

About OLabs

Project Title

Online Labs (OLabs) for school experiments

Participating Organizations

C-DAC Mumbai & Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham

Target Audience

CBSE schools, students & teachers

Physic Subjects is try,

Biology,

Mathematics &

Classes Covered

Class IX, X, XI, XII

Duration of Project

2010 onwards

OLabs - Background

- School education in India faces many challenges
 - lack of infrastructure including labs.
 - shortage of trained teachers.
 - students come out with little practical knowledge of the concepts they learn.
- Laboratory a key component of science subjects.
 - Activities for other subjects

Why OLabs?

Problems with Physical Labs

- Limited Infrastructure
- No/minimal lab session
- Limited lab access
- Safety constraints and fragile equipments.

Others

- . Inadequate 'higher order thinking skills'
- . Assessment of experiments difficult
- . Lack of quality teachers

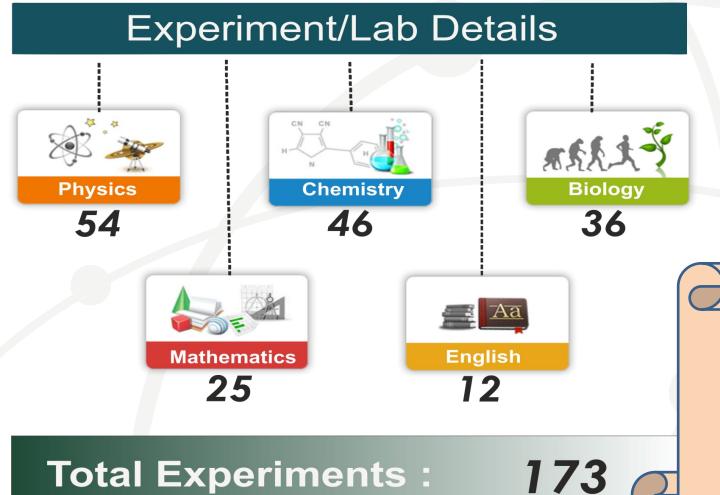
Online Labs (OLabs) for school lab experiments

- Not meant to replace physical labs!
 - But augment and amplify them.
- Virtual labs address deficiencies of physical labs.
 - Infinite repetitions at no cost.
- It provides the ease and convenience of conducting experiments over the internet.
- Aimed to bridge the constraints of geographical distances and time.

Technology can expand the boundaries of a physical Lab

- Events occurring in large or small time
 windows can be simulated
 - Demonstrating lifecycle of Mosquito.
- Invisible objects can be 'made visible'
 - Sensing magnetic field intensity.
- Things impossible to perform in real labs
 - behaviour of simple pendulum in atmosphere of Jupiter, etc.
- Offers tremendous scope for open-paced learning, to account for varying learner profiles

Olabs: What we have now



Classes:

- IX
- X
- XI
- XII

• हिंदी

- English
- മലയാളം
- मराठी

Salient Features

interactive simulations with real world behaviour.

Students can Explore, Conduct and Repeat at their own pace. Includes features such as recording observations, plotting graphs, calculations, etc which enhance the overall learning experience.

Experiments/activities aligned to CBSE curriculum.

Available for free web-based access on http://www.olabs.edu.in/.

Offline version (Live DVD & Windows installer) are available on request.

Contents of a Lab

Each experiment as sections covering following:

- Theory conceptual background of the experiment, concepts, related laws, proofs, principles, etc.
- Procedure detailed steps for conducting the experiment in the online & actual lab environment.
- **Animation** for teacher's demonstration of the experiment in the class or in the laboratory.
- **Simulation** a simulated laboratory environment with necessary apparatus to conduct the experiment online.
- Viva Voce Questions on related lab for self-assessment



Snippets from Review Report by **NCERT**

Chemistry:

1. All 46 resources in different section are completely acceptable to be included as e-content on different portal operated by

NCERT.

2. We are also looking forward to for sin (3 experiments) and experiment), which is relevant and created to support experiential learn students.

Mathematics

Among 25 resources in different section are acceptable to be included as e-content on different portal operated by NCERT.

2. We are also seeking such material for senior

English:

- 1. The content developed can be supported with more examples
- 2. Some more activities in simulations can be incorporated for practice by students.
- 3. All the e-content is satisfactory to be included in various portals maintained by NCERT

mathematics.

