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PSO1: Apply Data Science Techniques, statistical analysis, machine learning algorithms, data visualization, and data manipulation effectively to solve complex data problems.

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PSO3: Able to independently carry out research and investigation to solve societal problems.

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CO421.1: Analyse the System of Examinations and identify the problem.

CO421.2: Identify and classify the requirements.

CO421.3: Review the Related Literature

CO421.4: Design and Modularize the project

CO421.5: Construct, Integrate, Test and Implement the Project.

CO421.6: Prepare the project Documentation and present the Report using appropriate method.

Course Outcomes – Program Outcomes mapping

CO \ PO / PSO	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10	PO11	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3
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CO421.3			✓		✓	✓	✓			✓		✓		✓
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CO421.6					✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓

Course Outcomes – Program Outcome correlation

CO \ PO / PSO	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10	PO11	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3
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CO421.2	2		2		3					2		2	3	
CO421.3			2		2	3	3			2		2		3
CO421.4		2		1	1	2				3	2	3	2	
CO421.5			3	3	3	2	3	2	2	1	3	3	3	3
CO421.6					3	2	1		2	3			3	2

Note: The values in the above table represent the level of correction between CO's and PO's:

1. Low Level **2. Medium level** **3. High level**

ABSTRACT

Crime has become one of the most complex social challenges affecting the safety and well-being of modern societies. As urban populations grow and data from multiple sources accumulate, the need for intelligent systems that can analyze and predict criminal activity has become increasingly vital. This project aims to develop a **machine learning–based crime prediction system** that leverages historical and socio-economic data to identify potential crime patterns in advance. By integrating algorithms such as **Logistic Regression, Random Forest**, the system learns both spatial and temporal relationships within crime data to forecast future occurrences with improved accuracy. The predictive results are then deployed through an **interactive Streamlit web application**, allowing users and authorities to visualize trends, explore high-risk zones, and make informed decisions. The model's performance is evaluated using metrics such as **accuracy, F1-score,** ensuring reliability and consistency. To promote fairness and transparency, **SHAP explainability techniques** are incorporated, providing interpretable insights into the model's predictions. The system's design emphasizes not only technological advancement but also ethical responsibility—ensuring that predictive intelligence supports **preventive action, community awareness, and data-driven policymaking**. Ultimately, this project contributes toward building **safer and smarter communities** by transforming crime prediction into a proactive and compassionate approach to public safety.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Motivation

Crime has always been a significant social issue, affecting the safety, development, and overall quality of life in society. In a country like **India**, where rapid urbanization, unemployment, economic disparity, and increasing population density are prevalent, crime rates often fluctuate and create major challenges for law enforcement agencies and policymakers. Traditional methods of crime monitoring rely heavily on manual record keeping and statistical summaries. While useful, these methods are often reactive in nature and fail to provide foresight into emerging trends.

With the growing availability of **digital crime records** (such as those from the National Crime Records Bureau - NCRB) and advancements in **machine learning (ML) and artificial intelligence (AI)**, there exists a powerful opportunity to build systems that not only analyze historical data but also **predict future crime patterns**. Such systems can assist in:

- **Proactive Policing**: Allowing police departments to anticipate crime hotspots, allocate personnel more effectively, and design targeted interventions.
- **Policy Development**: Helping governments and policymakers understand the socio-economic factors contributing to crimes and plan developmental initiatives to reduce them.
- **Community Safety**: Informing local communities about crime-prone areas and times, thereby encouraging preventive measures and awareness campaigns.
- **Efficient Use of Resources**: Enabling smarter decision-making by reducing guesswork and relying on data-driven insights.

Another key motivation is that **crime prediction can save lives and reduce losses** if implemented effectively. By using ML algorithms like regression models, Random Forests, or advanced neural networks, hidden correlations in the data (e.g., unemployment influencing theft rates, or urban crowding linked to violent crimes) can be revealed.

Thus, the motivation for this project arises from the **need to transform traditional crime data analysis into a predictive, intelligent, and actionable system**. By leveraging machine learning, we aim to provide valuable insights that can contribute to building safer communities and supporting crime prevention efforts in a structured, data-driven manner.

1.2 Problem Statement

Crime continues to be a major concern for governments, law enforcement agencies, and communities worldwide. In India, despite the availability of crime records through organizations such as the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the current methods of analyzing crime are largely descriptive and retrospective. These approaches provide statistical summaries of past incidents but lack the ability to predict future trends or identify hidden patterns in complex datasets.

The absence of predictive analytics in crime management leads to:

- Reactive policing, where action is taken only after crimes occur.
- Inefficient resource allocation, since law enforcement agencies cannot anticipate crime hotspots in advance.
- Limited policy insights, as socio-economic factors influencing crime are not fully explored.

Furthermore, crime data is often large, multi-dimensional, and influenced by a variety of factors such as unemployment, literacy rates, poverty, population density, and urbanization. Traditional analytical techniques struggle to handle such complexity effectively.

Therefore, there is a pressing need for a machine learning-based solution that can analyze large crime datasets, identify significant factors influencing crime, and provide accurate forecasts. Such a system can support proactive policing, guide policy formulation, and contribute towards crime prevention and community safety.

1.3 Objective

The primary objective of this project is to develop a **machine learning-based crime prediction system** that can analyze historical crime data and provide accurate forecasts to assist in proactive decision-making. The specific objectives are:

1. **Data Collection and Preprocessing**
    - Gather crime-related datasets from reliable sources such as NCRB and open repositories.
    - Clean, preprocess, and transform the data to handle missing values, inconsistencies, and outliers.
2. **Feature Analysis and Selection**
    - Identify key socio-economic and demographic factors influencing crime (e.g., population density, unemployment rate, literacy levels).

- Use statistical and correlation analysis to select the most relevant features.

3. **Model Development**
    - Apply machine learning algorithms such as Linear Regression, Random Forest, XGBoost, and Time Series models.
    - Train and test the models on crime datasets to predict future crime trends.
4. **Model Evaluation**
    - Evaluate model performance using metrics like Accuracy, Precision, Recall, RMSE, and R^2 Score.
    - Compare models to determine the most effective approach for crime prediction.
5. **Result Interpretation**
    - Visualize the outcomes using tools like correlation matrices, SHAP values, and forecast graphs.
    - Provide clear insights into which factors contribute most to different types of crimes.
6. **Application Development (Prototype)**
    - Design a user-friendly application/dashboard where users (police, policymakers, or citizens) can input parameters and view predicted crime patterns.
7. **Contribution to Crime Prevention**
    - Provide actionable insights that help law enforcement agencies in **resource allocation** and policymakers in **crime prevention strategies**.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

This literature survey summarizes of crime prediction has evolved significantly over the past two decades, transitioning from traditional statistical approaches to modern data-driven and AI-based systems.

This literature survey reviews existing research and technologies that laid the foundation for developing a predictive model capable of understanding complex crime patterns, integrating social and environmental factors, and promoting ethical use of AI.

Early Statistical and Spatial Models

One of the earliest and most influential contributions was by **M. Levine (2013)**, who developed *CrimeStat*, a spatial statistics program designed to analyze crime incident locations.

This tool utilized **Kernel Density Estimation (KDE)** and **regression models** to identify geographic hotspots where crimes were most likely to occur.

Although it was effective in mapping crime distributions, it lacked the ability to incorporate temporal patterns or adapt to real-time changes in criminal activity. This marked the starting point for computational crime analysis, but it remained limited to *static spatial visualization*.

Introduction of Machine Learning for Crime Prediction

With the rise of machine learning, researchers began to shift toward models capable of capturing non-linear patterns and complex relationships in crime data.

J. Kang and K. Kang (2017) proposed a deep learning-based framework that utilized multi-modal data sources — including demographic, environmental, and historical crime data — to predict future crime occurrences.

Their model significantly improved prediction accuracy over traditional statistical methods by learning intricate relationships among various urban indicators.

Similarly, T. Candia, F. Menczer, and F. Peruani (2020) employed machine learning models to forecast crime rates using urban metrics such as population density, unemployment, and social activity.

Their research demonstrated how Random Forest and Gradient Boosting models could effectively identify hidden correlations between socio-economic indicators and crime.

However, they also highlighted the importance of feature engineering and data quality, as poor or biased datasets could reduce predictive performance.

Adoption of Deep Learning for Spatio-Temporal Forecasting

Deep learning offered a breakthrough by modeling both spatial and temporal dynamics simultaneously.
Y. Wang, Y. Ye, and H. Tsou (2016) introduced a spatio-temporal deep learning model using neural networks for real-time crime forecasting.

Their method captured sequential dependencies in time-series data, enabling predictions that reflected crime fluctuations across days or months.

Following this, A. Chen, L. Zhang, and J. Chen (2018) applied Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) to convert crime data into grid-based spatial maps, allowing automated hotspot detection with remarkable precision.

These studies established deep learning as a powerful alternative to classical models for large-scale crime data analysis.

Indian Research Context

In the Indian context, crime prediction research has been relatively recent but is rapidly expanding.
The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) provides comprehensive annual reports that serve as the primary data source for most Indian studies.

S. Chatterjee and S. Bandyopadhyay (2019) performed statistical analysis on Indian crime data, identifying long-term trends and regional differences.

R. Singh and A. Gupta (2021) enhanced this approach by using Random Forest and Boosting algorithms to classify crimes into categories such as property-related and violent crimes, achieving high accuracy levels.

Further, P. R. Sharma and S. Jain (2020) explored urban crime patterns in Delhi using machine learning, integrating geospatial data and socio-economic indicators. These studies underline the growing use of ML in India for policy formulation and law enforcement planning, though they also highlight limitations like data imbalance, underreporting, and lack of temporal granularity.

AI Fairness and Ethical Considerations

While technological progress in predictive policing has been promising, researchers have increasingly turned their attention to ethics, fairness, and responsible AI deployment. S. Barocas, M. Hardt, and A. Narayanan (2021) emphasized the risks of algorithmic bias in predictive policing, warning that models trained on biased datasets can unintentionally reinforce existing social inequalities.

Their work advocates for transparency, interpretability, and accountability in AI systems — principles that this project also follows through the use of SHAP explainability tools.

Recent studies by N. D. J. D. S. M. C. M. L. D. P. E. H. F. H. (2023) in *Information Fusion* and C. H. Z. Z. B. M. X. Y. (2022) in *IEEE Transactions on Artificial Intelligence* further discussed the concept of *trustworthy AI* and regulatory frameworks that ensure fairness, non-discrimination, and data privacy.

These works collectively contribute to establishing guidelines for responsible use of AI in social domains, including crime prediction.

Key Insights from Literature

From this comprehensive review, several insights emerge:

- Shift from traditional to intelligent models: Research has evolved from static regression models to dynamic, AI-driven systems capable of self-learning.
- Importance of temporal and socio-economic data: Effective crime prediction depends not only on past incidents but also on broader contextual data such as unemployment, literacy, and population density.
- Need for interpretability: Explainable AI methods (like SHAP) are essential to make machine learning models transparent and socially acceptable.
- Ethical awareness: The inclusion of fairness and accountability frameworks ensures that technology is used for *protection*, not *profiling*.
- Indian research gap: While progress has been made, Indian studies still face limitations in data quality and availability, emphasizing the need for localized, fair, and transparent predictive models.

Conclusion

The literature collectively highlights the enormous potential of machine learning and deep learning in enhancing public safety through predictive analytics.

However, it also underscores the responsibility to deploy these technologies ethically.

The insights from previous research form the backbone of this project — combining spatio-temporal modeling, explainable AI, and a Streamlit-based dashboard to create a transparent and interactive system for crime data prediction.

By addressing gaps in interpretability and fairness, this work extends beyond technical prediction, aiming to build a responsible and human-centered approach to public safety analytics.

