

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

- Laboratory a key component of science subjects.
 - Activities for other subjects
- 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.

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

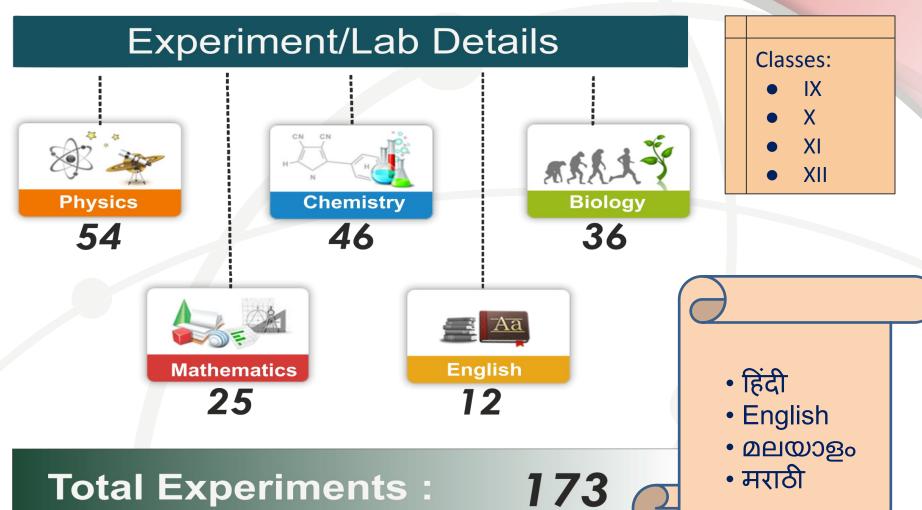
Online Labs (OLabs) for school lab experiments

- 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



OLabs Website: http://www.olabs.edu.in/

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.

Important Links

- OLabs website www.olabs.edu.in
- OLabs FB page https://www.facebook.com/onlinelabs/
- OLabs Email support@olabs.co.in / etu@cdac.in

Download Offline version
 http://www.olabs.edu.in/?pg=topMenu&id=289

Are you using OLabs? Let us know
 http://www.olabs.edu.in/2pa=topMenu&id=288

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

All the Heads of Institutions affiliated to CBSE

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

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

Madam / Sir.

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).
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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



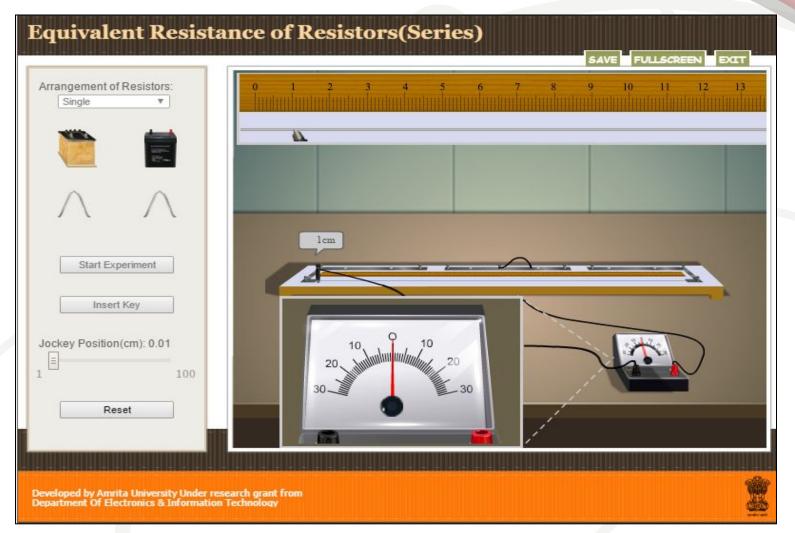
OLabs was launched during Good Governance week celebrations on Dec 28, 2015 by Honourable minister of IT Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad

A PEEP INTO OLABS

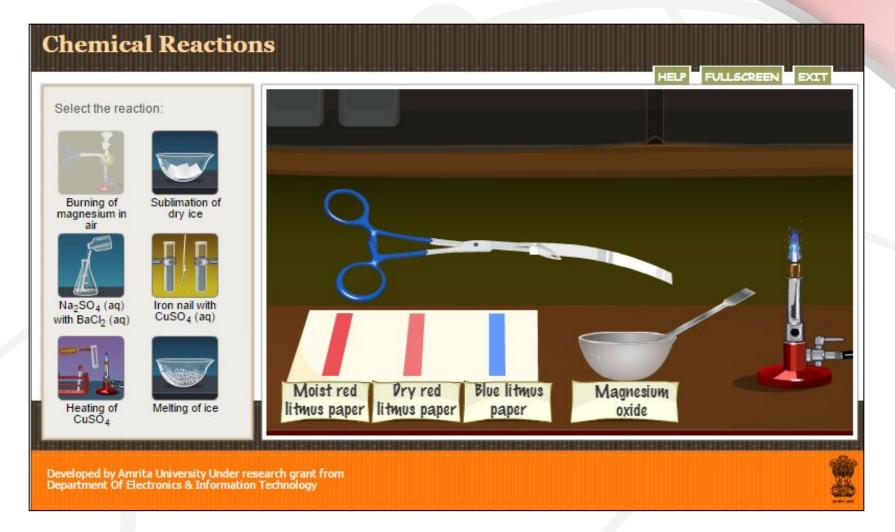
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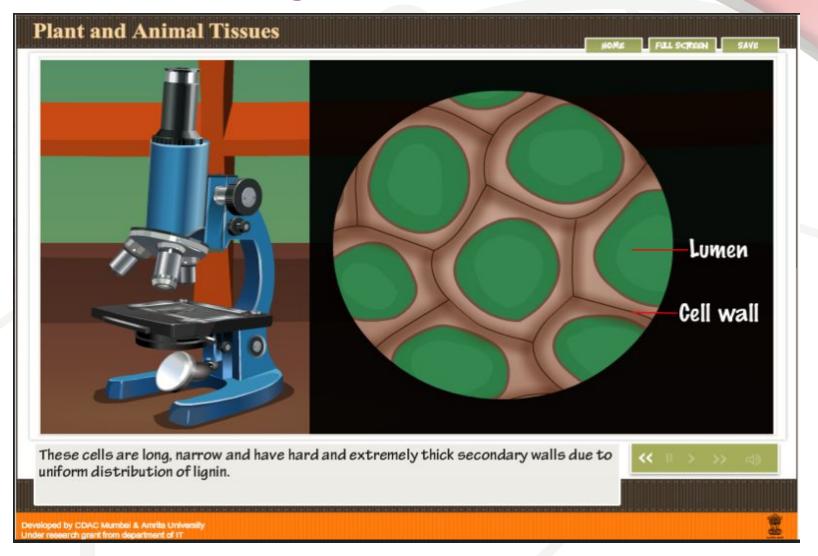
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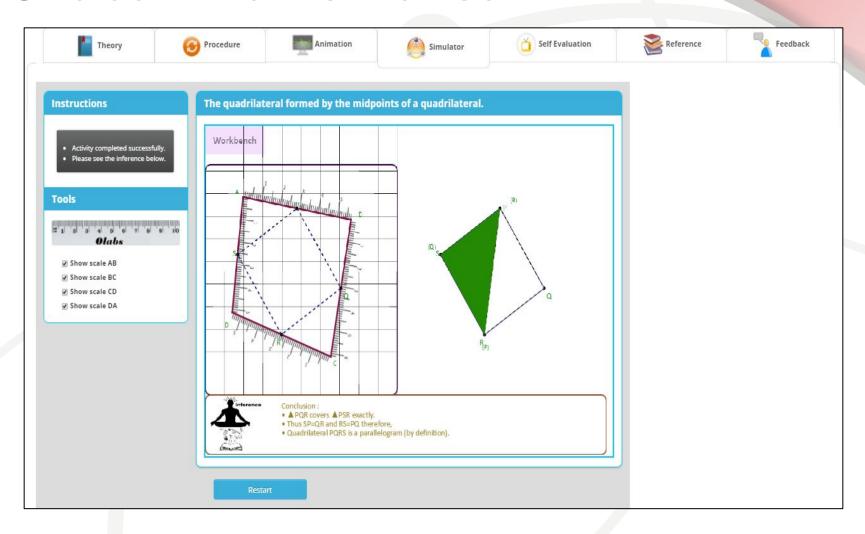