- h is to increase the number of
- s) in each section so that problems for practice.

Biology:

- 1. Among 36 contents in different section, all resources are completely acceptable to be included as e-content on different portal operated by NCERT.
- 2. It is suggested that important vocabulary should be included wherever it is applicable. Also, new terms should be incorporated and mentioned in separate section from each experiment.

1. Among 42 contents in different section, 41 resources are completely acceptable to be included as e-content on different portal operated by NCERT.

2. One you tube link written as cross-check (either for link or video) is showing error. If provided alternative or correct (playable link) then it can also be included as e-content. If this video is not available for mass then it can be excluded.

Effective usage of OLabs in your school – suggestions for teachers

- Minimally, use it for demonstration in class
 - To prepare students for the physical lab
 - To reflect on the activities performed in the lab
- Can get more by ensuring students are actively involved in the activity.
 - Active learning strategies can be interleaved with usual lecture
 - As Homework Give inquiry-based activities
- Encourage self-evaluation using "Viva-Voce" section of each lab.

Proposed Active Learning Strategy for OLabs

Recommended time: 5-15 min

Step1: Observe

- Show animation/simulation
- Pause animation/simulation



Step2: Do Activity

- Predict Outcome OR
- Calculate Output OR
- Devise Explanation



Step 3: Discuss

- Resume the animation/simulation
- Discuss
- Predict Outcome Ask students to make prediction:
 "What will happen if ..."
- Calculate Output Ask students to calculate next step or output.
- Devise explanation Ask students to devise reason for process

Choose activity based on pedagogical purpose and learning objective of the Lab

Using OLabs: Scenario

- Teachers (In the classroom/Lab)
 - Explain labs before performing the practical/lab session
 - Explain a procedure
 - Demonstrate a phenomenon
 - Set expectation about a lab
 - Can frame review questions with the lab as the backdrop (after Lab Session)

Creative teachers and students can come up with many more innovative uses!

Usage OLabs

Students

- Familiarize with the Lab before physical lab session
- Try variations available in the lab
- Do revision
- Use Lab to reinforce the concepts, answer question they may have, etc.

Olabs: training and online usage

Overall training Figures

		CBSE	State Board	Total
Teacher trained	S	35349	4997	40346
Schools trained		9404	1654	11058

Registered users on Olabs Portal





Important Links

- OLabs website <u>www.olabs.edu.in</u>
- OLabs FB page -https://www.facebook.com/onlinelabs/
- OLabs Email <u>support@olabs.co.in</u> / <u>etu@cdac.in</u>
- Download Offline version:
 http://www.olabs.edu.in/?pg=topMenu&id=289
- Are you using OLabs? Let us know
 http://www.olabs.edu.in/?pg=topMenu&id=28

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CBSE/ACAD/DIR(ART&I)/2013

Dated: 16th February, 2013 Circular No. Acad-15/2013

All the Heads of Institution Affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Roll out of Online Labs in CBSE affiliated schools across the country

Dear Principal,

Online Labs for School Experiments (OLabs) is a novel e-Learning project developed by CDAC, Mumbai and Amrita University, Kerala and based on the concept of virtual learning environment.

CBSE recommends OLabs to all the schools affiliated to the Board. For Kendriya Vidyalayas the roll out may be via ERNET, which provides network connectivity to all the Kendriya Vidyalayas. This is also to inform that OLabs is a facility which is available free of cost at www.olabs.co.in to all the schools affiliated to the Board.

Regards,

Vineet Joshi (Chairman) CBSE Circular & Endorsement – Feb 2013

CBSE Circular 2016

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CBSE/ACAD/JD(SS)/2016

07.04.2016 Circular No. Acad.11/2016

All Heads of Institutions Affiliated to CBSE

Subject: Training of Teachers on Managing Online Lab Resources

Dear Principal

Online Labs (OLabs) for School Environment is a virtual online e-Learning initiative jointly developed by CDAC, Mumbai and Amrita University, Kollam with funding support from the Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India. It has been developed to supplement the traditional physical labs and bridge the constraints of time and geographical distances. Olabs is a free resource for all schools (teachers and students) in India and is accessible free of cost on the website www.olabs.edu.in. For schools with absence or limited access internet facilities, a DVD version is also available on demand.

