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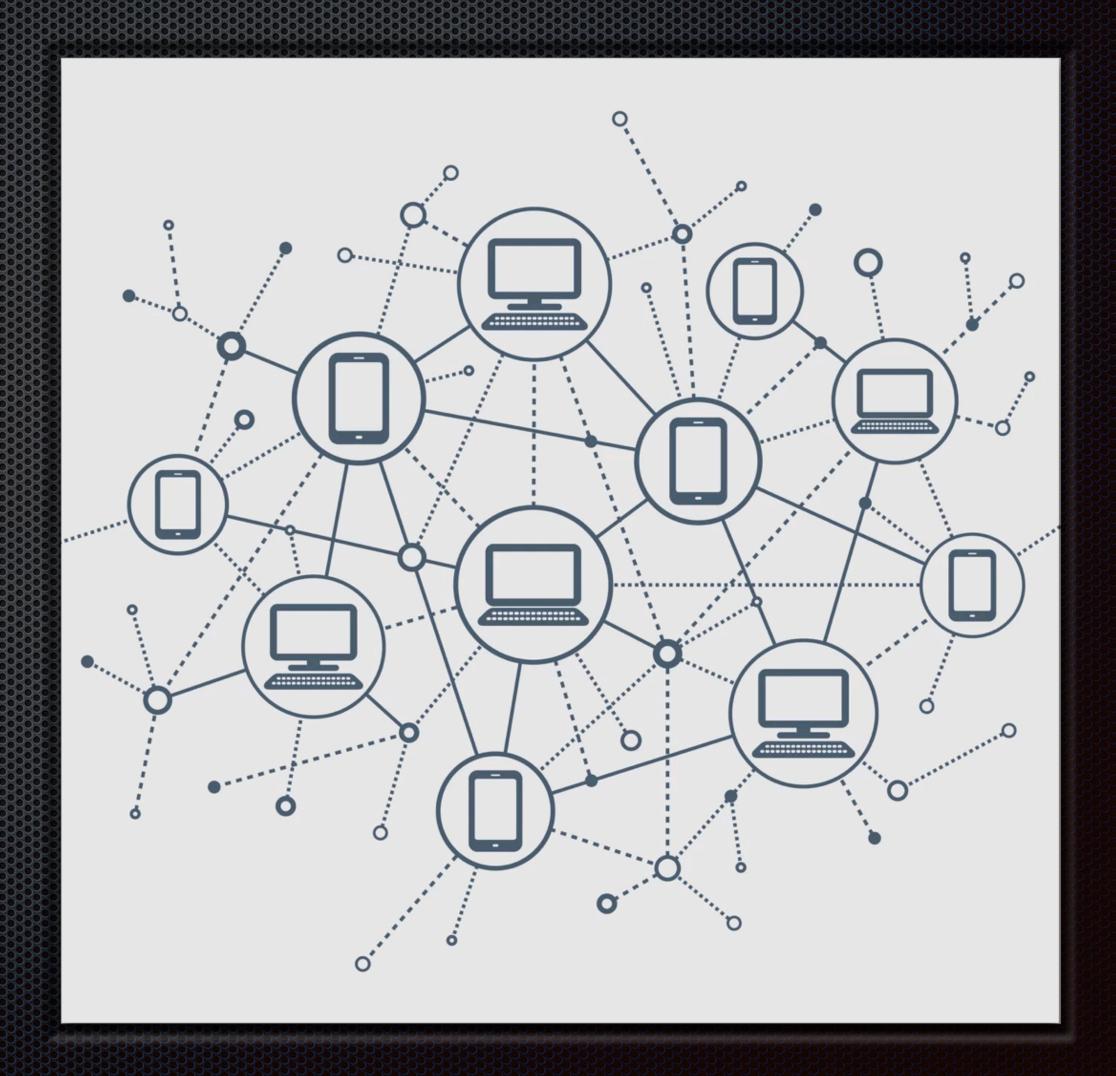
# Transitioning towards transparent governance: e-Governance in Maharashtra

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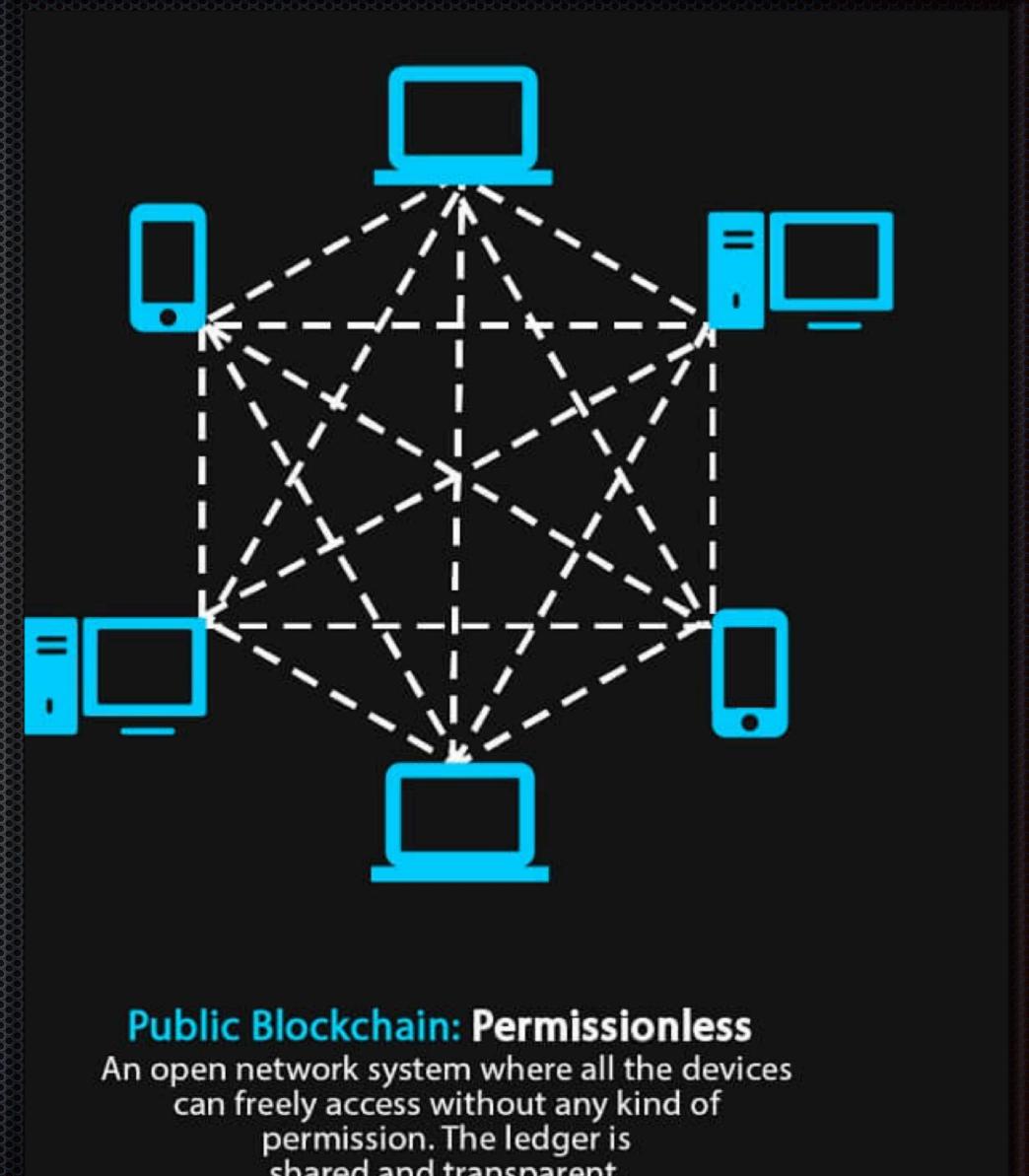
These projects were executed during my previous posting as Assistant Collector, Etapalli and Project Officer, Integrated Tribal Development Project, Bhamragad in Gadchiroli district from June 2021 to July 2023

# ssuing Caste Certificates on BlockChain

- Supporting the state administration to curb the menace of forgeries, and identify the right beneficiaries for delivery of government schemes/benefits
- Decentralization-aligned, deplatformationresistant alternative
- Publicly accessible information still dependent on human trust (paper records) or data in government cloud repositories, susceptible to controls, biases and manipulations
- Transition from fiat information (it's true because an officer said so!) to code based information



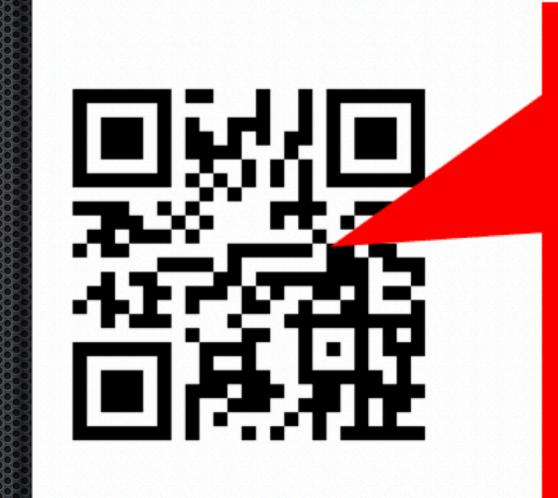
- · Public blockchains (eg: Ethereum, Polygon POS) are open state databases that anyone can audit or read or write on
- Public blockchains make up the best ledger of record to commit or anchor citizen records to impart the highest level of reliability, immutability, security, open access and transparency
- · Concept of true democratization of egovernance using Web3: a crucial inspiration to implement blockchain based caste certificates in Etapalli



shared and transparent.