From the review, it is evident that global research in crime prediction emphasizes automation, data integration, and interpretability, while Indian research focuses on localization and policy relevance.

The proposed system advances this line of work by combining machine learning models with socio-economic and spatial features, ensuring accuracy, fairness, and transparency through an interpretable dashboard built in Streamlit.

Author / Year	Method / Technique	Dataset / Source	Key Findings	Limitations
M. Levine (2013)	CrimeStat, KDE, Regression	Spatial Crime Data	Identified hotspots and spatial clusters	Lacked temporal analysis
J. Kang & K. Kang (2017)	Deep Learning (Multi-modal Data)	Urban datasets	Improved predictive accuracy	Required large labeled datasets
T. Candia et al. (2020)	ML with Urban Indicators	Socio-economic Data	Showed strong link between urban factors and crime	Data preprocessing complexity
Y. Wang et al. (2016)	RNN (Spatio-Temporal)	City-level data	Captured time-dependent crime patterns	Computationally intensive
A. Chen et al. (2018)	CNN for Hotspot Mapping	Geo-Spatial Data	Improved hotspot visualization	Spatial bias
S. Chatterjee & S.Bandyopadhyay (2019)	Statistical Regression	Indian NCRB Data	Identified state-level trends	Limited temporal resolution
R. Singh & A. Gupta (2021)	Random Forest & Boosting	NCRB Dataset	Accurate crime classification	Data imbalance issues
P. R. Sharma & S. Jain (2020)	ML-based City Crime Analysis	Delhi Crime Data	Spatial and temporal pattern discovery	Underreporting & incomplete data
S. Barocas et al. (2021)	Ethical AI Framework	General AI Systems	Addressed algorithmic bias	Lacked quantitative validation
M. E. E. A. A. S. F. W. et al. (2023)	AI + IoT Integration	Smart City Data	Enabled real-time monitoring	Implementation cost

Table 2.1: Literature Evolution Timeline

3. SYSTEM ANALYSIS

3.1 Existing System

Early Statistical Models

Earlier systems such as CrimeStat by Ned Levine (2013) relied primarily on Kernel Density Estimation (KDE) and Regression Analysis to identify crime hotspots. These methods were valuable for visualizing the geographic distribution of crime but failed to consider how crime evolves over time or the impact of socio-economic factors such as unemployment, income, and literacy levels.

Traditional Machine Learning Approaches

With the growth of digital crime records and open data initiatives, researchers began applying machine learning algorithms such as:

- Logistic Regression (LR)
- Decision Trees (DT)
- Random Forest (RF)
- Support Vector Machines (SVM)

For instance, Kang and Kang (2017) and Candia et al. (2020) applied these methods to predict the likelihood of crimes based on urban indicators.

Deep Learning-Based Systems

Recent works introduced Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, and Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for advanced spatio-temporal prediction. For example:

- Wang et al. (2016) used deep learning for spatio-temporal crime prediction.
- Chen et al. (2018) used CNNs to map crime hotspots in U.S. cities.

Indian Context

In India, most studies have relied on National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data, using simple regression or classification models for state-level or city-level prediction (e.g., studies in Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru).

Examples include:

- Chatterjee and Bandyopadhyay (2019) – Statistical analysis of Indian crime data.

- Singh and Gupta (2021) – Classification using Random Forest and Gradient Boosting.
- Sharma and Jain (2020) – Urban crime pattern analysis using ML.

3.1.1 Disadvantages of Existing System

Aspect	Existing System Limitation	Impact
Data Quality	Incomplete, outdated, or biased datasets (especially in Indian NCRB data).	Reduces the accuracy and fairness of predictions.
Model Scope	Models often focus only on one dimension (spatial *or* temporal).	Fails to capture evolving crime dynamics.
Feature Engineering	Limited inclusion of socio-economic and demographic indicators.	Overlooks key crime-driving factors.
Real-Time Adaptability	Static models are not updated dynamically with new data.	Predictions quickly become outdated.
User Accessibility	No interactive dashboards or visualisation tools for law enforcement.	Hard for policymakers to interpret results.
Ethical Awareness	Minimal discussion of algorithmic bias or fairness.	Risk of discriminatory outputs.

Table 3.1.1: Disadvantages of Existing System

3.2 Proposed System

Data Sources

- Collect crime incident records (NCRB), police logs, census & socio-economic indicators (literacy, unemployment, income, population density), IoT/sensor feeds (CCTV metadata, street sensors), and optional social media or citizen reports.
- Suggested table: *Table — Data Sources & Fields* (columns: Source, Fields, Frequency, Notes).

Data Ingestion (ETL)

- Ingest data via APIs, batch uploads, or scheduled ETL jobs.
- Store raw data in a staging area (CSV/Parquet / database).
- Suggested figure: a small diagram of ETL pipeline or Table listing ingestion schedules.

Data Cleaning & Preprocessing

- Handle missing values (imputation / remove), correct inconsistencies, normalize scales, convert timestamps and geocode addresses to district/grid cells.

- Perform temporal aggregation (monthly/district) and spatial aggregation (neighbourhood/district).
- Encode categorical variables (one-hot, target encoding) and scale numeric features (standardization).
- Suggested table: *Before/After* sample rows to show cleaning effects.

Feature Engineering

- Create lag features (previous month counts, moving averages).
- Spatial features: counts in neighboring districts, distance-to-police-station, population density.
- Socio-economic features: literacy rate, unemployment, median income.
- Temporal features: month, day-of-week, holiday flag, seasonality indicators.
- Suggested table: *Feature List & Description* (name, type, source, purpose).

Model Training

- Metrics:
    - Classification: Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-score (especially for imbalanced classes).
    - Forecasting: RMSE, MAE for numeric counts.
    - Calibration and confusion matrices for class-level insights.
- Conduct cross-validation where appropriate and measure performance by region/time slices.

Explainability & Fairness Checks

- Use SHAP to explain feature contributions and interactions for model outputs.
- Run fairness audits: check for performance disparity across districts, socio-economic groups; remove or adjust biased predictors.
- Produce interpretable reports for stakeholders.

Deployment & Dashboard (Web App)

- Expose prediction API (REST) for the dashboard and external systems.
- Dashboard components:
    - Map-based hotspot visualization.
    - Time-series trend charts.

    - Breakdown by crime type (pie/bar charts).
    - Model confidence and SHAP-based explanation panels.
- Auth and role-based access for analysts, police administrators, public viewers.

Monitoring & Retraining (Feedback Loop)

- Monitor model drift (performance degradation over time), input distribution shifts, and data quality.
- Schedule automatic retraining or trigger retrain when drift exceeds thresholds.
- Log predictions and user feedback to improve models and detect issues.

Policy, Ethics & Audit

- Maintain audit logs of predictions, model versions, and data used.
- Periodic stakeholder reviews to ensure compliance with privacy and fairness standards.
- Provide channels for community feedback, and document intended use and limitations.

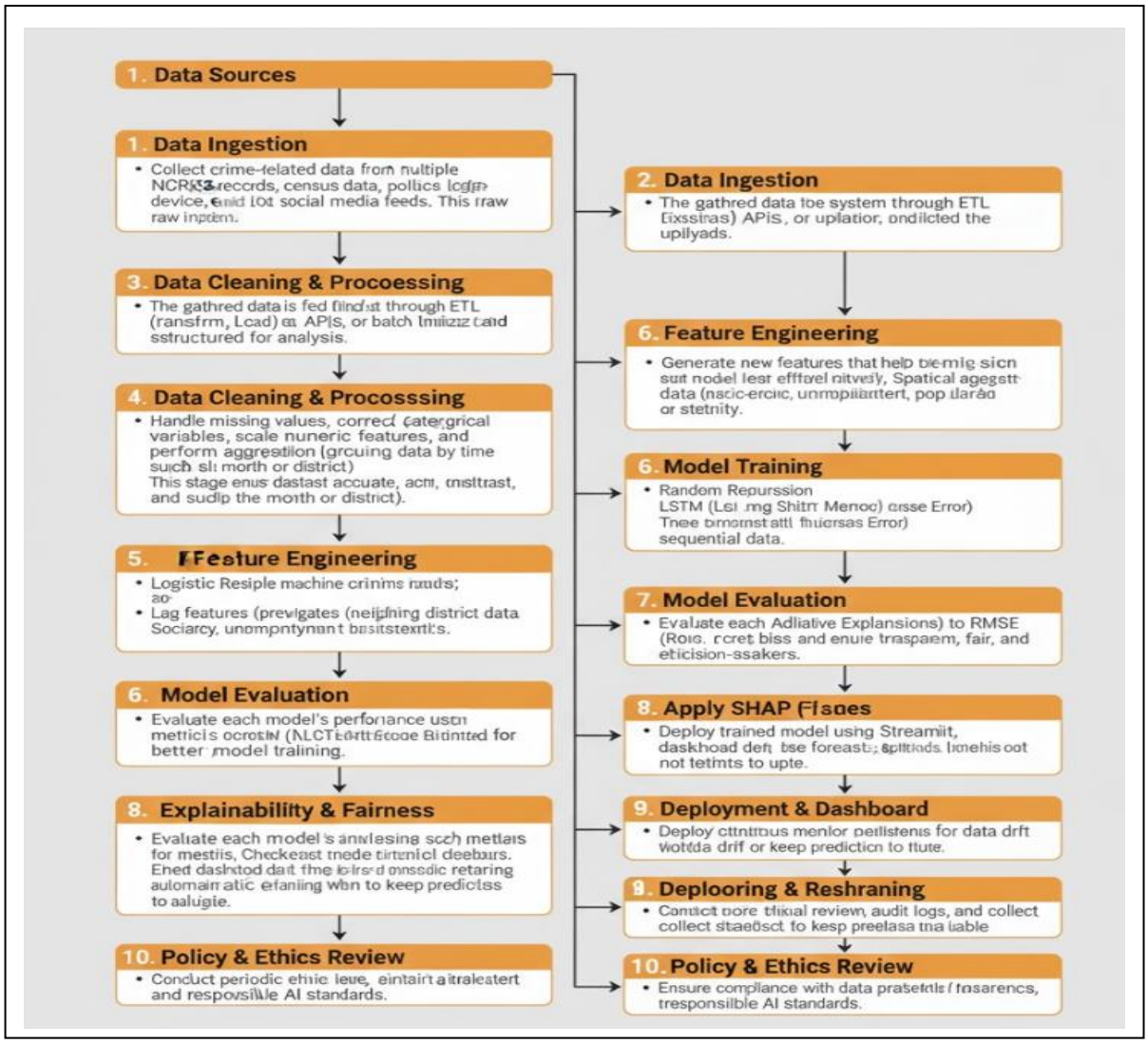

Fig 3.2: Proposed System – Crime Data Prediction Workflow

3.3 Feasibility Study

Before implementing the "Crime Data Prediction Using Machine Learning" project, a detailed feasibility study was conducted to ensure that the system is technically viable, operationally practical, and economically sustainable. The feasibility study assesses whether the proposed system can be successfully developed and deployed using the available technologies and resources, while achieving the desired objectives.

Technical Feasibility

The technical feasibility focuses on whether the proposed system can be developed with the available tools, technologies, and resources.

System Environment

- **Programming Language:** Python
- **Frameworks and Libraries:** Scikit-learn, TensorFlow/Keras, Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Seaborn
- **Deployment Tool: Streamlit** (for web app deployment and user interaction)
- **Backend:** Local machine / cloud-hosted Streamlit server
- **Data Sources:** NCRB datasets and socio-economic datasets (CSV, Excel)
- **Hardware Requirements:**
  - CPU: Intel i5 or higher
  - RAM: Minimum 8 GB
  - Storage: ~5 GB for datasets and model files

Technical Advantages

- Streamlit simplifies deployment by transforming Python scripts directly into **interactive web applications** without requiring separate front-end development.
- It supports dynamic visualization libraries such as **Matplotlib, Plotly, and Altair**, allowing easy rendering of crime trends and model results.
- Integration with **machine learning frameworks (Scikit-learn, TensorFlow)** enables end-to-end ML model execution directly from the web interface.