CBSE Circular 2020



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CBSE/ Dir (Acad)/2020

September 2, 2020 Circular No.: Acad- 65/2020

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Subject: Conduct of the practical work during the lockdown

CBSE has advised schools to follow the Alternative Calendar developed by NCERT to continue education during the lockdown through alternative modes to achieve learning outcomes. Schools have reportedly started using these calendars and other prescribed pedagogical techniques such as experiential and joyful learning, integration of Arts and Sports and project based learning etc. It is also learnt that in addition to alternative calendar and guidelines given on the conduct of online classes (Pragyata), most of the schools have started using online virtual platforms for providing an experience of practical lab activities to the extent possible during this period.

In addition to measures being taken by schools regarding conduct of practical work, it is informed that a platform titled **OLabs** has been developed jointly by the Ministry of Electronics and Telecommunications, Government of India, CDAC, and Amrita University to facilitate a virtual experience of **CBSE syllabus aligned experiments for classes 9 to 12**. The **OLabs** are hosted at www.olabs.edu.in, and the access to it is free for schools on registration. This platform provides class wise experiments with detailed theory and procedure. Students can see animations and use simulation to have an experience as close to real experiments as possible. Students can also assess themselves and provide feedback.

Schools may also keep developing their own resources and explore other appropriate online platforms available in the public domain and use them only after establishing their effectiveness in attaining the desired learning outcomes.

Dr. Joseph Emmanuel Director (Academics)

KVS & NVS circulars/emails



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Dated: -06-2016. 0112/2016

E-mail/Speed Post

The Dy. Commissioner / Director Kendriva Vidvalava Sangathan All Regional Offices & All ZIETs.

Training of Kendriyia Vidyalaya teachers on Managing Subject:

Resources - regarding.

1. CBSE Circular No. Acad.11/2016 dated 07-04-2016

2. CDACM (K)/Rollout/MS/75 dated 18-05-2016

Madam / Sir.

Ref.:

Please refer to the above cited letters (copy enclosed) regarding teachers on Managing Online Lab Resources.

In this context, you are requested to communicate the CBSE cir Principals of all KVs under your jurisdiction encouraging them to depute benefit from the Olabs training programme.

You are also requested to contact Dr. M. Sasikumar. Associate Directo Development of Advanced Computing to schedule workshops to incorporate C in the workshops planned at the regional / ZIET level. Please inform this out comes / benefits of the workshops alongwith comments, if any, for kind p competent authority.

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Copy to:

- 1. Dr. M. Sasikumar, Associate Director, Centre For Development of Computing, Gulmohar Cross Road No.9, Juhu, Mumbai-400 021.
- 2. PS to Commissioner, KVS (HQ).
- 3. PS to Addl.Commissioner (Acad.) KVS (HQ).
- 4. Guard File.

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F.No.12-11/2016-NVS(Acad)

Dated: 24/04/2017

The Deputy Commissioner Navodava Vidvalava Samiti All Regional Offices(Except Hyderabad Region)

Sub:- Conduct of Online Lab Teacher training workshop for JNV Teachers under Digital India Programme-OLABS-reg.

Sir/Madam,

The Online Labs for School Experiments (O Labs) is a novel e-learning project developed by Amrita University in collaboration with CDAC Mumbai under a research giant from the Department of Information Technology, Government of India. It has been developed to supplement the traditional physical labs and bridge the constraints of time and geographical distances. O Labs is a free resource for all schools in India and is accessible free of cost on its website. O Labs content has been developed for Class IX and X in Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and English and is aligned with CBSE syllabus.

For further information regarding fixing venues and dates of the training workshops, you are Joint Commiss requested to please contact Dr. Prema Nedungadi, Director, AmritaCREATE, Amrita University, Mob.-9995911222, email is: prema@amrita.edu and Co-ordinator, O Labs amritaolabs@gmail.com and Shri Pantina Chandrashekhar at pantinashekhar87@gmail.com,

> After conduct of the said training, a report in this regard may be forwarded to this office. Your co-operation in this regard is highly solicited.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully.