# Mate

- State issues digitally signed caste certificates to its citizens via the 'MahaOnline' portal
- Internally trackable, no easy mechanism for external third parties to verify
- Cryptographically commits selective details of every caste certificate fetched from the 'MahaOnline' portal on the polygon POS blockchain
- Generates unique QR code consisting of blockchainproofs which are embedded on each caste certificate
- Open verification system available on the government website will enable entities to instantly authenticate certificates with the help of uncensorable, publicly auditable data stored onchain (on public blockchain)



#### **Certificate Data**

Certificate ID
Caste Category
Name
Village, Tehsil, District
Tribe
Issue Date and Place
Issuer Authority

#### **Blockchain Data**

Transaction hash Signature of Hash Merkle Proofs

# HOWA

- Blockchain system consists of an Issuance DApp (DApps are decentralized applications built on top of public blockchains) and a Verification DApp
- The issuance DApp is installed on the SDO's (Sub Division Officer) system, where blockchain enabled caste certificates are generated



# Issuance DApp

- Step 1: PDF certificates generated by MahaOnline portal are input to the issuance DApp
- Step 2: Issuance DApp parses the important fields and calculates hashes (SHA 256 Hash) of each field; Hashes are irreversible fingerprints of digital data
- Step 3: Issuance DApp further combines all hashes together to produce a single final hash. This final hash is stored on Polygon POS blockchain smart contract mapped against the on-chain digital signature of the SDO
- Step 4: Upon successful upload of the final hash (for each certificate) on the blockchain, the blockchain returns transaction data. The same is captured by the issuance DApp
- Step 5: The issuance DApp generates a QR code consisting of blockchain transaction data and the important fields parsed originally from the certificate. This QR code is appended to the original caste certificate to form a blockchain-powered caste certificate





#### FORM "C"

[See Rule 4(6) and 5(2) (a) and (b)]
Form of Scheduled Tribe Certficate

(For Ordinary residents of Maharashtra)

Outward No	: 40604052831	Application Date	:	18/08/2021
Rev Case No	:	MRC	:	40604052831

This is to certify that Shri/Shrimati/Kumari Bajirao Mura Halami Son of Shri/Shrimati Mura Halami of Village/Town Halewara taluka Etapa III, in District/Division Gadebiroli of the State belongs to the Madia tribe Sr.No. 18 which is recognited as a Scheduled Tribe under

#The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950

[As amended by The Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes Lists (Modification) Order, 1956, The Bombay Reorganisation Act, 1960]

#The Constitution Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976 (No.108 of 1976).

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Applicable to the Migrants within the Maharashtra

State.

(Applicable in the case of Scheduled Tribes persons who have migrated from one District to another District within the Maharashtra State.)

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Signature valid

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Place : tapalli
Date : 4/08/2021

(With the seal of Office)

Sub Divisional Officer Etapalli

Printed By -OMTID: VLE Name: SHUBHAM RAMESH WANNAMWAR, Date: 24/08/2021 11:30AM

Caste certificate generated by MahaOnline portal





#### FORM "C"

[See Rule 4(6) and 5(2) (a) and (b)] Form of Scheduled Tribe Certficate (For Ordinary residents of Maharashtra)

Outward No : 40604051019 Application Date : 10/07/2021
Rev Case No : MRC : 40604051019

This is to certify that Shri/Shrimati/Kumari Yeshu Samma Usendi Son of Samma Usendi of Village/Town Hedri taluka Etapalli, in District/Division Gadchiroli of the State belongs to the Madia tribe Sr.No. 18 which is recognized as a Scheduled Tribe under:

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3. This certificate is issued on the basis of the Scheduled Tribe Certificate issued to Shri/Shrimati \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Shri/Shrimati/Kumari \_\_\_\_\_\_ of Village/Town \_\_\_\_\_\_ tal.ka \_\_\_\_\_\_ in District/Division \_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ who belongs to the \_\_\_\_\_\_ Tribe which is recognized as a \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_\_ issued by the \_\_\_\_\_\_ vide their No \_\_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_



Place : Etapalli Date : 19/07/20

(With the seal of Office)

Sub Divisional Officer

9/07/2021 Etapalli

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This is a blockchain-anchored caste certificate

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO VERIFY

- Visit https://gadchiroli.gov.in/etapalli.
- 2. Scan this QR code by clicking "SCAN TO VERIFY."
- Ensure the details shown on the portal matches with the certificate.

Powered by LegitDoc®

Corresponding blockchain caste certificate generated by LegitDoc

# Verification DApp

Verification DApp is hosted on the Gadchiroli district administration website (by NIC). The process of verification is done within a matter of 10 seconds!

The verification DApp will:

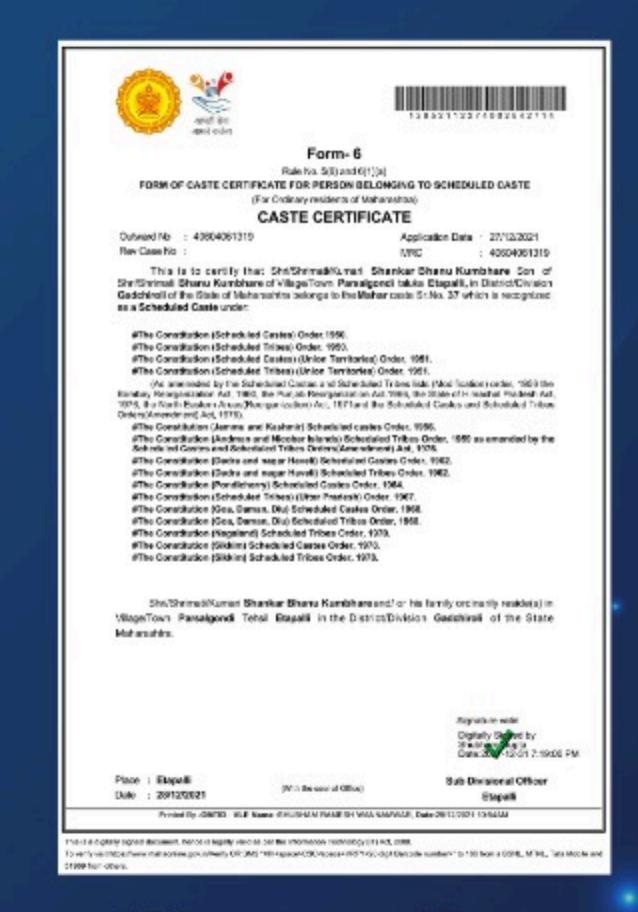
- Step 1: Read entries (both certificate data and blockchain data) from the QR code
- Step 2: Progressively hash all certificate data entries to arrive at the final hash
- Step 3: Check the availability and validity of the final hash on the smart contract using the blockchain data
- Step 4: If the final hash is found to be valid on the blockchain, display the fields fetched from the QR code to the user so that he/she can cross verify the fields shown on the screen with that of the caste certificate