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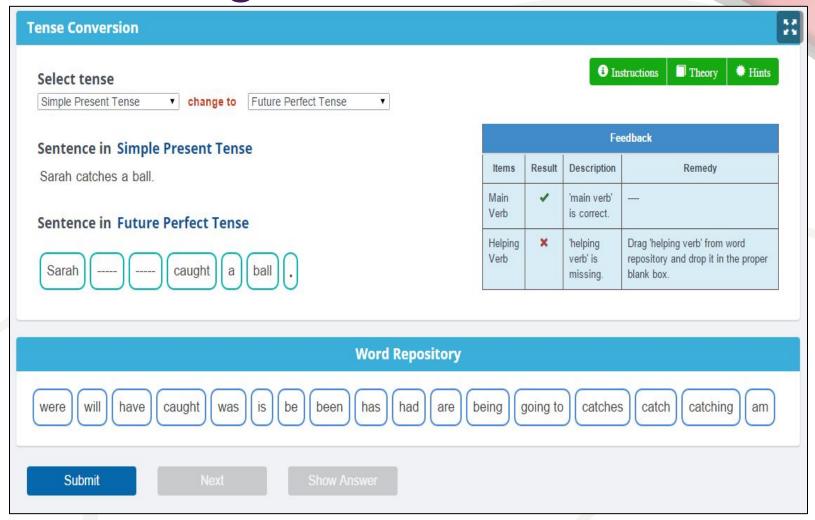
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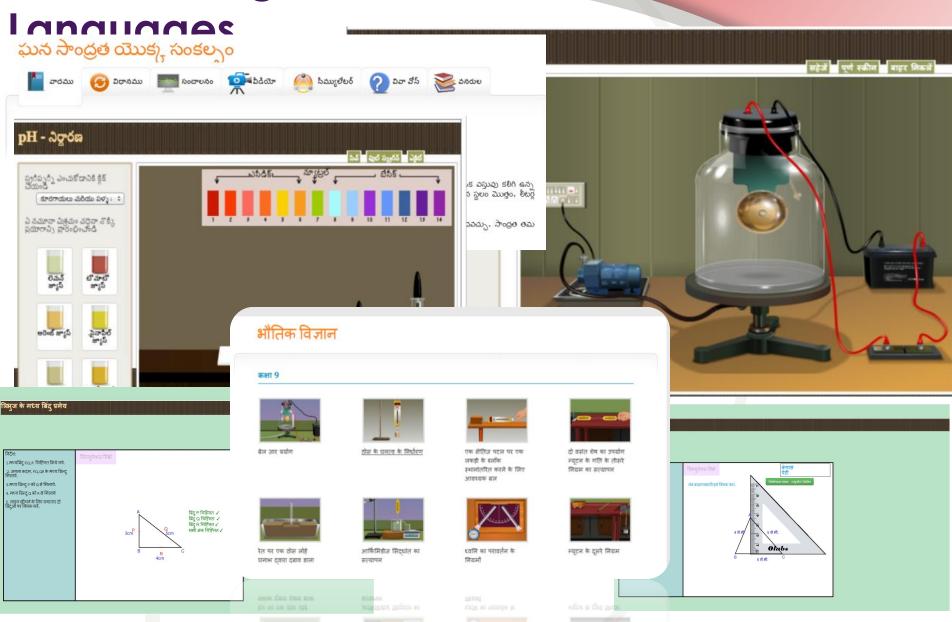
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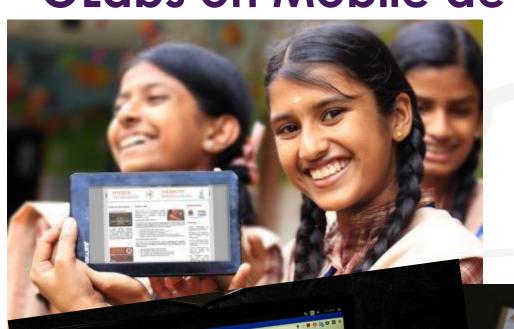
OLabs - English