(N.Uma Maheswara Rao) Assistant Commissioner (Acad)

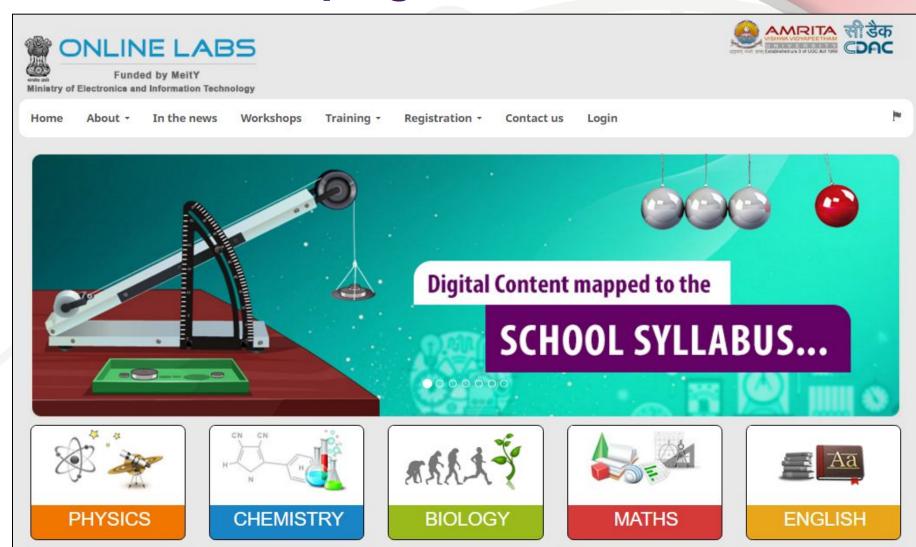
Launch of Olabs



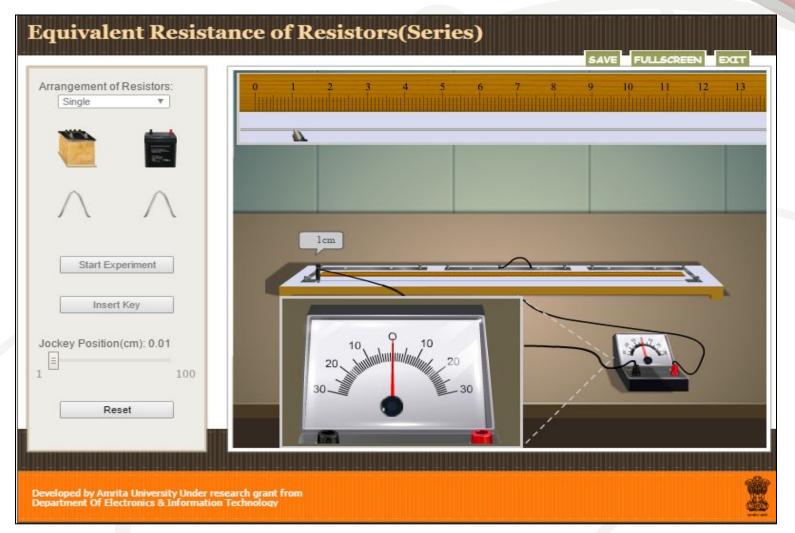
OLabs was launched during Good Governance week celebrations on Dec 28, 2015 by Honourable minister of IT Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad

A PEEP INTO OLABS

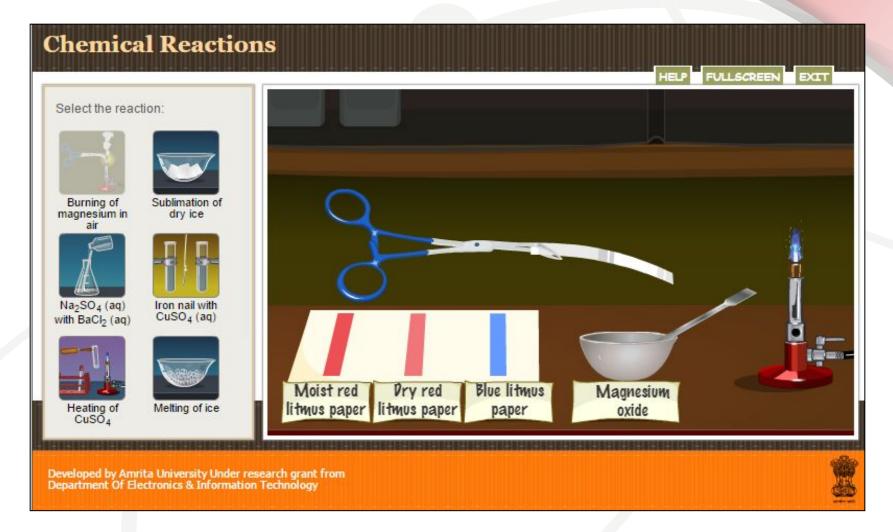
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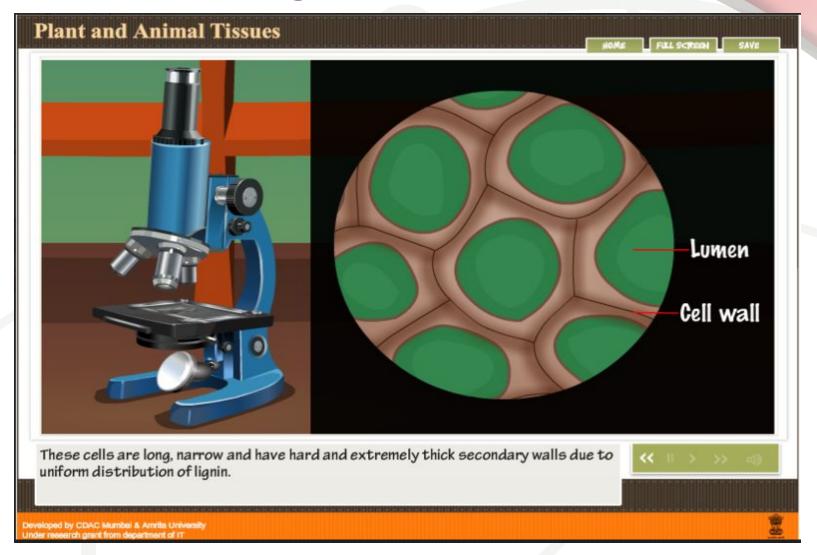
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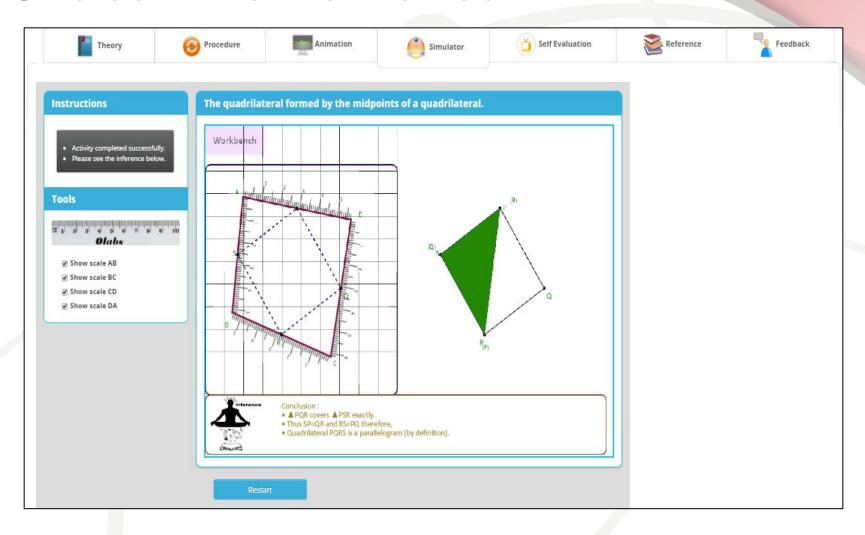
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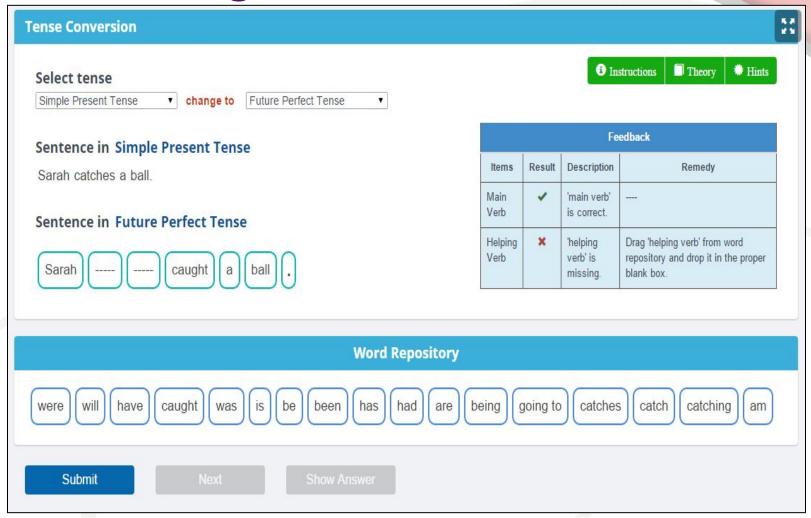
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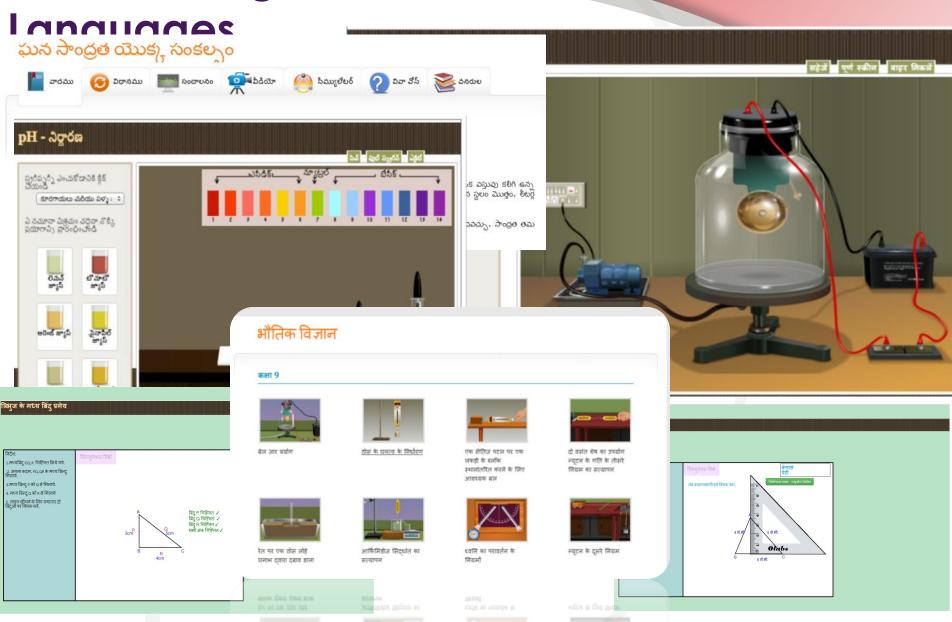
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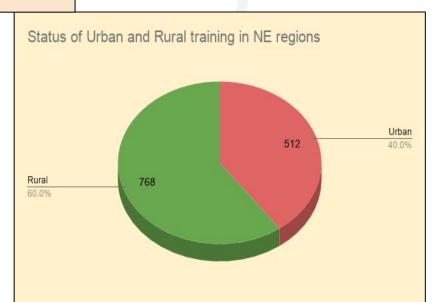