# Etapalli caste certificates can be verified on Gadchiroli district website with a simple QR scan



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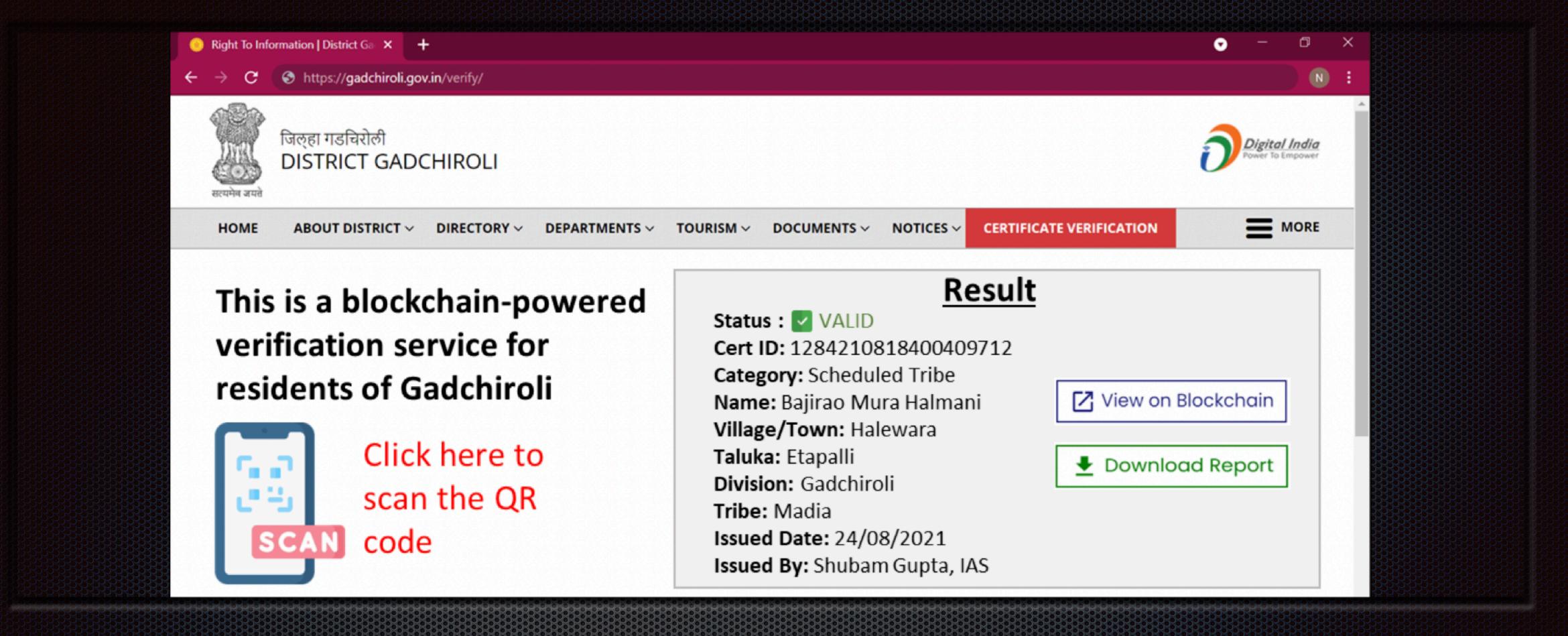
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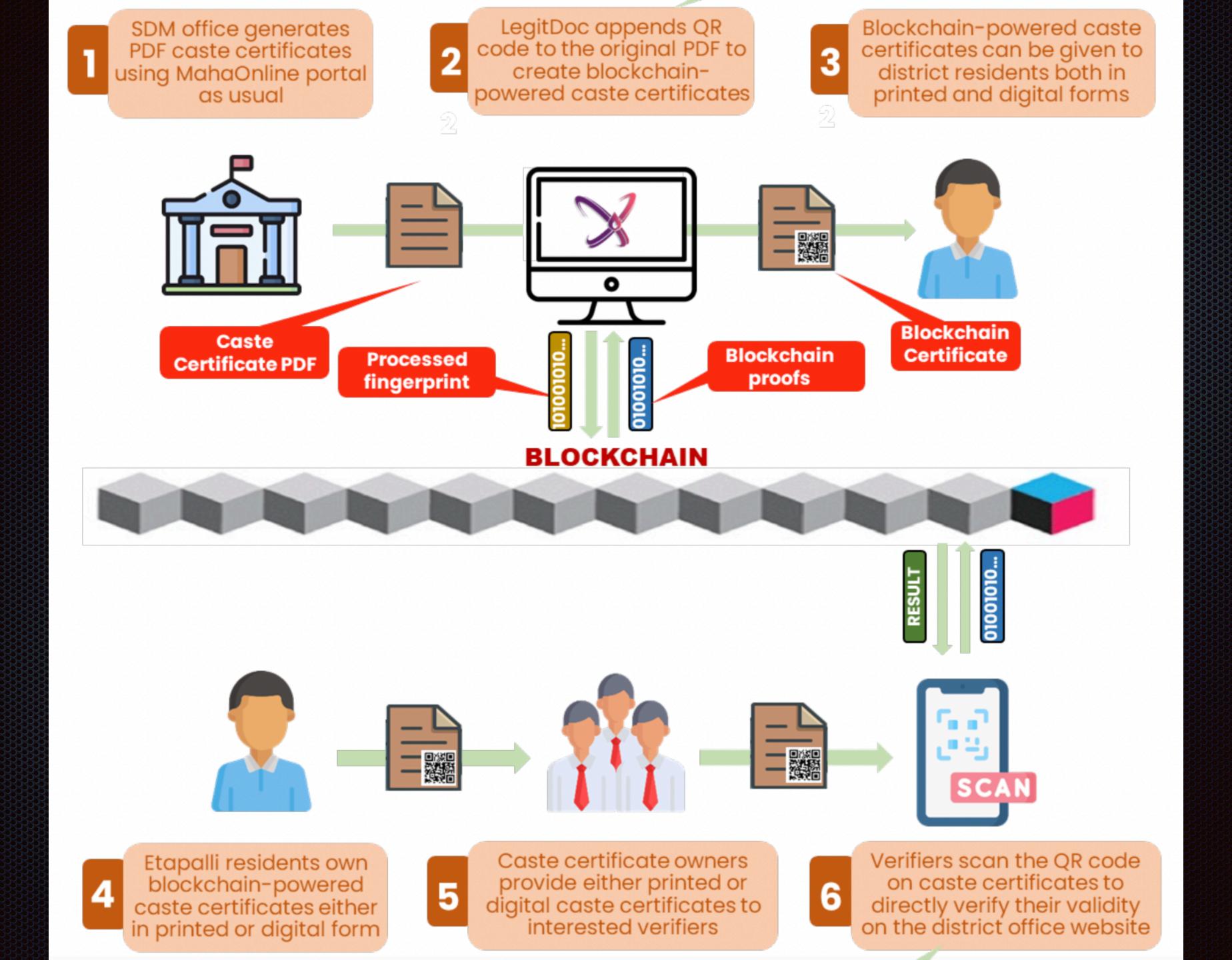
Old caste certificate



New blockchain based caste certificate



- Any tampering done by an external party to the QR code data will be immediately detected during verification since this will cause drastic changes to the final hash of the certificate data
- Even if a malicious actor creates a fake caste certificate but pastes a valid QR code on it, the verifier will be able to easily detect the forgery since there'll be a mismatch between the data shown on the verification portal and the forged certificate being verified



# Impact

- Around 65,000 blockchain based caste certificates issued (between June 2022 to December 2022)
- Beneficiary targeting for government schemes improved Only blockchain based caste certificates accepted as valid proof. Elimination of dummy beneficiaries
- Third party verification made simpler and efficient. Around 25% reduction in number of third party offline requests
- Model adopted by Dumka district in Jharkhand and state government in Chattisgarh

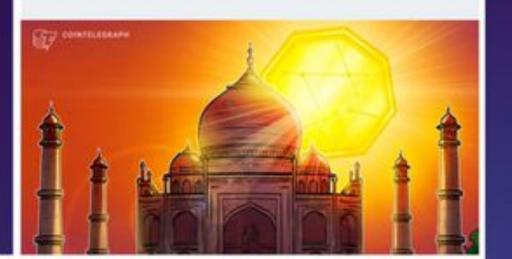


# Blockchain caste certificate project has put Etapalli(Gadchiroli) on the world Map!



verifiable caste certificates

in partnership with LegitDoc, the Maharashtra government is in the process of rolling out 65,000 caste certificates to aid the process of delivering governmental schemes and benefits.



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#### Gadchiroli uses blockchain caste certificates to deter forgery

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#### 印度Maharashtra地區通過Polygon頒發了6.5萬份種姓證書

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3月30日消息,位於印度 Maharashtra 的 Gadchiroli 區政府已經通過 Polygon 區 塊鏈上的文件驗證系統 LegitDoc 為 65,000 個種姓證書蓋章 · Gadchiroli 區政府兩 望其採用區塊鏈技術可以打擊通過偽造種姓證書進行的欺詐行為。 在印度,一些部落 和選緣社區使用種姓證書來獲得某些政府福利和補貼,種姓制度在印度是一種嚴格的 社會等級制度、低種姓通常代表着弱勢和貧困的社會。Gadchiroli 地區已開始在線領 發證書,其驗證 Polygon 區塊鏈上文件有效性的門戶於周二上線,據介紹、該項目 是「數字印度」計劃的一部分、旨在研究鏈上電子政務、如果成功、將在 Maharashtra 推廣。(Forkast)

# **♦** The Indian EXPRESS

#### Maharashtra to use Polygon blockchain to issue verifiable caste certificates

The Gadchiroli administration aims to target 1.1 million economically challenged residents of the district through verifiable caste certificates.



#### Maharashtra govt ties up with Polygon based platform LegitDoc to issue caste certificates

By Prathiksha BU | March 30, 2022





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#### This Maharashtra district will use blockchain to authenticate caste certificates

The blockchain project is the first of its kind in India and will help to rule out any duplication or forgery of caste certificates.

MONEYCONTROL NEWS | APRIL 04, 2022 / 12:13 PM 15T

#### BusinessToday.In

#### Maharashtra's Gadchiroli to issue caste certificates via blockchain platform Polygon



LegitDoc platform is a polygon public blockchain based platform, which makes certificates instantaneously verifiable. (Photo:LegitDoc)

#### Outlook

Maharashtra Village To Issue Caste Certificates Via Polygon Blockchain; Cryptos Fall

daharashtra village Etapalli to use Legit-Doc. a Polygon blockchain-based platform, to issue caste certificates. Meanwhile a school in Dubai is set to accept cryptos as a payment mechanism.





