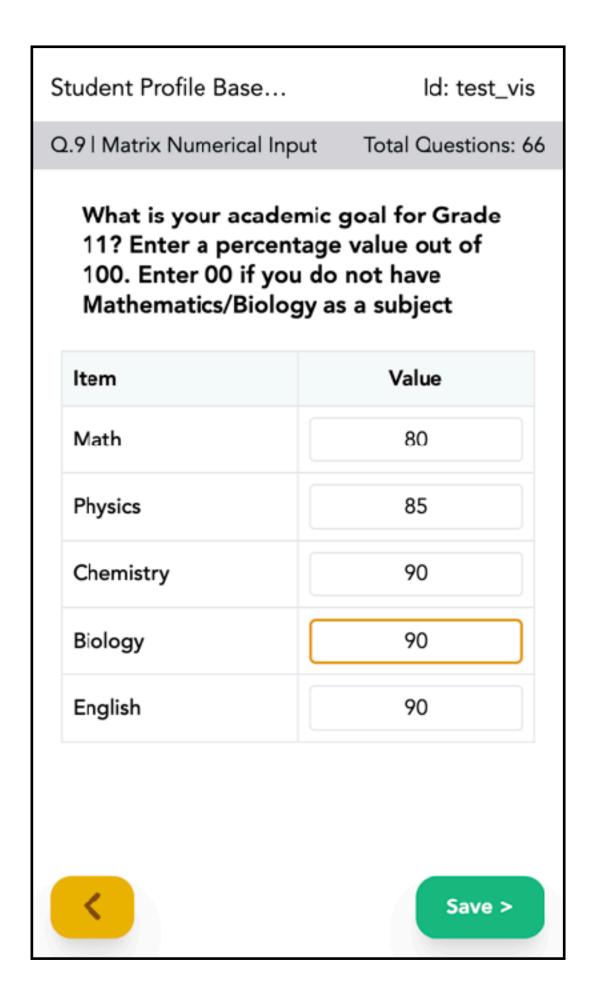
Contributions from interns we found through the Code for GovTech (C4GT) program.