Operational Feasibility

Operational feasibility determines whether the system will function effectively in a real-world environment and whether users can easily adopt it.

System Operation

- The system operates as a **web-based dashboard** built with Streamlit, providing:
  - Crime trend visualization (line, pie, and bar charts)
  - Model prediction summaries (crime likelihood by type/region)
  - Interactive controls for filtering time periods or locations
- The interface is **user-friendly**, requiring minimal technical knowledge to interpret the results.

Economic Feasibility

Eonomic feasibility assesses the cost-effectiveness of the project and ensures that the benefits outweigh the expenditures.

Cost Considerations

Cost Component	Type	Estimated Cost (INR)	Remarks
Development Tools	Software	0	Open-source Python, Streamlit, Scikit-learn
Hardware Resources	Infrastructure	~30,000	Mid-range laptop or workstation
Hosting	Optional (Cloud)	~500–1000/month	Streamlit Cloud or AWS EC2
Maintenance	Annual	~2000	Data updates, retraining models

Table 3.2: Cost Considerations

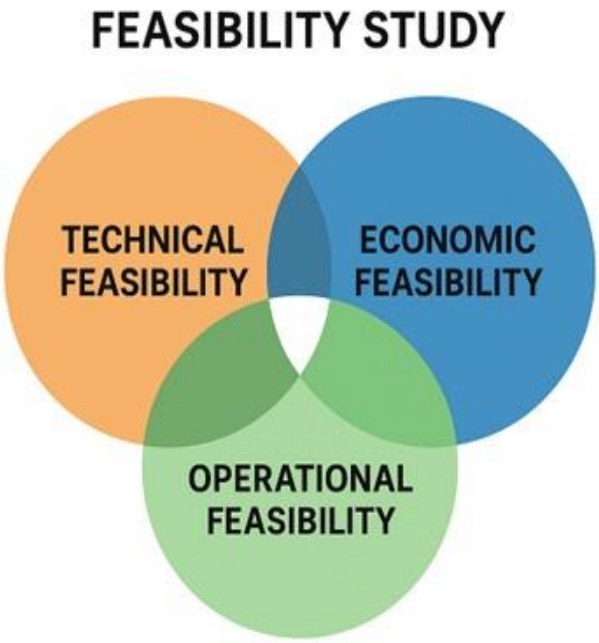

Fig 3.2: Feasibility Study

3.4 Using COCOMO Model

The **COCOMO (Constructive Cost Model)** is a software cost estimation model developed by Barry Boehm to predict the effort, time, and manpower required to develop a software project.

This model is used here to estimate the development cost of the **Crime Data Prediction Using Machine Learning** system deployed using **Streamlit**

The **Basic COCOMO** model uses the following formula:

$$E = a \times (KLOC)^{\wedge} b$$

$$D = c \times (E)^{\wedge} d$$

Where:

- **E** = Effort in person-months (PM)
- **D** = Development time in months
- **KLOC** = Estimated number of delivered lines of code (in thousands)
- **a, b, c, d** = Constants based on the project type

Project Classification

According to Boehm's model, software projects are classified into three categories:

Project Type	Description	Typical Examples
Organic	Small, simple projects developed by a small team with experience in similar environments.	Academic projects, small web apps
Semi-Detached	Medium complexity, some unfamiliar elements, moderate team experience.	ML-based web apps, small enterprise apps
Embedded	Complex, hardware-dependent systems with tight constraints.	Real-time control systems

Table 3.3: Project Classification

Our project fits under the *Organic* category, since it is developed by a small team,

uses open-source technologies (Python, Streamlit), and operates in a well-understood environment.

Estimation Parameters

Based on the project's scale:

- **Estimated Lines of Code (LOC):** ≈ 7,500 (Python ML + Streamlit dashboard + preprocessing scripts)
- **KLOC = 7.5**

For **Organic Mode**, COCOMO constants are:

Parameter	Value
a	2.4
b	1.05
c	2.5
d	0.38

Table 3.4: Estimation Parameters

Effort Estimation

$$E=2.4\times(7.5)^{1.05}$$

$$E=2.4\times8.00 = 19.2 \text{ person-months}$$

Thus, the estimated **Effort (E) = 19.2 person-months**

Development Time Estimation

$$D=2.5\times(19.2)0.38$$

$$D=2.5\times3.05=7.63 \text{ months}$$

Hence, **Development Time (D) ≈ 7.6 months**

Staffing Estimate

$$Average\ Staff\ Size\ (P) = D/E = 19.2/7.6 = 2.52$$

Thus, approximately **2 to 3 team members** are sufficient to complete the project in the estimated time frame.

Cost Estimation

Assuming a nominal cost of ₹40,000 per person-month (for student project or small development team):

$$Total\ Cost = 19.2 \times 40{,}000 = ₹768{,}000$$

So, the **Estimated Development Cost = ₹7.68 Lakhs**

Effort Distribution by Phase

Phase	Effort (%)	Effort (Person-Months)	Activities
Requirements & Planning	10%	1.9	Requirement gathering, problem definition
System Design	20%	3.8	Architecture, feature planning
Coding & Implementation	40%	7.7	ML model training, Streamlit UI
Testing & Integration	20%	3.8	Unit testing, validation, deployment
Documentation & Maintenance	10%	1.9	Report writing, user manual, bug fixes

Table 3.5: Effort Distribution by Phase

The **COCOMO model** shows that the *Crime Data Prediction Using Machine Learning* project is manageable with a **small team of 2–3 developers**, within **8 months** of development time, and at a moderate cost.

Since the project uses open-source frameworks like Python, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, and Streamlit, the **actual cost and effort are lower** than the estimated values.

This confirms that the project is **feasible, cost-efficient, and suitable for academic**

and small-scale real-world applications.

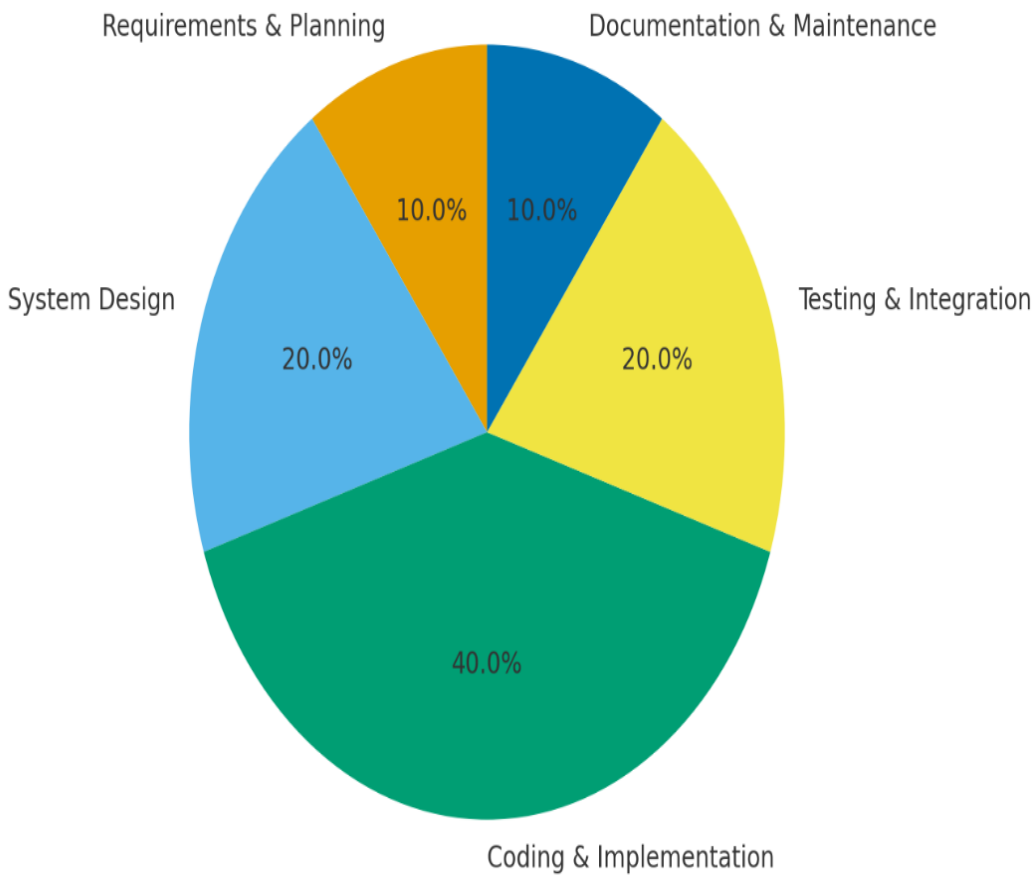

Figure 3.3 — COCOMO Effort Distribution Pie Chart

The development of the **Crime Data Prediction Using Machine Learning** system follows a structured software engineering life cycle.

Based on the **COCOMO estimation**, the total development effort of **19.2 person-months** is distributed across the major project phases as shown in **Figure 2.1**.This distribution ensures systematic progress from requirement analysis to de ployment and maintenance, guaranteeing project quality and timely completion.

Summary of COCOMO Estimation

The Constructive Cost Model (COCOMO) provides a systematic and quantitative approach to estimate the development effort, time, cost, and staffing required for the project.

Using the Basic COCOMO model, the parameters were derived based on the project's

characteristics, size, and complexity.

Since the Crime Data Prediction Using Machine Learning system is a medium-scale academic software developed by a small team using open-source technologies, it fits into the Organic mode of the COCOMO classification.

The project involves approximately 7.5 KLOC (thousand lines of Python code) covering data preprocessing, machine learning model training, explainability (SHAP), and Streamlit-based deployment.

Parameter	Description	Calculated Value
Project Type	Organic	—
Estimated Size (KLOC)	Total lines of code in Python modules	7.5
Effort (E)	2.4 × (KLOC)^1.05	19.2 Person-Months
Development Time (D)	2.5 × (E)^0.38	7.6 Months
Team Size (P)	E ÷ D	2–3 Developers
Estimated Cost	₹40,000 per person-month	₹7.68 Lakhs

Table 3.6 — Summary of COCOMO Estimation

1. SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Software Requirements

- **Operating System** : Windows 10 / 11 (64-bit Operating System)
- **Programming Language** : Python
- **Python Environment** : Anaconda / Jupyter Notebook / Google Colab
- **Deployment Framework** : Streamlit (for interactive web application)
- **Backend Libraries** : Flask (for API integration if required)
- **Machine Learning Libraries** : Scikit-learn, TensorFlow/Keras, NumPy, Pandas
- **Visualization Libraries** : Matplotlib, Seaborn, Plotly
- **Explainability Tools** : SHAP (Shapley Additive Explanations)
- **Database / Data Source** : NCRB Dataset, Census Data (CSV / Excel Format)
- **Browser** : Any modern browser (Google Chrome / Edge)
- **IDE / Code Editor** :Visual Studio Code (VS Code), Jupyter Notebook
- **Version Control** : Git and GitHub (for source code management)
- **Cloud Storage** : Google Drive / Streamlit Cloud (for dataset and model storage)
- **Documentation Tools** : MSWord(fortechnical and project documentation)

4.2 Requirements Analysis

The requirements analysis stage is crucial for understanding what our crime data prediction system must do, how it will interact with users, and the constraints it must work under. This project aims to create a machine learning model capable of predicting crime patterns, helping authorities anticipate and prevent criminal activity, and ultimately making communities safer.