# Recognised in 75 best practices in India, jointly by NITI Aayog and UNDP



#NITIAayog & @UNDP\_India launched a compendium on Best Practices in Social Sector: 2023, showcasing 75 best practices across sectors from all States/UTs & 30 #Gol Ministries. It highlights innovative, sustainable & replicable models across 14 sectors.

T: niti.gov.in/sites/default/...



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## **(E-governance and digitization)**







In a nutshell: Issuance of caste certificates whose authenticity is guaranteed by a blockchain, thereby preventing forgery and disallowing fake caste certificates to be used for availing government services.

Nodal agency: Office of Sub-Divisional Officer, Etapalli (Gadchiroli, Maharashtra), partnering with software firm LogilDoc

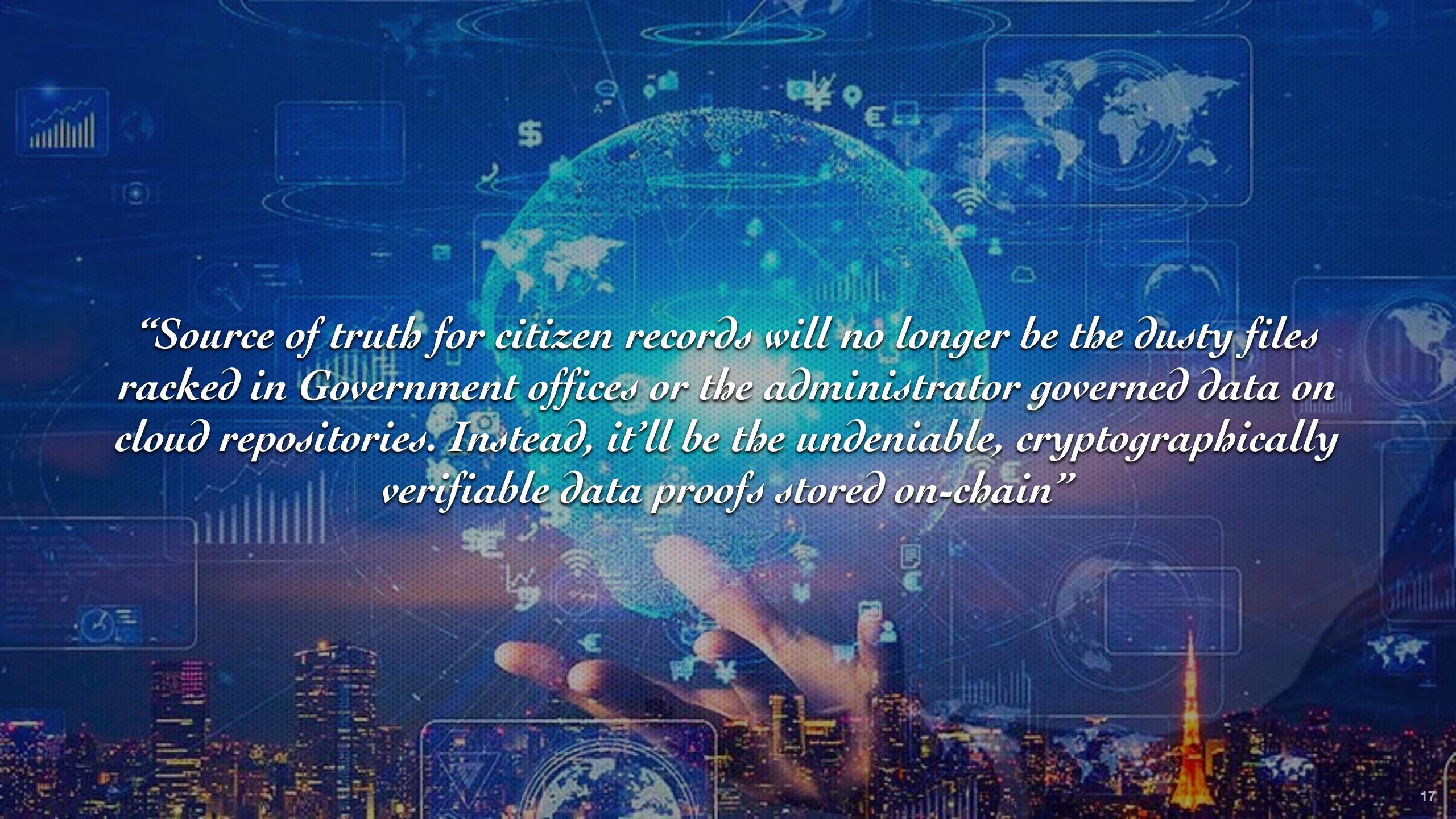
Blockchain technology allows data to be stored in a secure and tamper-proof way. B guaranteeing fidelity, it generates trust without the need for a trusted third party. Toking advantage of this, the district administration, Gadchiroli has launched a programme to issue caste certificates which are cryptographically anchored on polygon POS blockchain. Thi enables anybody to instantly authenticate certificates with the help of un-censorable publisher without parts are presented procedure.

The project is being piloted in the Etapalli sub-division of gadchiroli district, catering primarily to the 70% Scheduled Tribe population, including many particularly vulnerable tribo groups (PVTGs) such as Madia, Gond.

At the heart of the blockchain system is what are called the issuance decentralize application (DApp) and a verification DApp, which is built on top of public blockchains. This suance DApp is operated by the district administration. The issuance DApp takes as input the caste certificate generated by the MahaOhline portal (currently being used by Maharasht to issue caste certificates). Depending on the details present in this input (such as nam village, caste, etc.), the issuance DApp produces a heah code unique to this input dataset. This issued DApp then not only uploads this hosh onto the blockchain but also generates a Code that is appended in the original caste certificate. This blockchain-powered casterificate reaches the citizens via common service centres.

Further, the verification DApp, which is hosted on the Gadchiroli district administration website can be used by anybody to verify the authenticity of the caste certificate. One shonly need to scan the QR code on the certificate. The system does not respond to tampere QR codes. Moreover, if a valid QR code is pasted on a fake certificate, the verifier will see mismatch between the data shown on the verification portal and the forged certificate.







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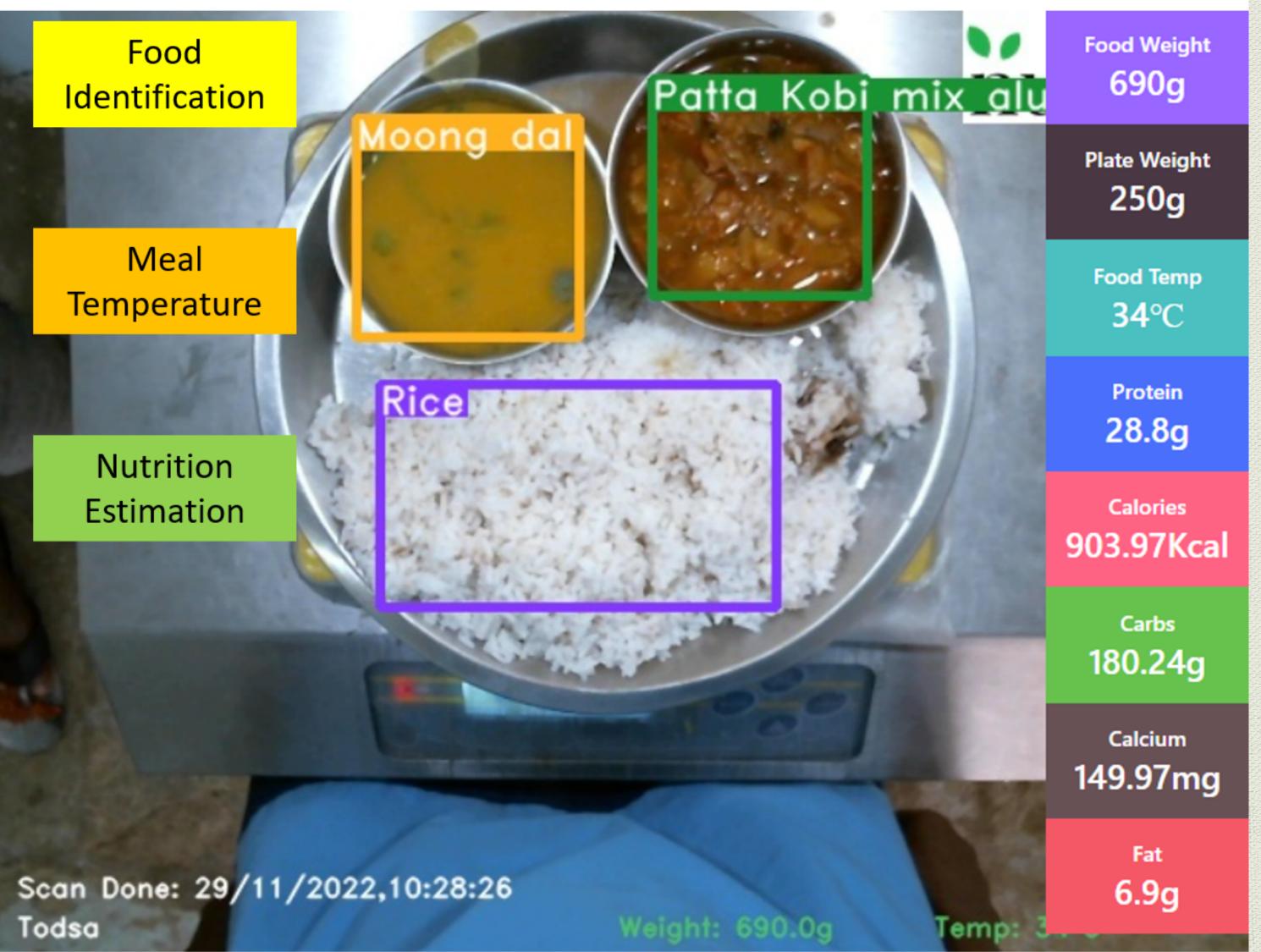