### Variations of Quiz Engine



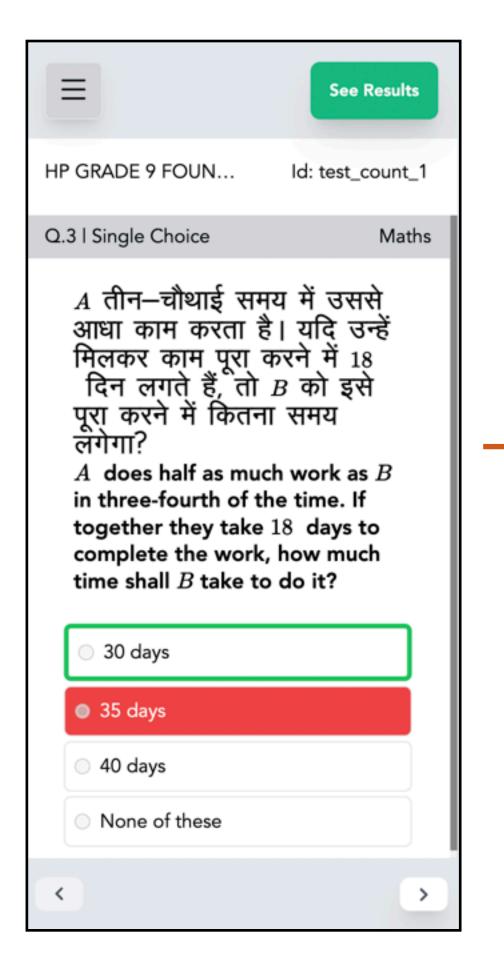




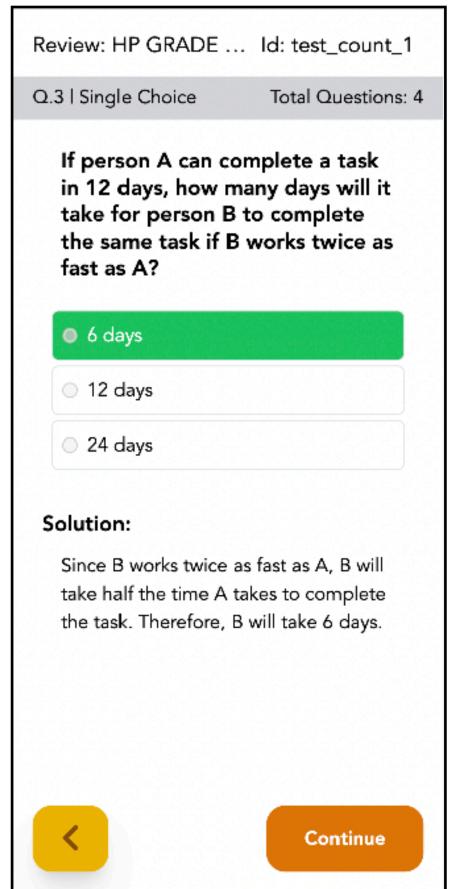


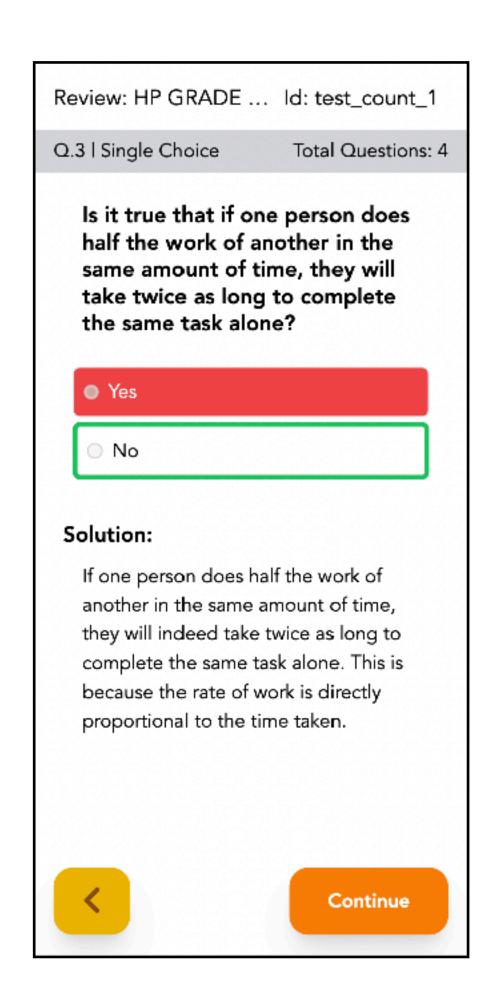
Assessment Homework Digital OMR Questionnaire