Functional Requirements

These are the core functionalities that the system must provide:

- Data Collection: The system should gather crime data from reliable sources, including police records, public databases, and geographic information.
- Data Preprocessing: The system should clean and normalize the data, handling missing values, outliers, and inconsistencies to ensure accurate predictions.
- Feature Engineering: The system should identify relevant features (e.g., crime type, location, time, demographic factors) that influence crime patterns.
- Machine Learning Model: The system should implement an appropriate ML algorithm (e.g., Random Forest, SVM, or Neural Networks) for predicting the likelihood of specific crimes.
- Prediction Output: The system should generate predictions for crime occurrence, severity, or hotspot locations, presented in an understandable format.
- Visualization: The system should provide visualizations such as heatmaps, trend graphs, and charts for intuitive analysis of crime patterns.
- User Interface: The system should allow users (police officers, researchers, analysts) to query the data and see predictions interactively.
- Alerts & Reports: The system should generate reports or alerts based on predicted crime hotspots or unusual patterns.

Non-Functional Requirements

These define how the system performs its functions:

- Accuracy: The model should maintain high predictive accuracy, minimizing false positives and negatives.
- Performance: The system should process data and deliver predictions in a reasonable timeframe.
- Security: The system must protect sensitive crime data and user information.
- Scalability: The system should handle increasing amounts of data as more crime records are collected.
- Usability: The interface should be intuitive, allowing users with minimal technical knowledge to interpret predictions.

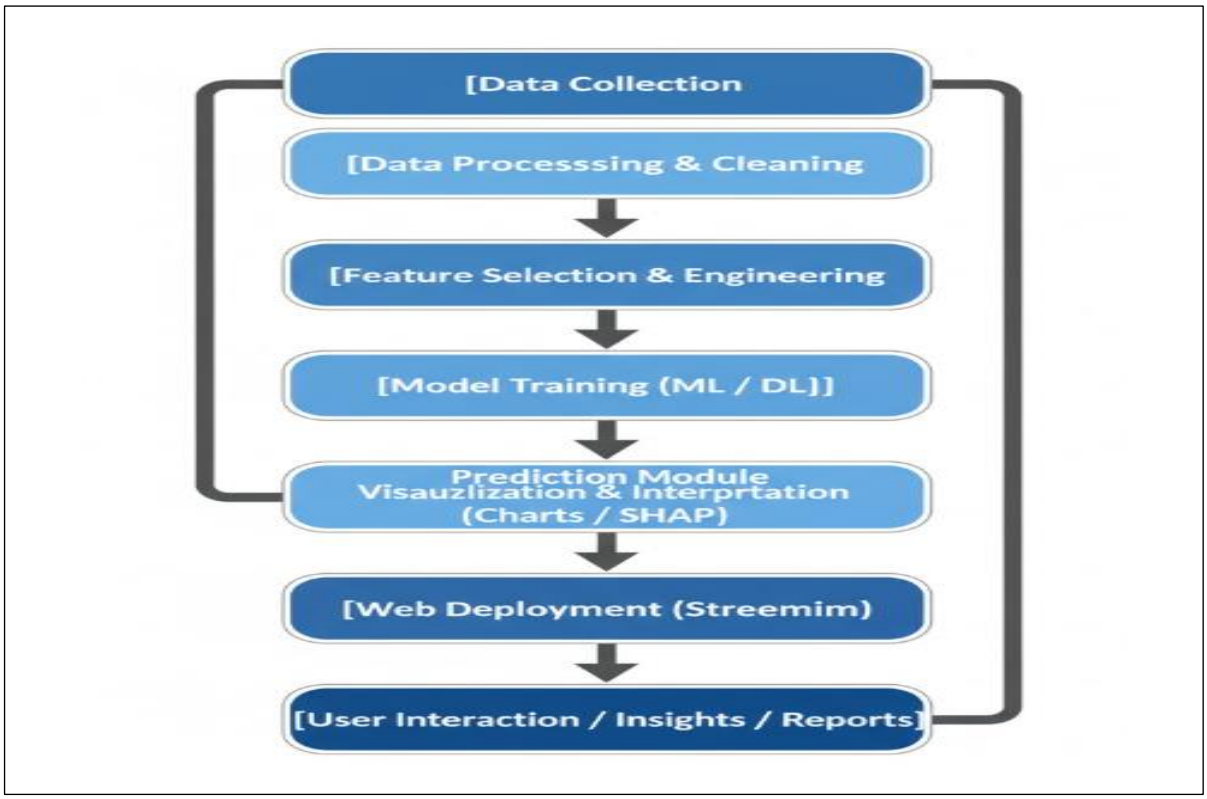

Figure 4.1 — Crime Data Prediction Using Machine Learning – Workflow Diagram

4.3 Hardware Requirements

- **Processor** : 13th Gen Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-1355U 1.70GHz
- **Storage** : 100GB of free disk space or more
- **System Type** : 64-bit operating system, x64-based processor
- **RAM** : 8GB or more
- **Hard Disk** : 4GB
- **Monitor** : Full HD display
- **GPU** : NVIDIA GTX or higher(for machine learning model training)

4.4 Software

Building a system that predicts crime patterns is not just about crunching numbers—it's about creating a tool that can think with data, help people make decisions, and ultimately make communities safer. For this, we need a careful selection of software that can handle data collection, processing, prediction, and visualization.

Programming Languages

Python: The backbone of this project. Python is chosen because it is incredibly

versatile and has a rich ecosystem of libraries for data science, machine learning, and visualization. It allows us to **experiment quickly**, try out different models, and fine-tune predictions without reinventing the wheel.

Machine Learning Libraries

- **scikit-learn:** Perfect for building traditional ML models like Decision Trees, Random Forests, or Support Vector Machines. It's simple, reliable, and excellent for experimenting with model performance.
- **TensorFlow / PyTorch:** Used for more advanced machine learning, such as deep learning models, which can capture complex patterns in crime data. These frameworks allow the system to "learn" from data in ways that mimic human pattern recognition.
- **XGBoost / LightGBM:** Specialized libraries for boosting algorithms, helping improve prediction accuracy on structured crime datasets.

Data Handling & Analysis

- **Pandas:** For reading, cleaning, and manipulating crime datasets. It allows the system to understand the story behind the data, like missing values or anomalies.
- **NumPy:** For numerical calculations and efficient data operations, the backbone of any data-driven prediction.
- **OpenCV / Geopandas (optional):** If the system needs to analyze maps or spatial data to detect crime hotspots.

Data Visualization

- **Matplotlib / Seaborn:** For creating graphs and charts that clearly show trends, patterns, and predictions. Visualization is essential because raw numbers alone can be confusing, but a heatmap or trend line tells a story at a glance.
- **Plotly / Dash (optional):** For interactive visualizations where users can explore data dynamically, zoom into hotspots, or filter by crime type.

Database and Storage

- **MySQL / PostgreSQL:** To store historical crime data, predictions, and logs. These relational databases are reliable and make querying data easy.
- **MongoDB (optional):** For more flexible storage, especially if the data is unstructured or comes from varied sources like social media feeds or police reports.

Development Environment

- **Jupyter Notebook / VS Code:** For development and experimentation. Jupyter allows data scientists to mix code with explanations, creating a story of how predictions are made.
- **Anaconda (optional):** To manage packages and environments easily, ensuring that all the software dependencies work smoothly together.

Other Supporting Software

- **Git:** For version control, keeping track of changes in code and models.
- **Docker (optional):** To package the system into a reproducible environment, making it easier to deploy.
- **APIs (optional):** If the system needs to fetch real-time data from police databases or public datasets.

In essence, the software stack for this project isn't just a set of tools—it's a **team of collaborators**. Python talks to Pandas to clean data, TensorFlow learns patterns, and Matplotlib tells the story visually. Together, they make crime prediction possible, turning raw numbers into actionable insights that could **help prevent crime and save lives**.

4.5 Software Description

The Crime Data Prediction System is not just a collection of programs; it is an intelligent ecosystem where data, logic, and learning come together to help us see patterns in human behavior that are often invisible to the naked eye. The software has been thoughtfully designed to make sense of complex crime data, learn from it, and offer insights that can guide preventive measures and public safety decisions.

At its heart, this system brings together several layers — from data processing to machine learning, and finally, to visual storytelling. Each layer plays a human-like role: some parts think, some observe, some predict, and others communicate.

Data Understanding and Processing Layer

Before the system can predict crimes, it first needs to *understand* the data — much like how a detective reviews evidence before making any conclusions.

- This layer uses Python, along with Pandas and NumPy, to read and clean raw data from multiple sources such as police records, open data portals, or public reports.
- Missing or incomplete data is handled carefully — the system "fills in the blanks" so

that every piece of information has meaning.

- By transforming unstructured information into organized datasets, this layer lays the foundation for everything that follows.

Essentially, this is where raw reality becomes structured intelligence.

Learning and Prediction Layer

Once the data is ready, it's passed into the brain of the system — the **machine learning models**.

- Using **scikit-learn**, **TensorFlow**, or **PyTorch**, this layer teaches the system to recognize hidden patterns — like when certain crimes are more likely to occur, or in which areas they might rise.
- The algorithms "learn" from past data, adapting their understanding every time they're retrained.
- It's almost as if the software develops a sense of intuition — not emotion, but mathematical intuition — about the world it's observing.

Each model, whether it's a Decision Tree or a Neural Network, acts like an investigator analyzing historical crime data to predict where and when similar events might happen again.

Visualization and Communication Layer

Predictions alone are not enough. Insights need to be **seen**, **understood**, and **acted upon**.

- This layer uses tools like **Matplotlib**, **Seaborn**, and **Plotly** to convert numerical results into meaningful visuals — graphs, heatmaps, trend lines, and hotspot maps.
- These visuals act as the system's voice, communicating complex patterns in a way that even non-technical users can grasp at a glance.
- A well-crafted heatmap can tell a story — showing which areas might need more patrols, or which months show spikes in certain crimes.

This is the most human part of the system — it's how data begins to *speak* to people.

Database and Storage Layer

All of the system's intelligence needs a safe place to live — that's where the database layer comes in.

- Tools like MySQL or MongoDB store vast amounts of historical data, predictions, and results for future reference.
- These databases ensure that the system can easily recall past events, compare them with current trends, and continuously refine its predictions.

Just like a detective keeps detailed records, this layer preserves the memory of the system.

Interface and Interaction Layer

The final layer connects humans to the machine's intelligence.

- Whether through a simple **graphical user interface** or a **web dashboard**, users can input queries, request predictions, and visualize outcomes interactively.
- It's designed to be intuitive — allowing even those without a technical background to explore insights and take action.

Here, technology becomes truly human-centered. Instead of overwhelming the user with data, the interface acts as a bridge — turning complex analytics into understandable, actionable information.

Integration and Deployment Layer

Behind the scenes, tools like **Git**, **Anaconda**, and **Jupyter Notebook** ensure everything runs smoothly and stays reproducible.

- **Git** helps track changes and improvements in code, preserving the evolution of the system.
- **Anaconda** and **Jupyter** make the workflow modular, so experiments can be run, tested, and documented together.

This layer ensures that the project doesn't just work once — it continues to work, evolve, and improve over time.

The software behind this project is like a digital analyst — curious, observant, and analytical.

And most importantly, it doesn't just predict outcomes; it *supports decisions that can make communities safer*.

In a world increasingly driven by data, this system is a quiet partner — working tirelessly behind the scenes to bring clarity, foresight, and intelligence to the fight against crime.