# BRIEF INFORMATORY VIDEO OF THE PROJECT

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## DELIVERING QUALITY MEALS USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

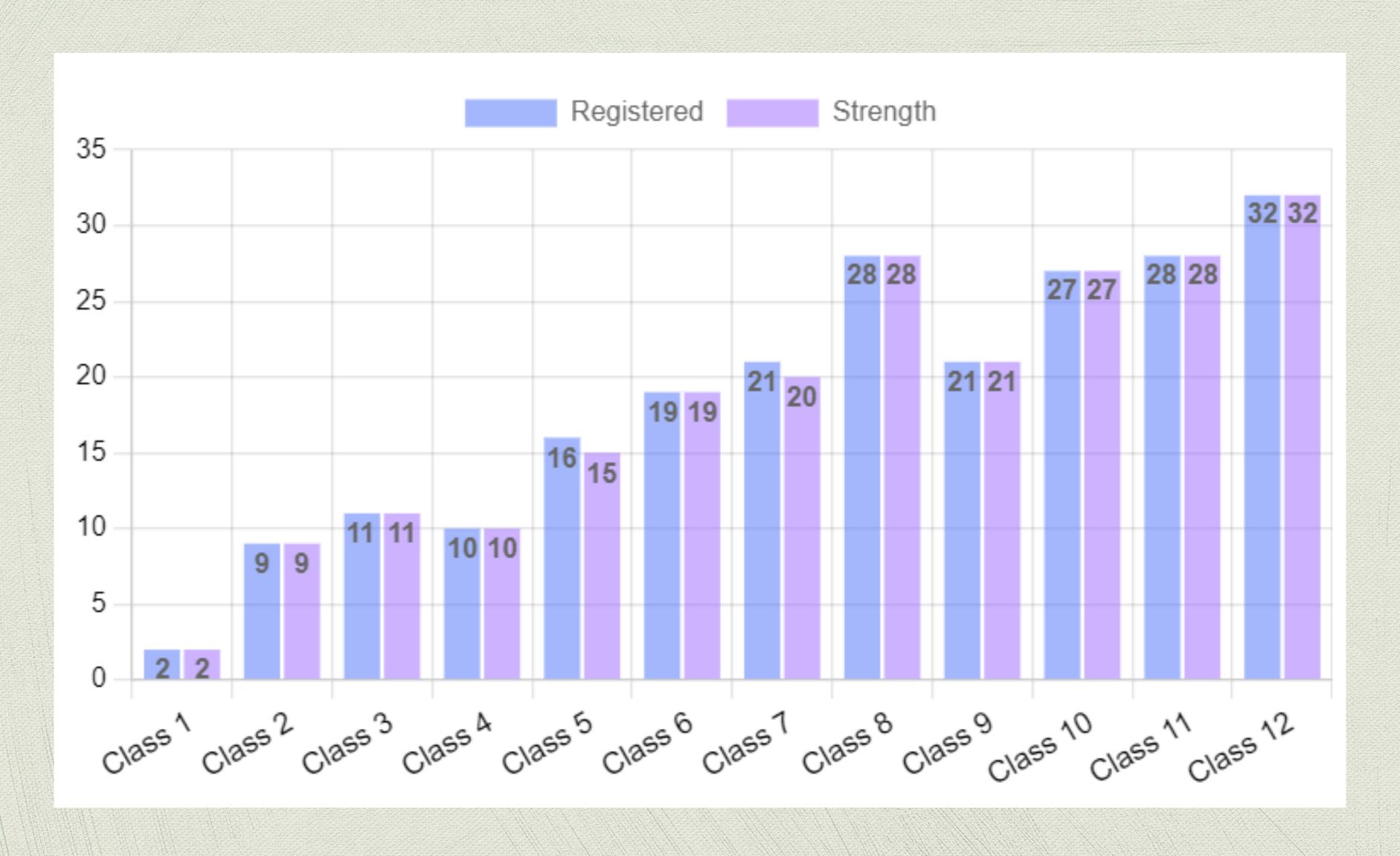




# PREVENTION OF DUPLICITY IN MEALS: FACIAL RECOGNITION BASED ATTENDANCE

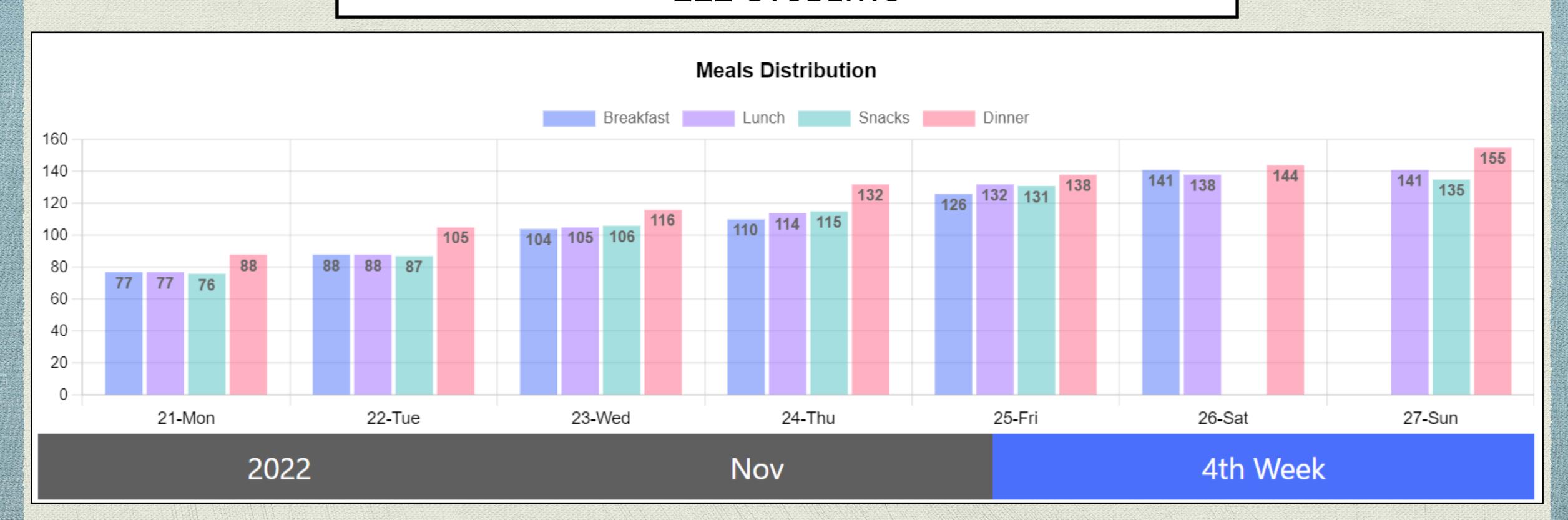


## DAILY MEAL REPORT FOR 222 STUDENTS



## OBJECTIVE 1: TRACKING ACTUAL MEALS SERVED

#### 222 STUDENTS

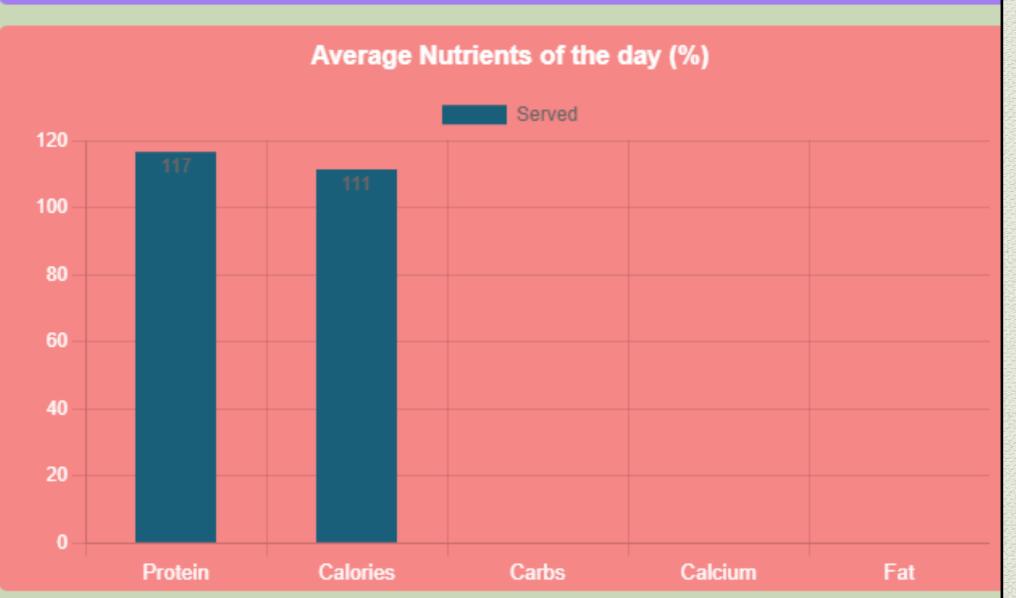


## OBJECTIVE 2: MENU COMPLIANCE

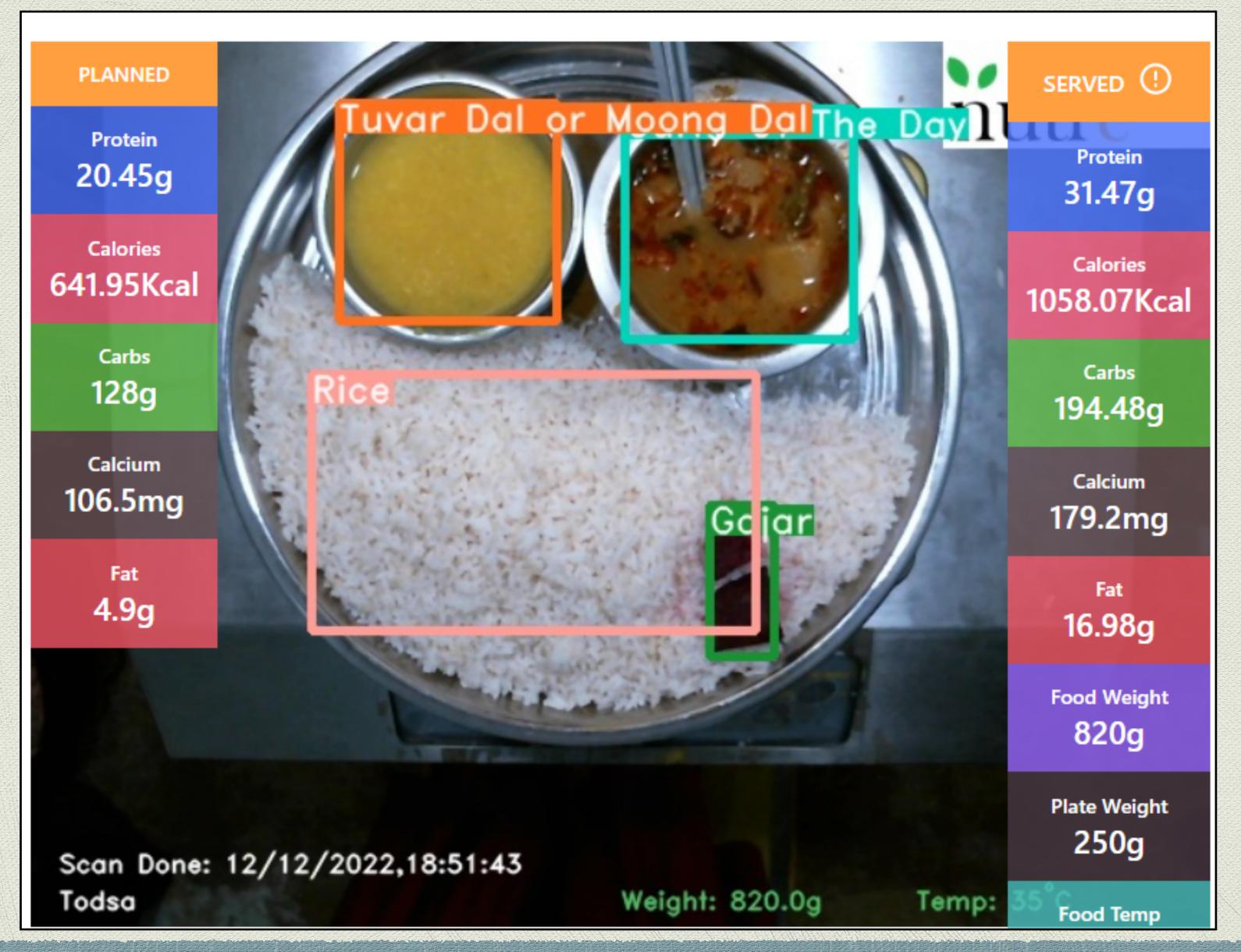






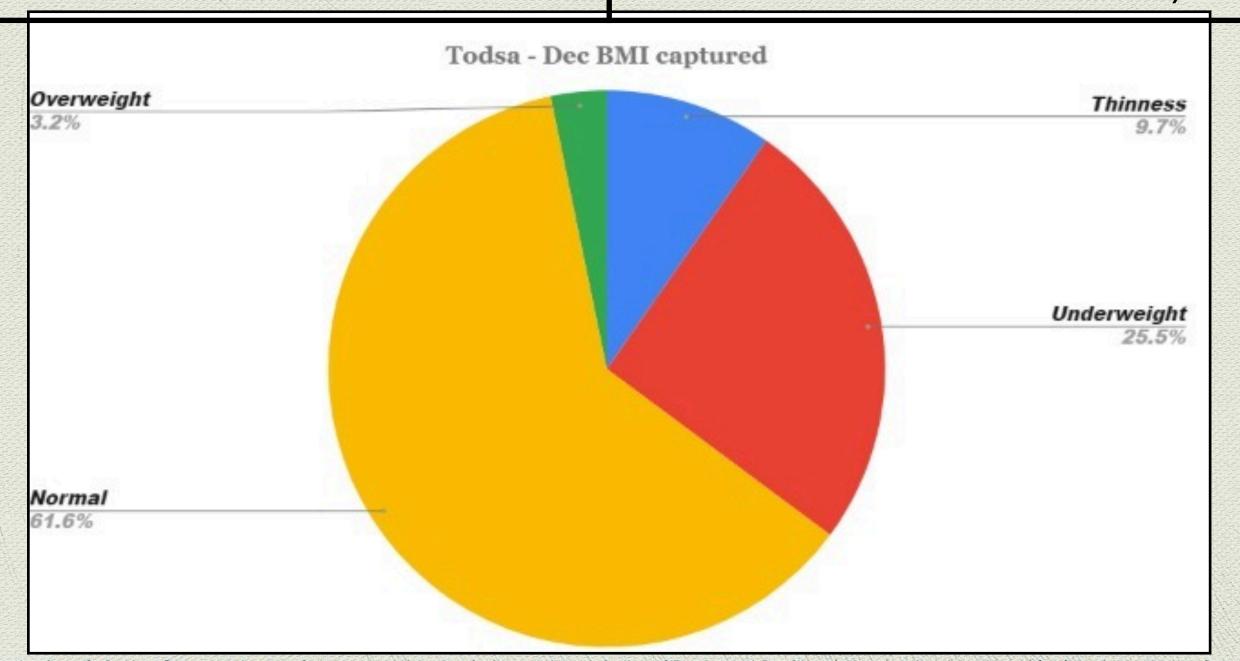


## OBJECTIVE 3: NUTRITION TRACKING WITH EVERY MEAL



## OBJECTIVE 4: BMI TRACKING (UNDERWEIGHT, NORMAL, OVERWEIGHT & OBESE)

BMI / Growth	Todsa
Thinness	10%
Underweight	25%
Normal	62%
Overweight	3%
Obese	

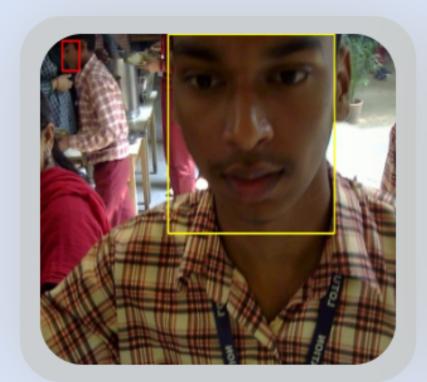


### OBJECTIVE 5: NUTRITION AND HEALTH REPORT CARD FOR ALL STUDENTS



# HEALTH REPORT CARD Nov 2022





Admission no.: 1119