OLabs in Regional



OLabs on Mobile devic







Statistics and Analytics

Olabs: training and online usage

Overall training Figures

Total Teachers Trained	School Trained.
48493	12072

Registered users on Olabs Portal



Statewise training – CBSE schools

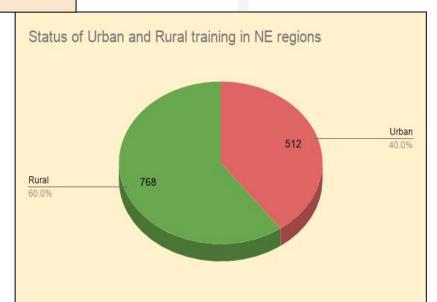
State	No. of teachers trained
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	317
Andhra Pradesh	846
Arunachal Pradesh	258
Assam	526
Bihar	619
Chandigarh	226
Chhattisgarh	305
Daman and Diu	3
Delhi	4901
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	35
Goa	35
Gujarat	992
Himachal Pradesh	111
Haryana	691
Jharkhand	369
Jammu and Kashmir	105

State	No. of teachers trained
Karnataka	2932
Kerala	9163
Lakshadweep	127
Maharashtra	2094
Meghalaya	64
Manipur	135
Madhya Pradesh	1551
Mizoram	15
Nagaland	40
Odisha	846
Punjab	727
Puducherry	357
Rajasthan	1121
Sikkim	162
Telangana	739
Tamil Nadu	3852
Tripura	114
Uttar Pradesh	3344
Uttarakhand	545
West Bengal	738
Total	39005

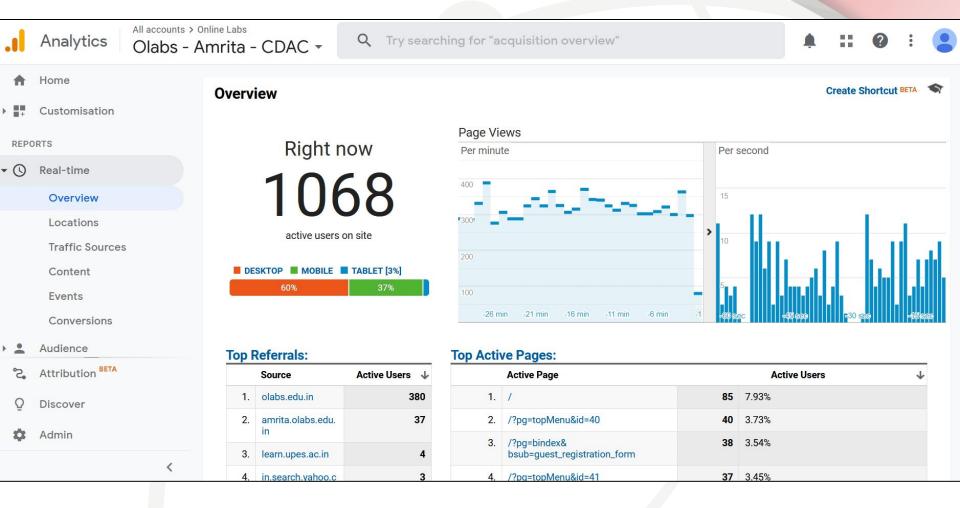
Insights of Training



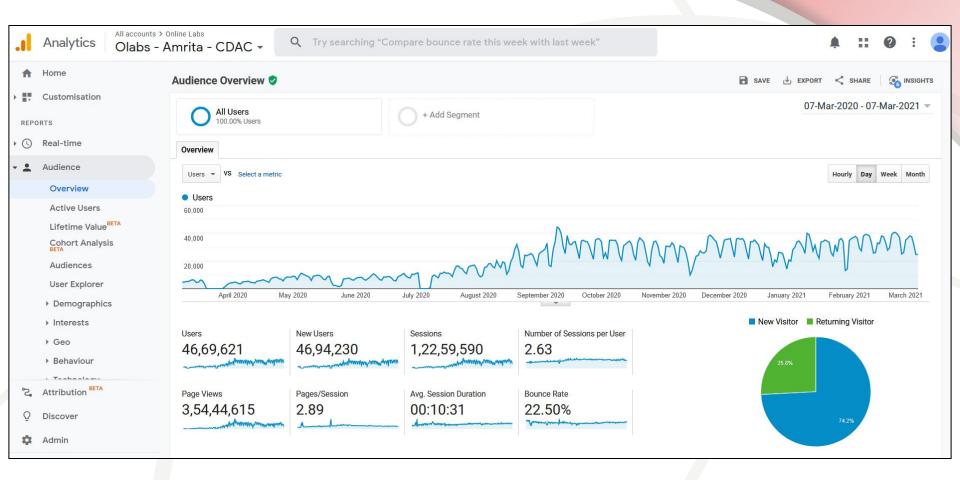
Total number of training conducted in the North East Region is : 52