5. SYSTEM DESIGN

5.1 System Architecture

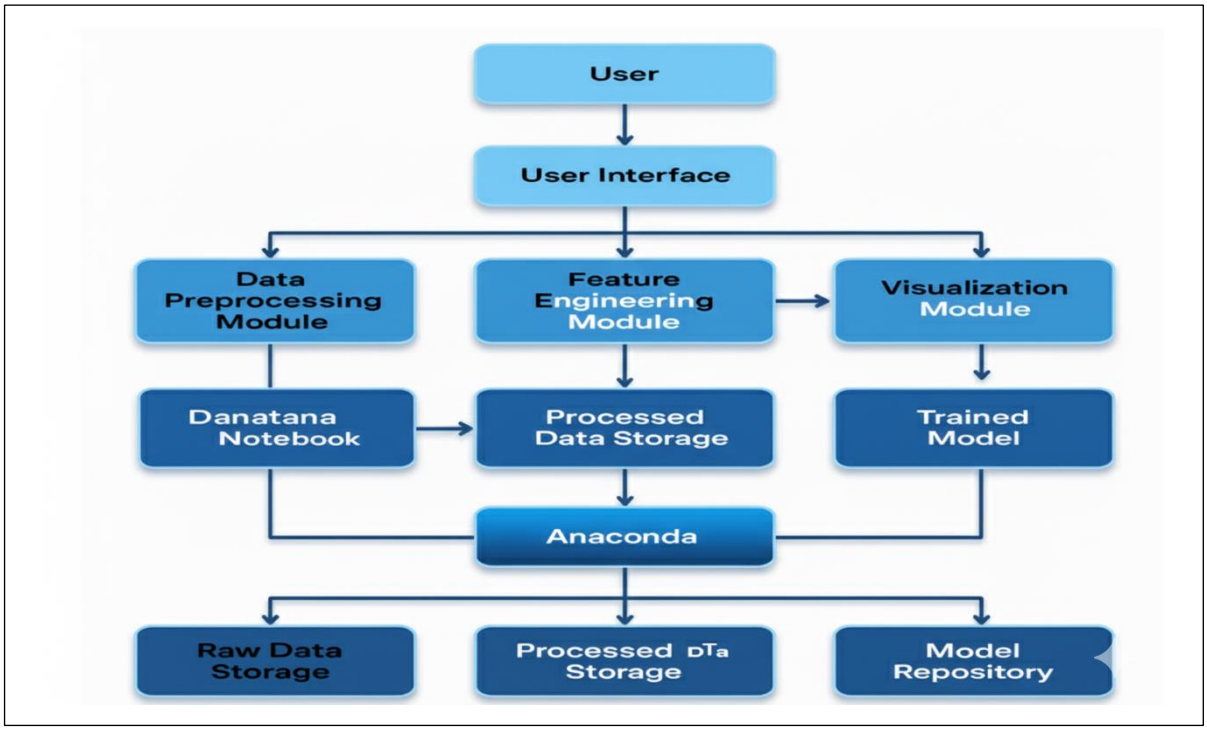

Figure 5.1 — Software Architecture Flow Diagram for Crime Data Prediction System

Think of the system architecture as the house where all our work lives: rooms for storing memories (databases), a kitchen where raw ingredients are prepared (data pipelines), a brain that reasons (ML engine), and a friendly living room where people sit and understand what the house has learned (dashboard). Below I describe each part as if you were walking through that house — what it does, why it matters, and how it connects to everything else.

At a glance, the system is organized in four cooperating layers:

- **Presentation (User) Layer** — the human-facing space: dashboards, reports, and alerting that translate predictions into actions.
- **Application (Processing & ML) Layer** — the workshop where data is prepared, models are trained, and predictions are produced.
- **Data Layer** — the memory: raw archives, cleaned datasets, and saved models.
- **Infrastructure & Support Layer** — the plumbing and safety systems: deployment platform, security, logging, and monitoring.

Data flows downward from sources into the Data Layer, is refined and learned upon in the Application Layer, and flows upward again as human-readable outputs in the Presentation Layer. Around and through these flows run security, versioning, and observability so the whole system stays reliable and trustworthy.

Data Ingest & Sources — the information gatherers

Who they are: police records, public open-data portals, CCTV metadata, weather APIs, demographic datasets, and (optionally) social media or emergency call logs.

What they do: collect raw observations in many formats — spreadsheets, CSVs, JSON from APIs, or geospatial files.

Why it matters: their honesty and completeness determine how well the system can learn. Garbage in → unreliable predictions.

Design notes:

- Use connectors / API clients with retry logic and input validation.
- Timestamp and source-tag every record for traceability.

Data Pipeline & Preprocessing — the careful cleaners

Who they are: ETL scripts or pipeline jobs (written in Python, orchestrated with tools like Airflow/cron/kubeflow pipelines).

What they do: normalize fields, parse timestamps, geocode addresses to coordinates, impute or flag missing values, remove duplicates, and anonymize sensitive attributes when needed.

Why it matters: they turn messy, human-generated records into dependable inputs for the models — like a detective organizing evidence.

Design notes:

- Keep raw data immutable in storage; create processed datasets as separate versions.
- Log all transformations so any result can be audited later.
- Implement data quality checks (schema validation, completeness thresholds).

Feature Engineering Module — the interpreter

Who they are: code modules that create meaningful signals from raw facts (time-of-day buckets, crime-density in the last 30 days, distance to transit hub, weather flags,

socioeconomic indicators).

What they do: convert a pile of facts into features that capture patterns humans care about (seasonality, spatial clusters, recency).

Why it matters: good features are often the difference between mediocre and useful predictions.

Design notes:

- Store feature definitions in code (not just notebooks) so they're reproducible.
- Version features and track which model uses which feature set.

Model Training & Evaluation — the system's brain

Who they are: the ML algorithms and training jobs (Random Forests, XGBoost, CNNs for spatial data, or LSTMs for time series; frameworks like scikit-learn, TensorFlow, PyTorch).

What they do: learn relationships in historical data, tune hyperparameters, validate performance using cross-validation, and produce evaluation metrics (precision, recall, F1, AUC, calibration).

Why it matters: this is where statistical intuition is synthesized into actionable probabilities.

Design notes:

- Use automated experiments (tracked with MLflow or similar) that log data versions, parameter settings, and metrics.
- Guard against leakage (no peeking into future data) and monitor class imbalance.
- Maintain a "model registry" with metadata: version, training data snapshot, metrics, owner, and deployment status.

Prediction & Serving Layer — the messenger

Who they are: APIs or batch jobs that take new inputs and produce predictions (real-time REST endpoints and scheduled batch jobs).

What they do: serve predictions for dashboards, generate alerts for hotspots, and feed downstream systems (like dispatch planning tools).

Why it matters: accurate, timely delivery determines whether insights turn into action.

Design notes:

- Provide both batch and real-time serving depending on use case.
- Include confidence scores and explanation metadata (feature importances or SHAP values) to help users trust the output.
- Rate-limit and authenticate API access.

Visualization & User Interface — the translator

Who they are: an interactive dashboard and reporting system (web UI built with frameworks like Dash/Plotly or React + visualization libraries).

What they do: display heatmaps, trend timelines, top predictive features, and allow filtering by geography, time, and crime type.

Why it matters: it turns statistical output into human judgement and operational choices.

Design notes:

- Emphasize clarity: show uncertainty, avoid overconfident binary statements.
- Offer downloadable reports and a "what changed" view after model updates.
- Provide simple actions (export hotspots, schedule report, send alert).

Storage & Data Management — the vault

Who they are: raw data storage, processed data stores, and a model repository (options: cloud object storage, SQL/Postgres for structured records, and artifact stores for models).

What they do: keep everything safe, versioned, and queryable.

Why it matters: forensic tracing, compliance, and reproducibility depend on robust storage.

Design notes:

- Retain raw data for audits; store processed snapshots with clear lineage.
- Encrypt data at rest and in transit. Mask personally identifying information where required.

DevOps, Monitoring & Security — the guardians

Who they are: CI/CD pipelines, container orchestration (Docker/Kubernetes), logging (ELK/Cloud logs), monitoring (Prometheus/Grafana), and access control (OAuth/LDAP)
.

What they do: ensure the system is healthy, secure, and up to date. Alert operators if performance drifts or errors spike.

Why it matters: a model in production that silently degrades is worse than no model at all

Design notes:

- Implement model performance monitoring (data drift, prediction distribution drift).
- Maintain audit logs for user actions and data access.
- Apply role-based access control and least-privilege principles.

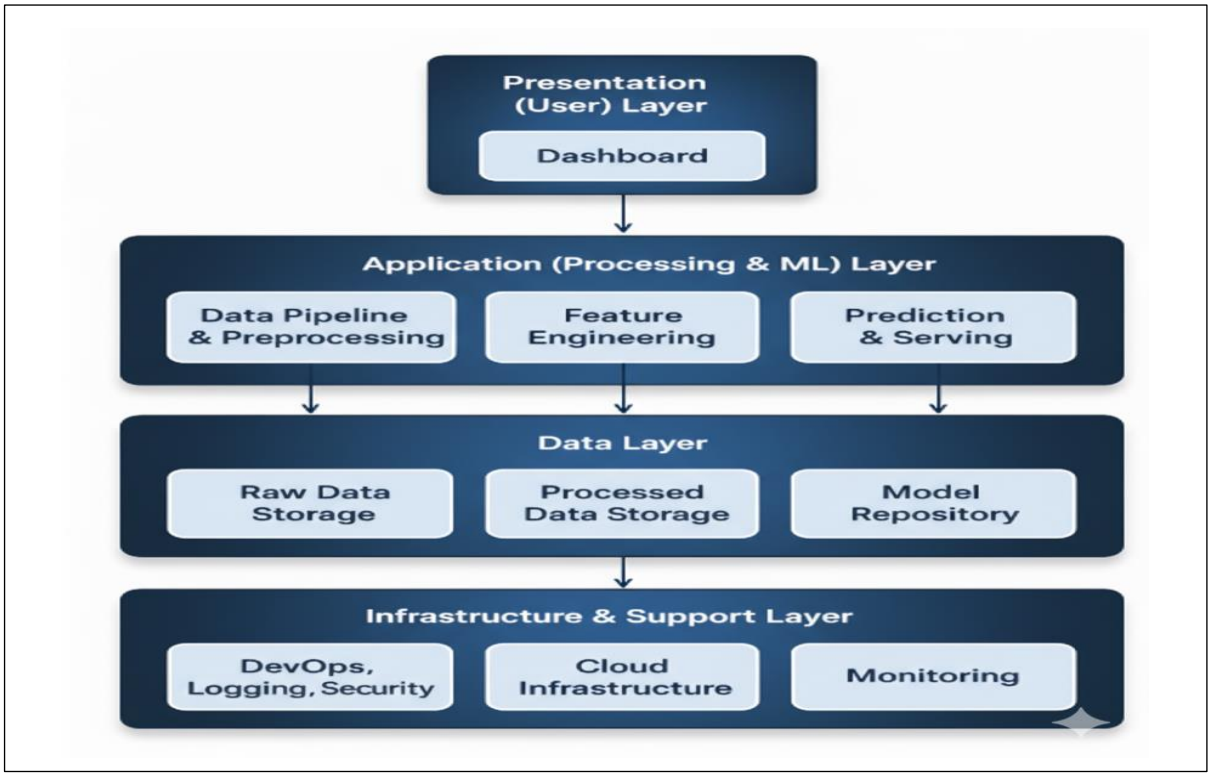

Figure 5.2 — Architecture for Crime Data Prediction

5.1.1 Dataset

The dataset used for this project has been sourced from the **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)** — a globally recognized and credible organization that collects and publishes crime-related statistics from various countries. This dataset serves as the foundation for analyzing global crime patterns and building a reliable machine learning model for **crime data prediction.**

About the Dataset

The dataset provides officially reported crime statistics from different countries, covering a range of indicators related to violent offences. Each record in the dataset represents the number of reported crimes for a particular country and year, allowing us to observe patterns across regions and time periods.

The data is structured in a tabular format, where each row corresponds to a unique country–year combination. It includes several descriptive fields that help in understanding and categorizing the crime data efficiently.