Name: Anauj Kumar

Class: 10

DOB: 15-09-2005

Weight: 63.16 kg

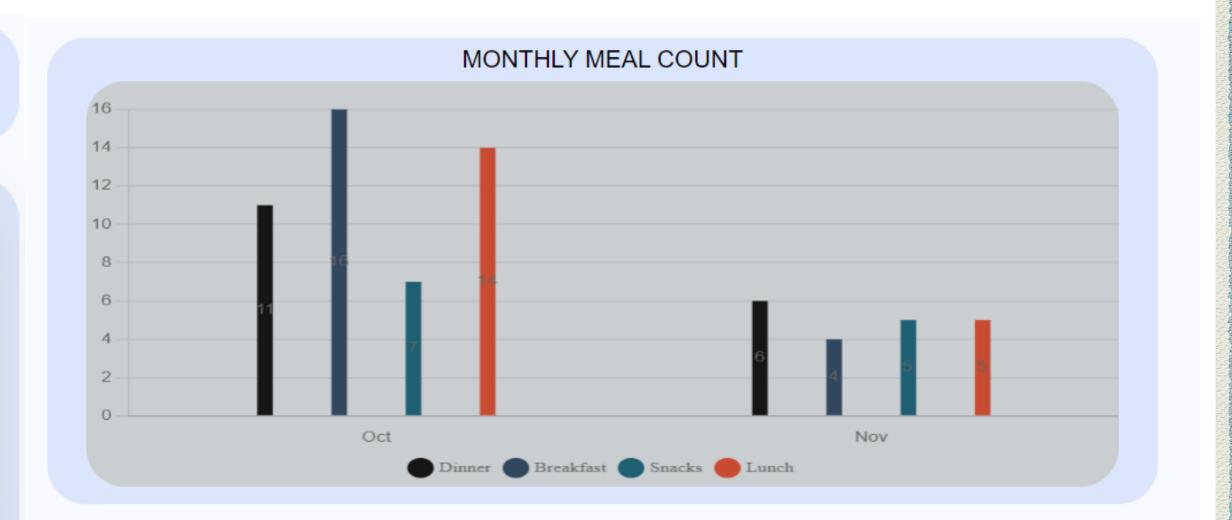
Total Meal (per month): 27

Gender: M

BMI: 21.6 kg / m<sup>2</sup>

Height: 171 cm

BMI Type: NORMAL

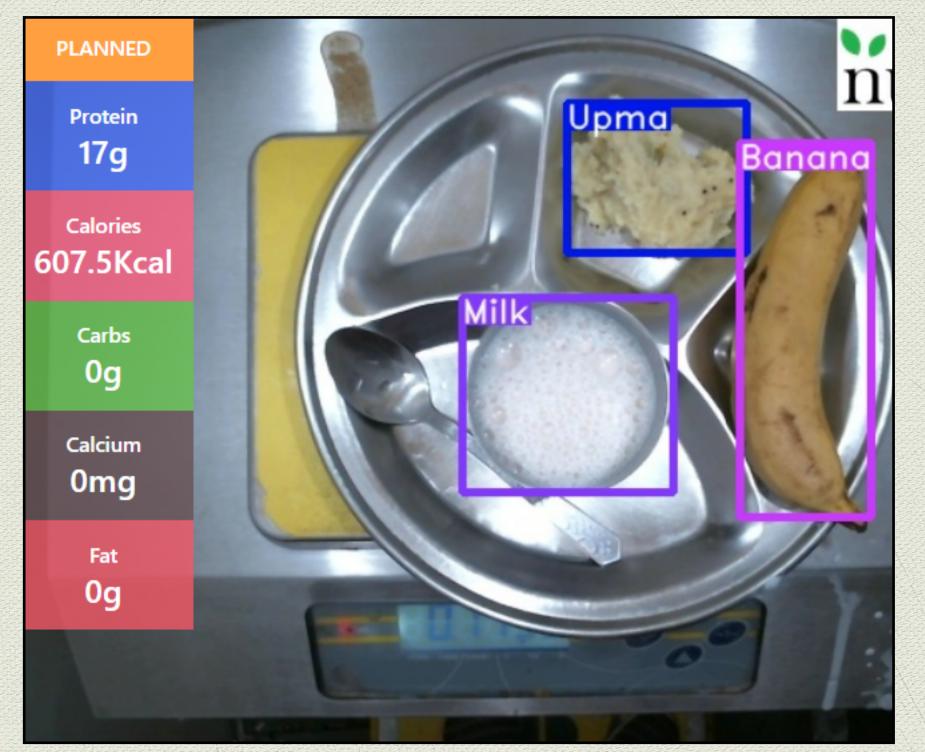


#### AGE AND GENDER WISE BMI CHART

THINNESS	< 15.6
UNDERWEIGHT	15.6 to 17.1
NORMAL	17.1 to 24.6
OVERWEIGHT	24.6 to 35.3
OBESE	> 35.3

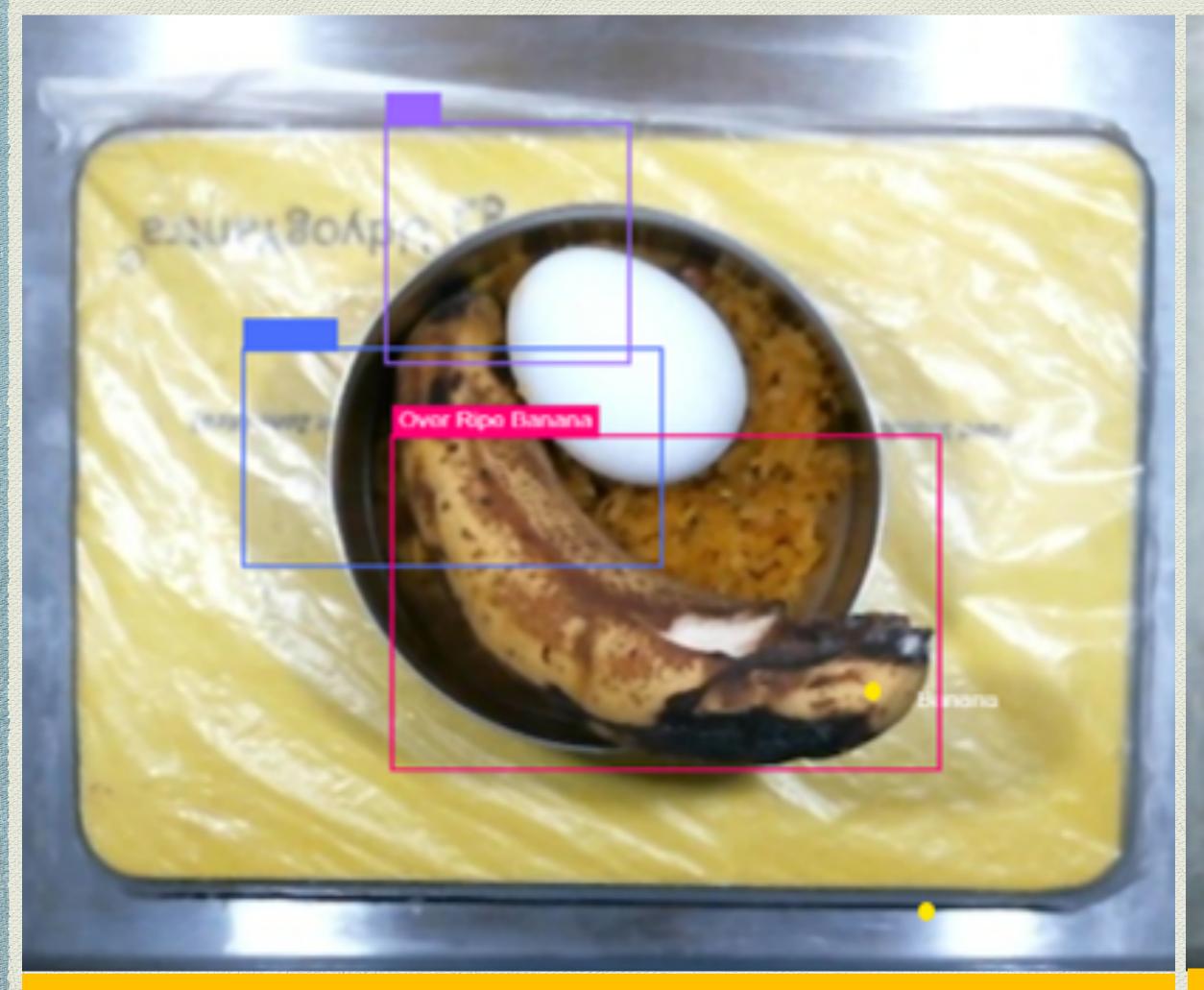


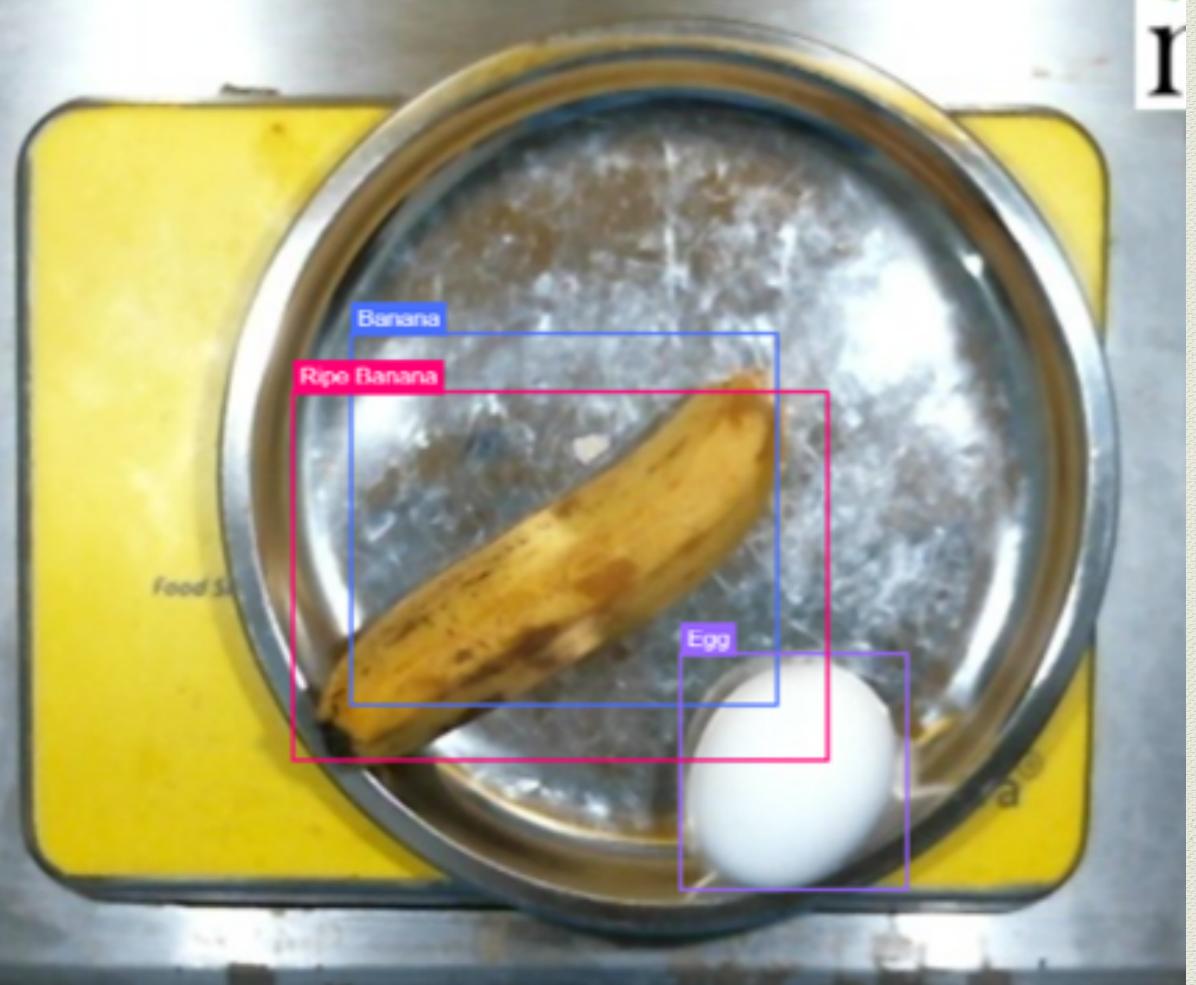
### OBJECTIVE 6: NUTRITION VS BMI CORRELATION (TO DO TARGETED NUTRITION DELIVERY)



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26-11-2022 10:52:16	Tuvar Dal,Rice,Aloo Vanga	Lunch	516	63	560	105	110	7	16
26-11-2022	Louki Sabji,Rice,Tu	Dinner	560	69	608	114	120	8	17

# OBJECTIVE 7: IMPROVEMENT IN QUALITY SERVED (WITHOUT DIRECT ENFORCEMENT)





October 2022

December 2022