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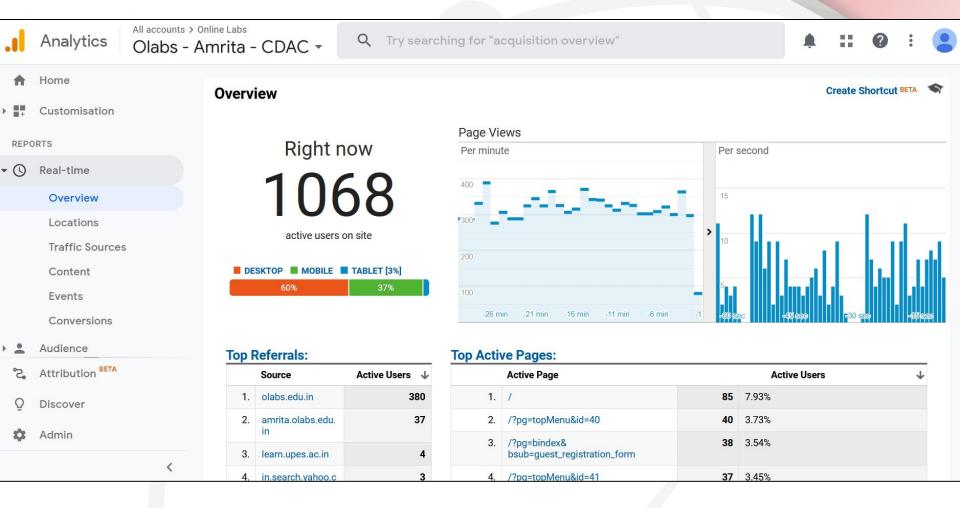
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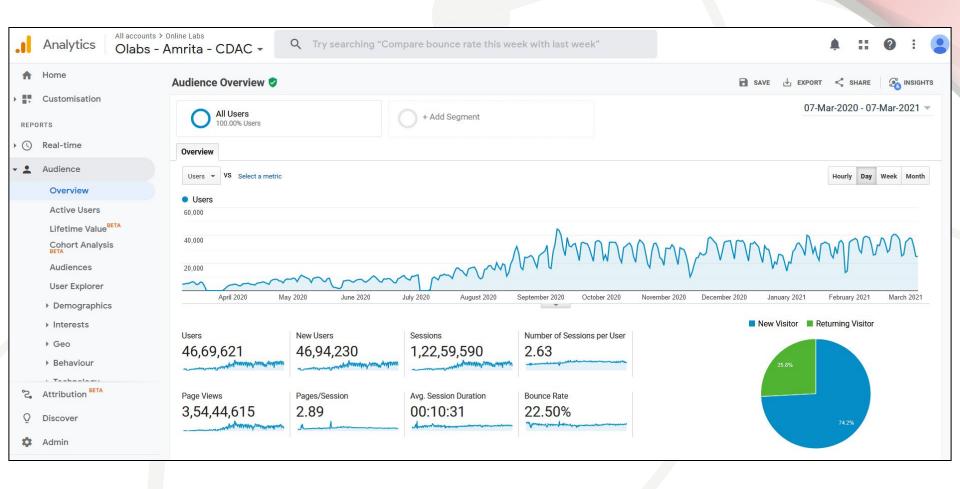
Total number of training conducted in the North East Region is : 52