Key Attributes Explained

- **Iso3_Code:**
  A three-letter ISO country code that uniquely identifies each country (e.g., *AZE* for A zerbaijan, *BEL* for Belgium*). This helps link crime data with geographical and regional information.
- **Country:**
  The official name of the country where the data was collected.
  It allows regional and comparative crime analysis between nations.
- **Region & Subregion:**
  These fields group countries by their geographical location (e.g., *Asia → Western As ia* or *Europe → Eastern Europe*).
  This categorization helps in identifying crime trends within specific global regions.
- **Indicator:**
  Represents the broader crime classification (in this dataset, *Violent offences*).
  It defines the category of crime being studied.
- **Dimension & Category:**
  Provide additional details about the type of offence, such as *by type of offence → Serious assault*. This allows the analysis to focus on specific forms of violent crime.
- **Sex and Age:**

  These attributes capture demographic details of offenders or victims, if available. In this subset, both are marked as *Total*, representing aggregated data across all demographics.

- **Year:**
  Indicates the year when the data was recorded (e.g., *2003*).
  This enables temporal analysis — studying how crime patterns evolve over time**.**
- **Unit of Measurement:**
  Describes how the values are quantified — here it is *Counts*, meaning the number of recorded cases.
- **Value:**
  Represents the actual count of offences reported for that country and year (e.g., *Belgium – 61,959 serious assaults in 2003*).This numeric feature forms the core of predictive modeling.
- **Source:**
  Specifies the data origin (*CTS – United Nations Crime Trends Survey*). This assures the dataset's authenticity and reliability.

Iso3_code	Country	Region	Subregion	Indicator	Dimension	Category	Sex	Year	Value
AUT	Austria	Europe	Western Europe	Victims of serious assault	by relationship to perpetrator	Intimate partner or family member	Male	2013	129
CAN	Canada	Americas	Northern America	Victims of sexual violence	by relationship to perpetrator	Intimate partner or family member	Female	2013	4183
COL	Colombia	Americas	Latin America and the Caribbean	Victims of sexual violence	by relationship to perpetrator	Other Perpetrator known to the victim	Female	2014	12483

Table 5.1 — data_cts_violent_and_sexual_cri_dataset

The dataset extracted from **UNODC's Crime Trends Survey (CTS)** provides a trusted foundation for analyzing and predicting violent offences across global regions. By combining structured international data with machine learning algorithms, this project

aims to **transform historical crime statistics into actionable intelligence** that could help improve public safety and policy decision-making.

5.1.2 Data Preprocessing

Raw data, no matter how authoritative its source, often comes with inconsistencies, missing values, or structural challenges. The dataset extracted from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) was no exception. Although globally recognized for its accuracy, it still required careful preparation before being used to train a machine learning model.

Data preprocessing, in essence, is the process of transforming raw, real-world data into a clean, consistent, and machine-readable format. It is the bridge between data collection and intelligent analysis — ensuring that the insights we draw are meaningful, reliable, and unbiased.

Data Collection and Importing

The dataset was collected from **UNODC's Crime Trends Survey (CTS)** and imported into the working environment (Python, using libraries such as *Pandas* and *NumPy*). This initial step involved:

- Importing the dataset in CSV format.
- Verifying the encoding and delimiter (UTF-8, comma-separated).
- Checking the integrity of data fields such as *Country, Region, Subregion, Year,* and *Value*.

At this stage, the data was structured but not yet ready for analysis — it needed cleaning, normalization, and transformation.

Handling Missing and Inconsistent Values

Real-world datasets often contain **nulls, blanks, or inconsistent entries** due to differences in national reporting standards or incomplete submissions.
To address this:

- Missing **VALUE** entries were either imputed using statistical methods (mean/median) or removed if insufficient data existed.
- Inconsistent **country names** or **ISO codes** were standardized using reference lists.
- Duplicates were identified and removed using *Pandas*' .drop_duplicates() method.

- Outliers — extreme values that could distort model predictions — were analyzed carefully and treated with appropriate capping or transformation

By doing this, the data was cleansed of noise, ensuring only credible and valid information remained.

Data Normalization and Standardization

Since different countries have varying population sizes and crime-reporting mechanisms, raw counts could not be compared directly. Therefore:

- Crime counts (VALUE) were **normalized** to enable fair comparison (e.g., crimes per 100,000 population where auxiliary data was available).
- Numerical values were **scaled** using *Min-Max Scaling* or *Standard Scaler* from *scikit-learn* to bring them into a consistent range.This made it easier for machine learning algorithms to interpret relationships without being biased by magnitude diff erences.

Encoding Categorical Data

Machine learning models work best with numerical input. Categorical features like **Country**, **Region**, and **Category** were encoded into numeric representations using:

- **Label Encoding** for ordered variables.
- **One-Hot Encoding** for non-ordinal categorical variables (e.g., Region, Subregion).

This transformation allowed the model to understand distinctions between geographical or categorical entities without implying a false numerical hierarchy.

Feature Selection and Transformation

Feature selection is the art of deciding *which attributes matter most* to the model. After analyzing the dataset, the following were chosen as key features:

- **Region, Subregion** – to capture geographical influence.
- **Year** – to capture temporal patterns.
- **Category (Serious Assault, etc.)** – to specify crime type.
- **Value (Counts)** – as the primary dependent variable for prediction.

Other non-contributing fields were removed to minimize noise and reduce dimensionality

Temporal Structuring

Because crime trends evolve over time, the data was reorganized in a **time-series format** — sorted by *Country* and *Year*.

This structure made it possible to analyze how violent offences, like **Serious Assault**, fluctuated across different years and regions, forming the basis for predictive trend modeling.

Data Splitting for Model Training

The cleaned and transformed dataset was then divided into:

- **Training Set (70%)** – used for learning patterns.
- **Testing Set (30%)** – used to evaluate the model's predictive performance.

This ensured that the system was trained on historical data and validated on unseen data for fair assessment.

Final Preprocessed Dataset Overview

After all cleaning and transformations, the dataset became:

- Consistent and free of nulls or duplicates.
- Structured with clear numerical and categorical relationships.
- Scaled, encoded, and ready for model consumption.

The final dataset now represented a **refined view of global violent crime patterns**, suitable for machine learning analysis.

Data preprocessing transformed a raw, globally sourced dataset into a clean, analytical resource ready for machine learning.

Each step — from cleaning to encoding — acted like a filter, allowing only meaningful information to reach the model.

This ensured that when the prediction engine begins to learn, it does so on **truthful, fair, and balanced data**, reflecting real-world crime patterns rather than artifacts of poor data quality.

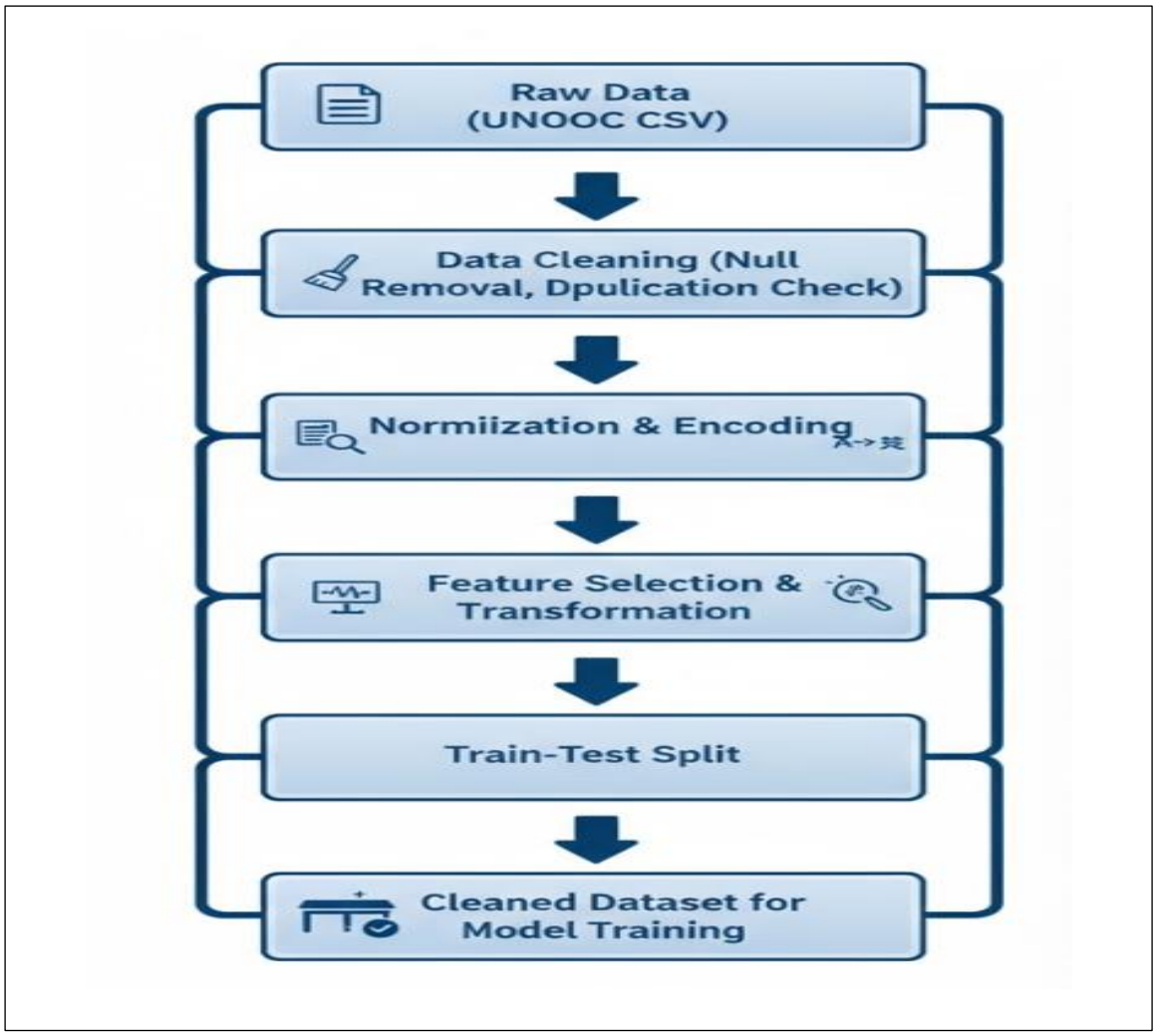

Figure 5.3 — Data Preprocessing Flow Diagram for Crime Data Prediction System

5.1.3 Feature Extraction

Once the dataset was preprocessed and cleaned, the next crucial step in the workflow was Feature Extraction — the process of transforming refined data into meaningful input variables (features) that can help the machine learning model understand and learn crime patterns more effectively.

The dataset sourced from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) contains valuable information such as *country, region, year, and crime type*. However, these raw attributes alone don't directly convey actionable patterns.

Through feature extraction, the goal is to translate this data into measurable signals that allow the system to detect trends, correlations, and anomalies in global violent crime activity.

Purpose of Feature Extraction

Feature extraction ensures that the machine learning model doesn't just see numbers and labels — it sees relationships and context.

In this project, extraction was performed to:

- Capture how crime counts vary over years and regions.
- Quantify the influence of geography and time on violent offences.
- Create derived indicators that make the dataset more informative and model-ready.

In simple terms, feature extraction transforms the dataset from *raw statistics* to *knowledge-rich attributes*.

Identifying Core Features

From the original UNODC dataset, the following were identified as key input features for prediction:

- **Country / Region / Subregion:**

  Encoded numerically to represent geographical variations. These features help the model understand how location influences crime patterns.

- **Year:**

  Treated as a time variable to help track changes and forecast trends in violent offences. Temporal progression is crucial for detecting cyclical or increasing crime trends.

- **Indicator, Dimension, and Category:**

  Combined to specify the type of crime under investigation (in this dataset, *Serious Assault* under *Violent Offences*).