# OBJECTIVE 8:6 SECONDS PER MEAL FOR SCANNING WITH 93% EFFICIENCY



After the implementation of this project in Todsa school, 40 out of 61 students escaped malnutrition and were categorised as normal.

Moreover, the project's utility can be scaled up with keeping in mind the PM POSHAN (erstwhile mid day meal) scheme of Government of India implemented jointly with states with an annual outlay of around Rs. 20,000 crores.

A mobile app version (less cost intensive) with built in AI capabilities is in works for quick scale up.

All for our children to be HEALTHIER and HAPPIER!







#WATCH | Maharashtra: In a bid to improve

installed at Todsa Ashram School of Etapalli

The machine takes a photo of the student

with her/his plate of food and within a...

the nutrition level of tribal children of

Intelligence-based machine has been

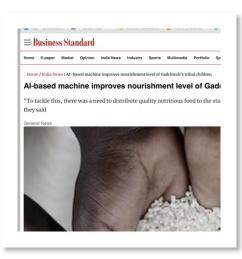
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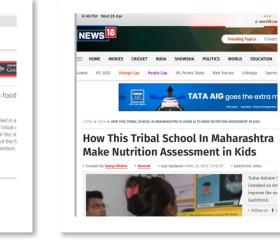
























# MEDIA APPRECIATION

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# Meet The IAS Officer Using AI to **Fight Malnutrition Among Govt School Students**



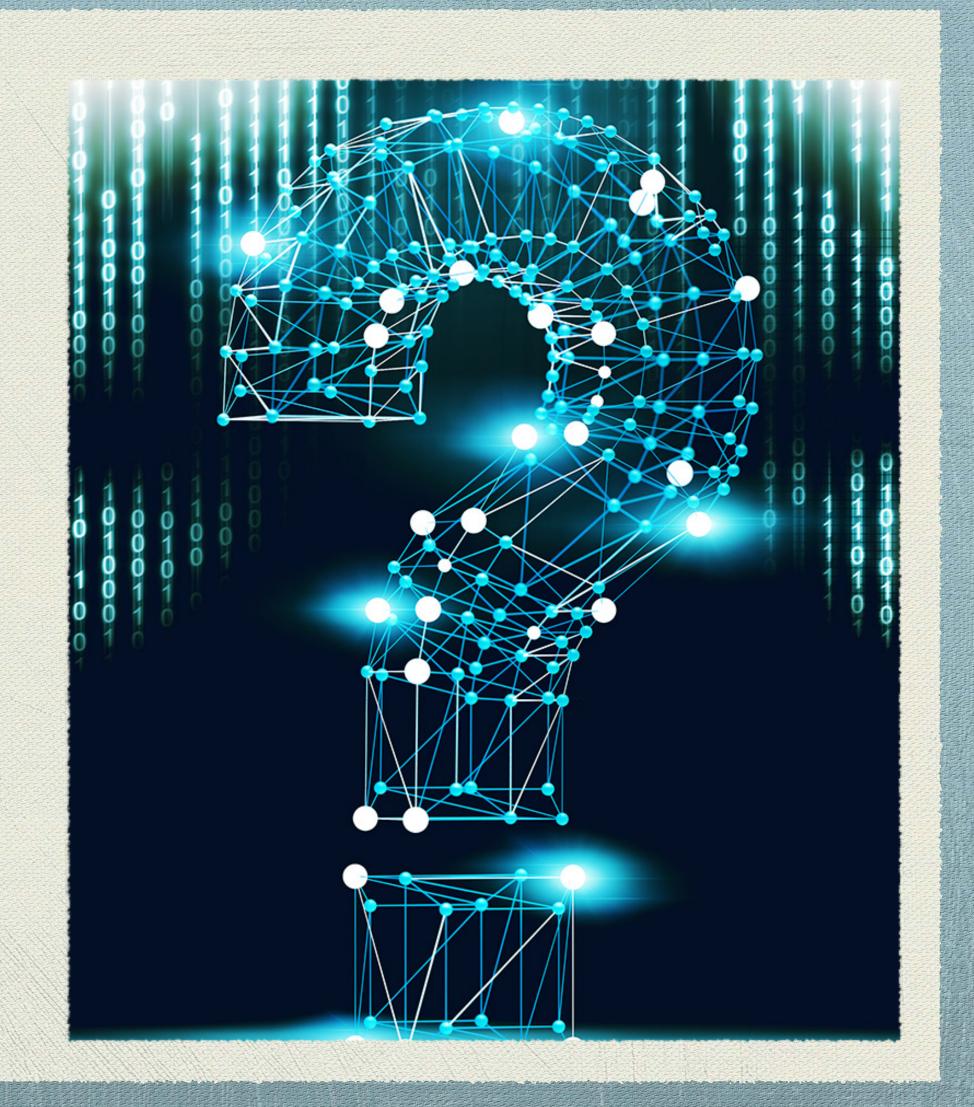




# FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

# Potential uses of AI in governance

- CCTV footage analysis for criminal matters, law & order as well as traffic management
- Quality assurance and maintenance of public assets and services (sewer lines, electric cables, etc.)
- \* Efficient utilisation of available resources such as energy (demand and supply balance)
- Marking exam papers and personalised recommendations for revision (Imagine exam papers being checked by AI algorithm!)
- Handling disease spreads as well as individualised recommendations for potential health concerns



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