Active users and pages

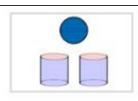


Audience Overview



MATHEMATICS ACTIVITIES IN OLABS

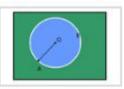
Mathematics Labs – Class X



Volume of a sphere



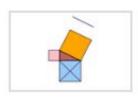
Surface area of a sphere



Angle at the centre of a circle by an arc



Volume of right circular cone



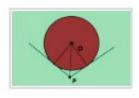
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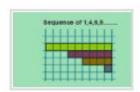
Surface area of a cylinder



Volume of right circular cylinder



Tangents drawn from an external point



Arithmetic Progression



Angles in the Same Segment

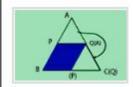


Right Circular Cylinder

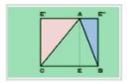


Right Circular Cone

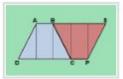
Mathematics Labs – Class IX



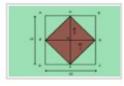
Mid Point Theorem



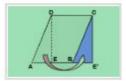
Area of Triangle



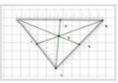
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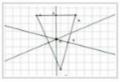
Area of Rhombus



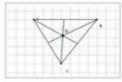
Area of Parallelogram



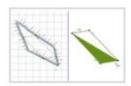
Centroid of a Triangle



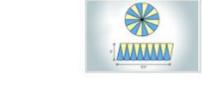
Circumcentre of a Triangle



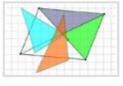
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Area of Circle



Properties of Parallelogram

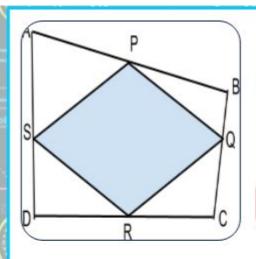


Solving Simultaneous Equations



Least common multiple

Structure of a Mathematics Labs



The quadrilateral formed by the midpoints of a quadrilateral.

Objective o show that the figure obtained by joining the mid-points of consecutive sides of the quadrilateral is a parallelogram.

Definition: A parallelogram is a simple quadrilateral with two pairs of parallel sides. The opposite or facing sides of a parallelogram are of equal length. The opposite angles of a parallelogram are of equal measure.

Pre-requisite knowledge:

1. If in a quadrilateral, both pairs of opposite sides are equal, it is a parallelogram.

Start

The quadrilateral formed by the mid-points of a quadrilateral

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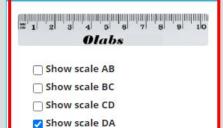


Workben ch Area

Instructions

- Midpoints of all sides of quadrilateral ABCD are marked.
- Click on midpoints of consecutive sides to join them and form quadrilateral PQRS inside quadrilateral ABCD.

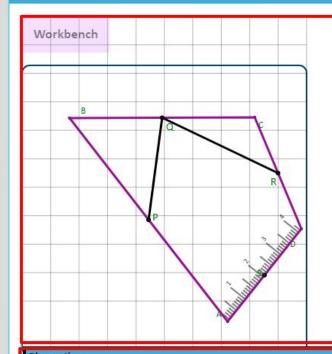
Tools



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The quadrilateral formed by the midpoints of a quadrilateral.



Observation

- Line PQ is drawn.
- Line QR is drawn.

Maths Labs – Salient Features

- 3D representation for select labs
- Facilitates drawing geometric figures on workbench with given dimensions
- Tools provided relevant to lab
 - · Show Scale
 - Cut triangle/rectangle
 - Rotate Clockwise
 - Rotate Anticlockwise
 - Drag/Drop
 - Superimpose
- Instructions provided on each step
- Actions taken by student/system in 'Workbench", displayed in "Observations".
- Details inference and conclusion after completion of Lab. Also relevant illustration on workbench.

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

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