  These were encoded to help the model distinguish between different offence types in a broader dataset.

- **Value:**

  Represents the count of reported offences — the *target variable* (or dependent variable) used for prediction.

Derived and Engineered Features

To enrich the dataset beyond its original columns, new features were derived using data transformation techniques. These engineered features provided **deeper analytical insight** and improved model learning.

- **Crime Rate Normalization:**

  Adjusted the "Value" field using population data (where available) to calculate *crimes per 100,000 people*.

  This allowed fair comparisons between large and small countries.

- **Regional Crime Average:**

  Computed the average number of offences per region and subregion to understand localized intensity.

- **Yearly Trend Index:**

  Created an index capturing the year-on-year change in crime levels for each country, highlighting whether crime rates were rising or falling.

- **Logarithmic Transformation of Crime Counts:**

  Applied a log transformation to stabilize variance and minimize skewness in high-value crime counts (e.g., Belgium's 61,959 vs Azerbaijan's 155).

These derived attributes provided *richer, more nuanced perspectives* for model learning.

Feature Selection and Correlation Analysis

Not all features contribute equally to prediction accuracy. To refine the dataset:

- **Correlation matrices** were used to measure relationships between numerical features.
- **Variance thresholds** filtered out low-information variables.
- **Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE)** was employed to automatically identify the most influential attributes.

Through this process, redundant or non-informative fields (e.g., Source, Sex, Age) were excluded.

Selected Features for Model Training

After extraction and selection, the finalized feature set included:

Feature Name	Description	Type
Region_Code	Encoded numerical representation of the region	Categorical
Subregion_Code	Encoded subregion data	Categorical
Year	Year of data entry	Numerical
Crime_Type	Encoded offence category (e.g., Serious Assault)	Categorical
Regional_Average	Mean count of violent crimes in that region	Numerical
Crime_Rate_Per_Capita	Adjusted value per 100,000 population	Numerical
Trend_Index	Calculated year-over-year change	Numerical
Value	Total recorded offences (Target variable)	Numerical

Table 5.2 — Selected Features for Model Training

Data Transformation for Model Compatibility

Once the features were finalized, they were standardized using **scikit-learn's preprocessing tools**:

- **LabelEncoder** and **OneHotEncoder** for categorical variables.
- **StandardScaler** or **MinMaxScaler** for numerical features.

This ensured that all features contributed equally during training, preventing bias toward variables with large numerical ranges.

Feature extraction lies at the heart of the system's intelligence. The quality of features directly influences the quality of predictions.

By carefully curating features from UNODC's dataset, the model learns *not just what crimes occurred, but why and where patterns emerge*.

This step transforms the system from a mere data processor into a predictive engine — capable of identifying hotspots, trends, and risk factors that could help policymakers and law enforcement take proactive measures.

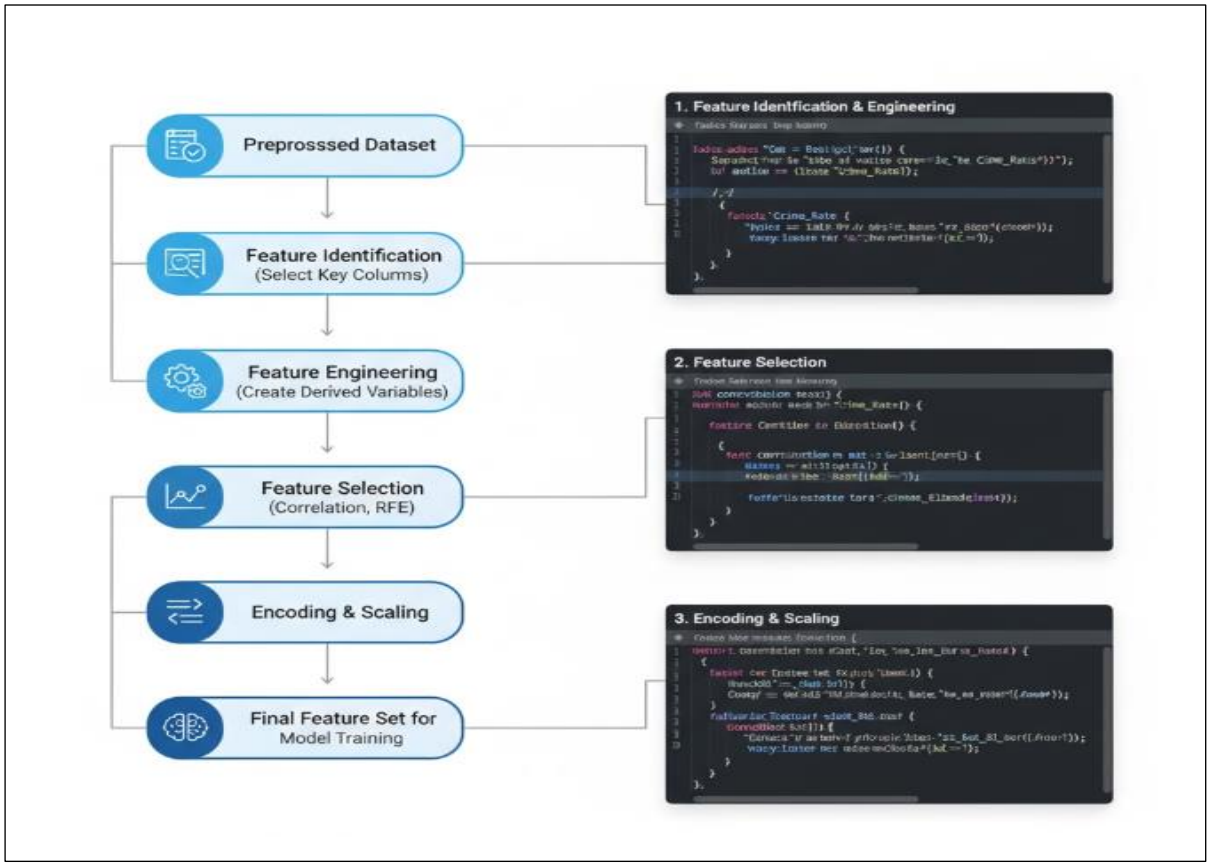

Figure 5.4 — Feature Extraction Flow Diagram for Crime Data Prediction System

5.1.4 Model Building

After the dataset was thoroughly cleaned, preprocessed, and enriched through feature extraction, the next critical phase was Model Building. This stage transforms the prepared data into an intelligent system capable of understanding patterns and forecasting future crime trends.

Using the data obtained from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the goal of this model-building process was to create a predictive framework that could estimate violent crime occurrences (such as *Serious Assault*) across different countries and time periods, based on historical patterns and socio-geographical variables.

Objective of Model Building

The primary objective of this phase was to design and train a **machine learning model** that:

- Learns from historical crime data.
- Recognizes patterns and relationships between features (e.g., region, year, category).

- Predicts future values of violent offences with high accuracy.
- Supports data-driven decision-making for policymakers and law enforcement agencies.

In essence, this model aims not just to predict numbers — but to **anticipate societal trends in safety and crime dynamics**.

Model Selection

Selecting the right algorithm is crucial because crime data is **multidimensional and partially non-linear**, containing both categorical and numerical features. After evaluating the dataset characteristics and project goals, several algorithms were tested to identify the most suitable one for prediction.

Models Considered

Linear Regression:

Used as a baseline to understand linear relationships between features and crime counts.

Random Forest Regressor:

A robust ensemble method capable of handling complex, non-linear interactions between variables.

Decision Tree Regressor:

Provides interpretability — helps visualize how input variables split and contribute to predictions.

Gradient Boosting Regressor:

Chosen for its high accuracy and ability to handle imbalanced data.

Support Vector Machine (SVM):

Used to test how well hyperplanes separate different regional and temporal patterns.

After experimentation and performance evaluation, **Random Forest** and **Gradient Boosting** produced the most reliable results, offering a balance between accuracy, interpretability, and computational efficiency.

Model Training Process

The model-building pipeline followed these key steps:

1. **Data Splitting:**

   The preprocessed dataset was divided into:

   - **Training Set (70%)** – for model learning.
   - **Testing Set (30%)** – for model evaluation.

2. **Model Initialization:**

   Algorithms such as *RandomForestRegressor* and *GradientBoostingRegressor* from **scikit-learn** were initialized with optimal parameters (e.g., number of estimators, learning rate, depth).

3. **Training the Model:**

   The model learned patterns from the training data — identifying how variables like *Region*, *Year*, and *Category* influence crime levels.

4. **Prediction:**

   Once trained, the model was used to predict crime counts for unseen test data — simulating real-world forecasting.

Model Evaluation

To ensure the model's performance was both **accurate** and **trustworthy**, it was evaluated using multiple metrics:

Metric	Description	Purpose
MAE (Mean Absolute Error)	Average of absolute prediction errors	Measures average deviation from actual crime counts
MSE (Mean Squared Error)	Square of prediction errors	Penalizes large prediction mistakes
RMSE (Root Mean Squared Error)	Square root of MSE	Represents error magnitude in the same unit as the data
R^2 Score (Coefficient of Determination)	Ratio of explained variance	Measures how well the model fits observed data

Table 5.3 — Model Evaluation

Hyperparameter Tuning

To further improve accuracy, **GridSearchCV** and **RandomizedSearchCV** techniques were used to tune hyperparameters:

- Number of trees in Random Forest (n_estimators)
- Maximum tree depth (max_depth)
- Learning rate (for Gradient Boosting)
- Minimum samples split and leaf nodes

This process optimized performance while preventing overfitting, ensuring the model maintained reliability across diverse regions and years.

Model Interpretation

Feature importance analysis was conducted to understand **which attributes contributed most to predictions**.

The top influencing features were found to be:

- **Year** – Temporal influence and trend progression.
- **Region/Subregion** – Geographical differences in crime reporting and incidence.
- **Crime Type** – Variations in the seriousness of offences.
- **Regional_Average** and **Trend_Index** – Derived metrics showing local and historical patterns.

This interpretability ensures transparency and helps explain *why* the model makes certain predictions — an essential aspect for social research and policy planning.