#### Another Variation with an Al Intervention







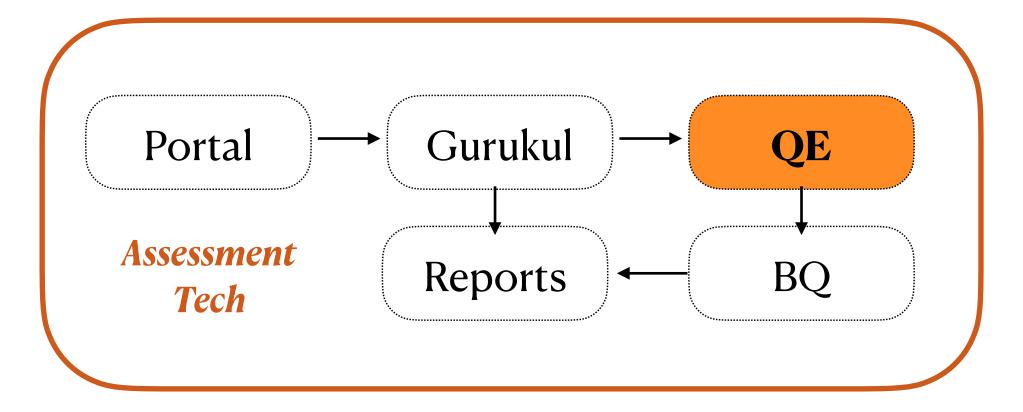


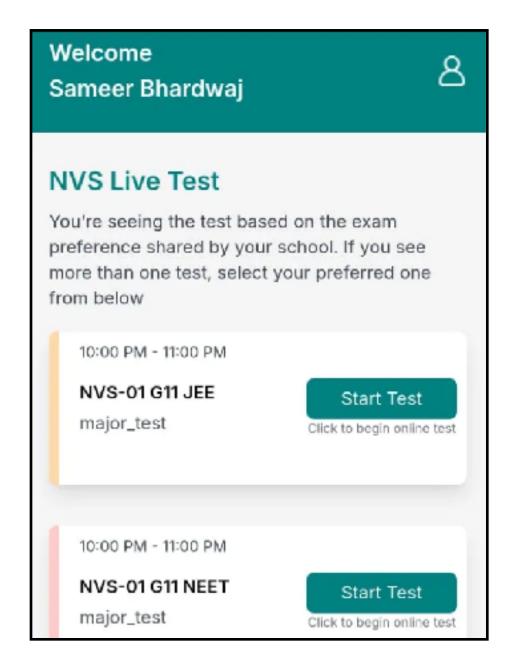
RAIL Fellowship
with Digital Futures
Lab

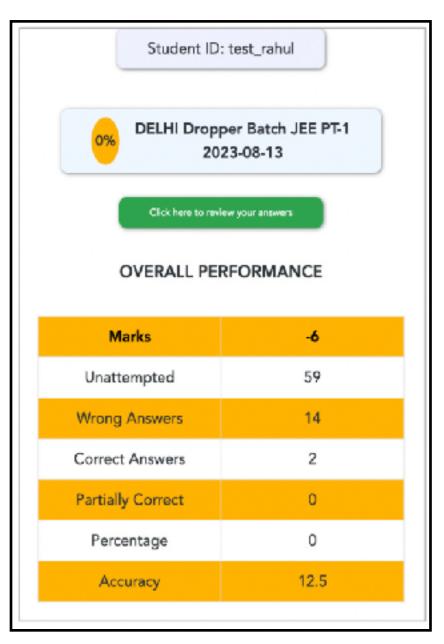
Inactive Learning: Immediately view the correct answer

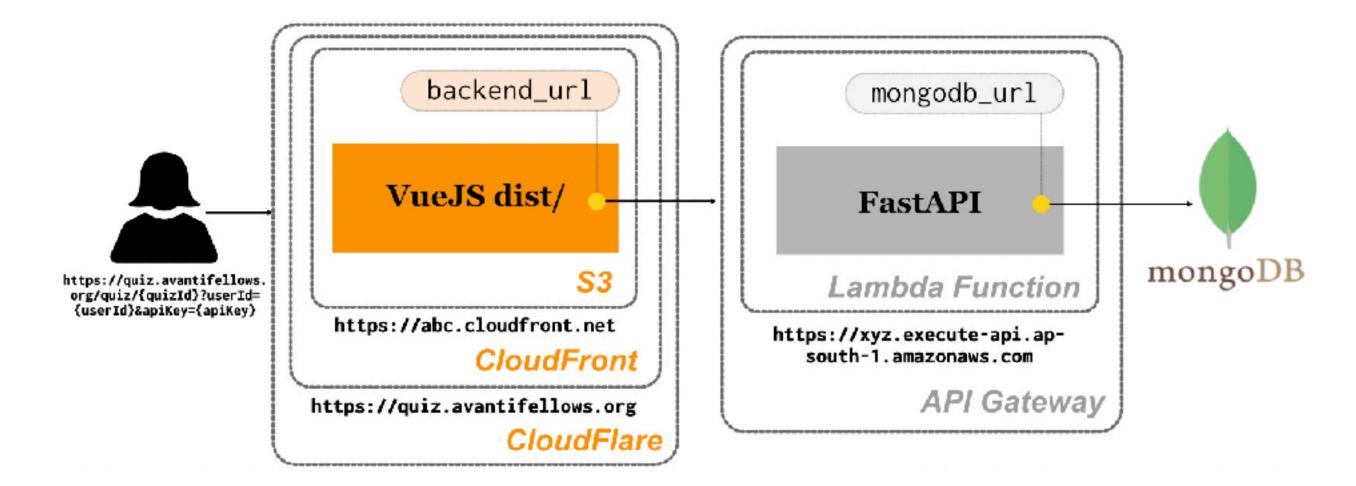
**Delayed Feedback**: Answer a simpler pedagogical question or a Yes/No question