Active users and pages



Audience Overview



BIOLOGY ACTIVITIES IN OLABS

Biology Labs – Class IX



Onion and Cheek Cells



Detection of adulterant in Dal



Adaptation in Animals



Imbibition by Raisins



Plant and Animal Tissues



Detection of Starch in Food Samples



Life Cycle of a Mosquito



Monocot and Dicot Plants



Characteristics of Plants

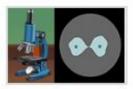
Biology Labs – Class X



Importance of Light in Photosynthesis



Demonstration of Stomata on a Leaf Peel



Asexual Reproduction in Amoeba and Yeast



Embryo of Dicot Seeds



Role of Carbon Dioxide During Respiration



Homology and Analogy

Biology Labs - Class XI



Study of Osmosis



Rate of Transpiration



Study of Plasmolysis



Study of distribution of stomata



Paper Chromatography



Characteristics of Flowers



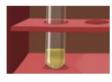
Characteristics of Dicot and Monocot Stem and Root



Rate of Respiration



Detection of Sugar in Urine



Detection of Urea in Urine



Detection of Albumin in Urine



Detection of Bile salts in Urine



Detection of Carbohydrates, Proteins and Fats

Biology Labs – Class XII



Study of Pollen Germination



Study of plant population density by quadrat method



Studies on Turbidity, pH and Microbial Presence in Water



Study of plant population frequency by quadrat method



Study of Physical Properties of Soil



Study Mitosis in Onion Root Tip



Study of pollutants in Air



Action of Salivary Amylase on Starch

Conclusion

- We are happy to bring this platform you to add value to the school education, in significant ways.
- We are working on to bring you better and more labs.
- Do share your feedback and suggestions; we certainly appreciate that.
- We do hope you will consider adopting it for your students and inform the students