#### 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

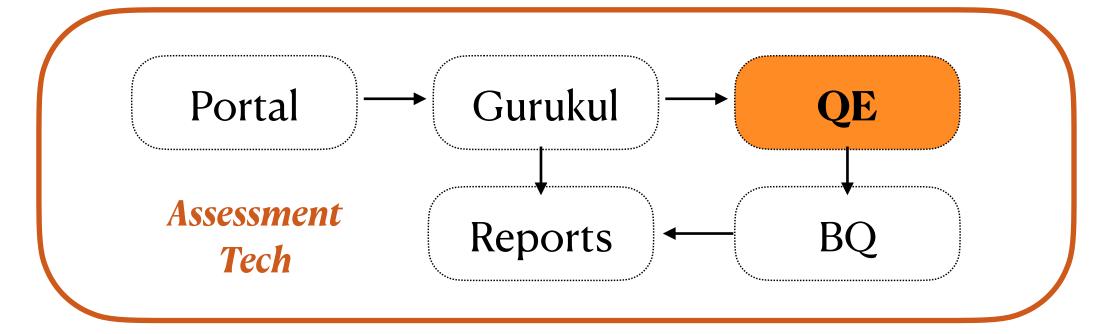
- In the previous academic year, we had **five lakh** test attempts across all programs.
- In the first week of September alone, we've seen fifty thousand attempts!
- Reason: System-wide NVS Assessment #1.
  - ~660 JNVs. Say 100 students (Grades 11 & 12) in each JNV => A total of ~68k students.
  - ~6ok 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**

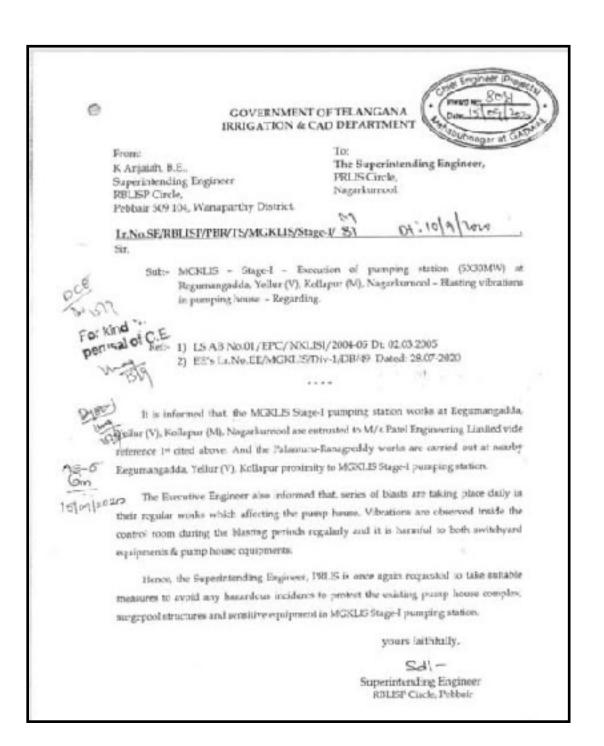
Curriculum Research
Tele calling
Product Managers
Teachers
Program Managers
Data Analysts

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