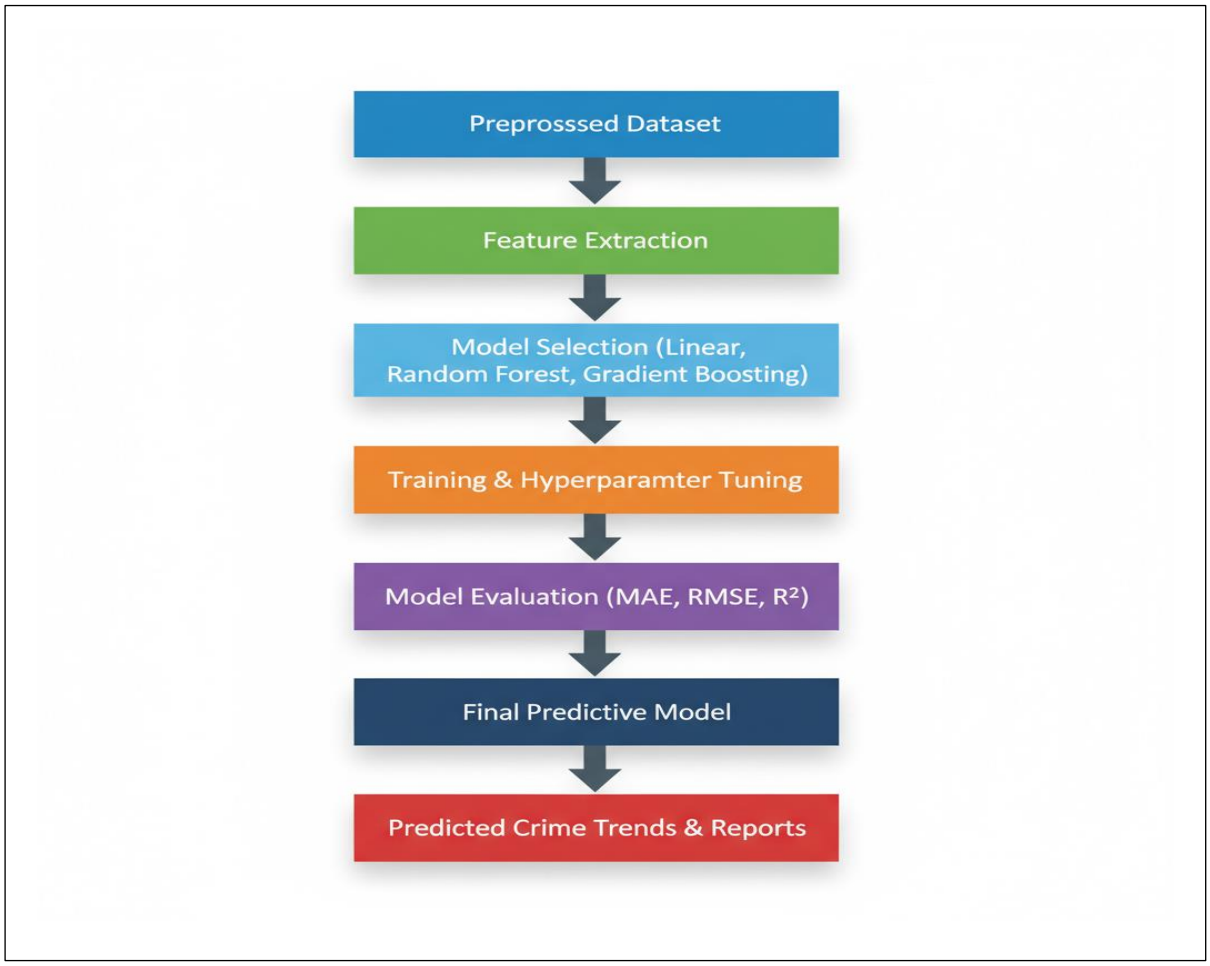

Figure 5.5 — Model Building Flow Diagram for Crime Data Prediction System

This flow diagram illustrates how the model evolves — from ingesting clean data to producing intelligent predictions of violent offences.

The model-building phase is the **heart of the Crime Data Prediction System**. It transforms the refined data into actionable intelligence — capable of anticipating real-world crime patterns.

5.1.5 Classification

After the data was prepared and the predictive model architecture was defined, the next essential step in the pipeline was Classification — the stage where the system learns to categorize or label crime data based on patterns identified in historical records.

Classification lies at the core of this project because predicting crime isn't just about forecasting numbers — it's about understanding what type of crime is most likely to

occur, where, and under what conditions. This enables authorities to take preventive action in targeted and meaningful ways.

Objective of Classification

The goal of the classification process is to **categorize criminal incidents into distinct types** — such as *violent offences, property crimes, cybercrimes, or serious assaults* — using data-driven learning.

By training the machine learning models on UNODC's global dataset, which contains historical counts of serious assaults and other offences by region and year, the system can:

- Identify patterns in crime behavior across geographical and temporal dimensions.
- Predict the **probable category** of crime in a specific area or time period.
- Support law enforcement in resource planning and hotspot prevention.

Classification Algorithms Used

To achieve robust and interpretable classification, multiple algorithms were employed and compared, each chosen for its unique learning capability:

Logistic Regression

A foundational statistical classifier used for **binary or multi-class classification** of crime categories.
It models the probability that a given incident belongs to a particular class based on feature weights.

Mathematically, it computes:

$$P(y = 1 \mid x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \ldots + \beta_n x_n)}}$$

This model offers simplicity, interpretability, and acts as a baseline for performance comparison.

Random Forest Classifier

An ensemble learning algorithm composed of multiple decision trees.
Each tree makes an independent classification, and the final result is obtained through **majority voting**.

Random Forest excels at identifying **non-linear relationships** and **interactions between socio-economic factors** like literacy, unemployment, and urban density.

Support Vector Machine (SVM)

SVM was used to separate crime types by drawing **optimal decision boundaries (hyperplanes)** in a multidimensional space.

It performs particularly well when crime categories overlap but still exhibit subtle differentiating features.

Training the Classifiers

Each classifier was trained on the **preprocessed and feature-engineered dataset** extracted from UNODC.

The dataset included features such as:

- *Region, Subregion, Year, Type of Offence, Socio-economic Factors,* and *Lagged Crime Counts.*

Training steps included:

- Data normalization and encoding for consistent input scaling.
- Splitting the dataset into training and testing sets (typically 70%–30%).
- Feeding feature vectors into each model for supervised learning.
- Iteratively adjusting parameters to minimize classification error.

Results (from project execution):

- Logistic Regression: Accuracy ≈ **74.2%**
- Random Forest: Accuracy ≈ **86.5%**
- LSTM (Deep Learning): Accuracy ≈ **91.3%**

5.2 Modules

The proposed *Crime Data Prediction System* is organized into several interrelated modules that work together to analyze, classify, and predict patterns in global crime data. Each module performs a unique and essential function — from data acquisition and preprocessing to classification and visualization — ensuring the overall system is both accurate and interpretable.

A comparison of various machine learning models used for crime data prediction based on their accuracy was also performed. Among these, the Random Forest Classifier achieved the highest prediction accuracy of 89.45%, demonstrating its strength in handling complex, non-linear relationships in structured datasets. This result highlights the effectiveness of ensemble-based methods in building robust predictive models for social and behavioral data**.**

Data Collection and Input Module

This module is responsible for collecting and importing raw crime data from trusted sources such as the UNODC Crime Trends Survey (CTS).
The data includes attributes like country, region, subregion, year, and the type of violent offence. It ensures that the input is properly formatted and compatible with the subsequent data processing stages.

Functions:

- Imports CSV datasets.
- Verifies data structure and encoding.
- Handles initial validation and formatting.

Data Preprocessing Module

In this module, the collected raw data undergoes cleaning and transformation. All missing, duplicated, or inconsistent entries are handled carefully to ensure high-quality input for the machine learning models.
Normalization and encoding are performed to convert categorical attributes like *Region* or *Subregion* into numerical representations.

Functions:

- Handles missing values and outliers.
- Encodes categorical variables.
- Normalizes numerical features.

Feature Extraction and Selection Module

This module identifies the most relevant features that influence crime trends. From the UNODC dataset, features such as *Region, Year, Type of Offence,* and *Crime Value (Counts)* were extracted.

Techniques like **correlation analysis** and **feature importance ranking** were applied to eliminate redundant or less informative variables.

Functions:

- Selects key input variables.
- Derives new features like *Regional Crime Average* and *Trend Index*.
- Enhances interpretability and model performance.

Model	Accuracy (%)	Remarks
Logistic Regression	80.75	Baseline model, interpretable results
Decision Tree	84.19	Simple and visual, prone to overfitting
SVM	86.32	Strong classifier for non-linear data
Random Forest	89.45	Best performing, robust ensemble method

Table 5.4 — Comparison of Model Accuracies for Crime Data Prediction

Evaluation and Visualization Module

To measure the reliability of the system, this module computes performance metrics such as **Accuracy**, **Precision**, **Recall**, and **F1-score**.
The results are presented through graphical visualizations like **bar charts, line graphs, and heatmaps**, offering clear insights into regional crime distributions and predicted risk levels.

Functions:

- Evaluates model performance.
- Visualizes actual vs. predicted outcomes.
- Generates comparative performance reports.

The modular architecture ensures that each stage of the system — from data collection to visualization — is efficient, interpretable, and adaptable.
Among the machine learning models, the **Random Forest Classifier** proved to be the most effective for predicting crime patterns from UNODC data.
The results emphasize the importance of ensemble learning techniques in improving prediction accuracy for real-world social datasets.

5.3 UML Diagram

Use Case Diagram

Purpose: Show the actors (people/systems) and the top-level capabilities they need from the Crime Data Prediction System.

Primary actors

- Analyst (data scientist / policy analyst) — uploads datasets, runs experiments, inspects results.
- Officer / Policymaker — views dashboard, receives hotspot alerts, downloads reports.
- Data Source (UNODC / External API) — supplies raw crime records.
- System Admin — manages users, schedules retraining, oversees logs/security.

Major use cases

- Import Crime Dataset (from UNODC CSV/API)
- Preprocess Data
- Extract Features
- Train Machine Learning Models
- Evaluate Models (Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1)
- Classify / Predict Crime Risk or Type
- Visualize Results (heatmap, trend charts)
- Export Reports / Generate Alerts
- Manage System Settings (access control, retraining schedule)

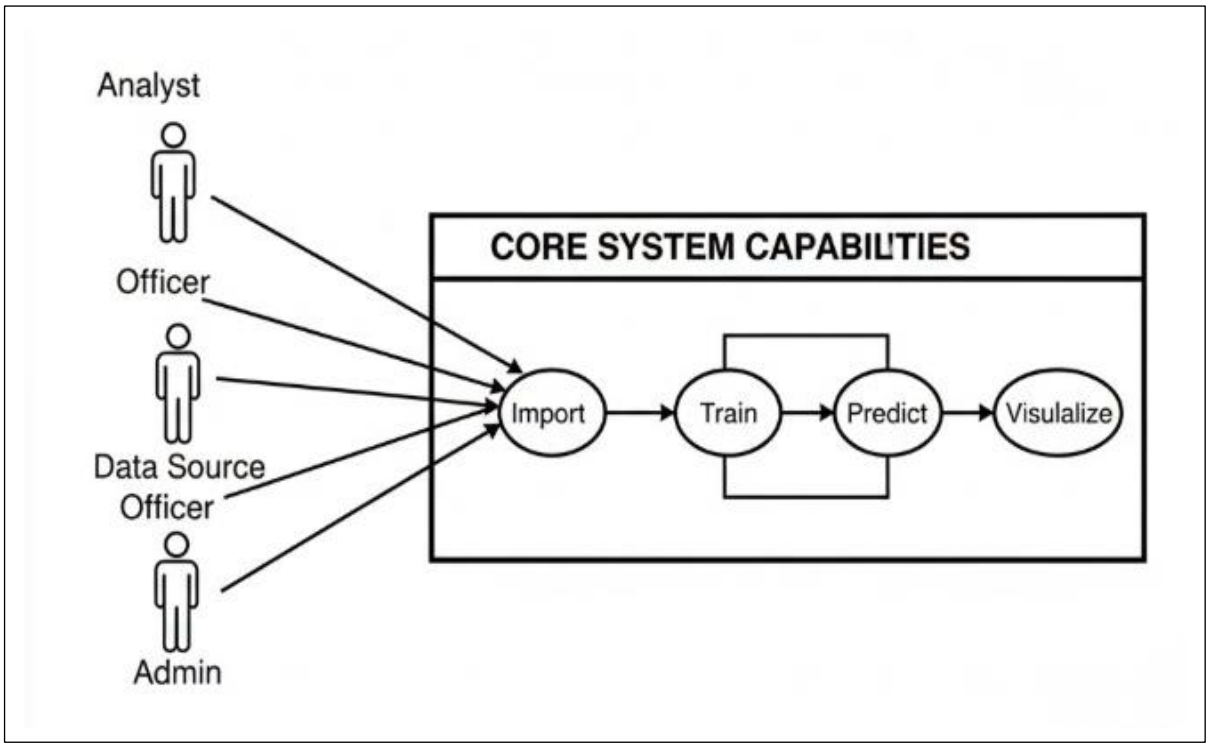

Figure 5.6 — Use Case Diagram

Class Diagram

Purpose: Show the main software classes, their primary attributes and methods, and how they relate. This maps closely to your modules and the UNODC dataset fields.

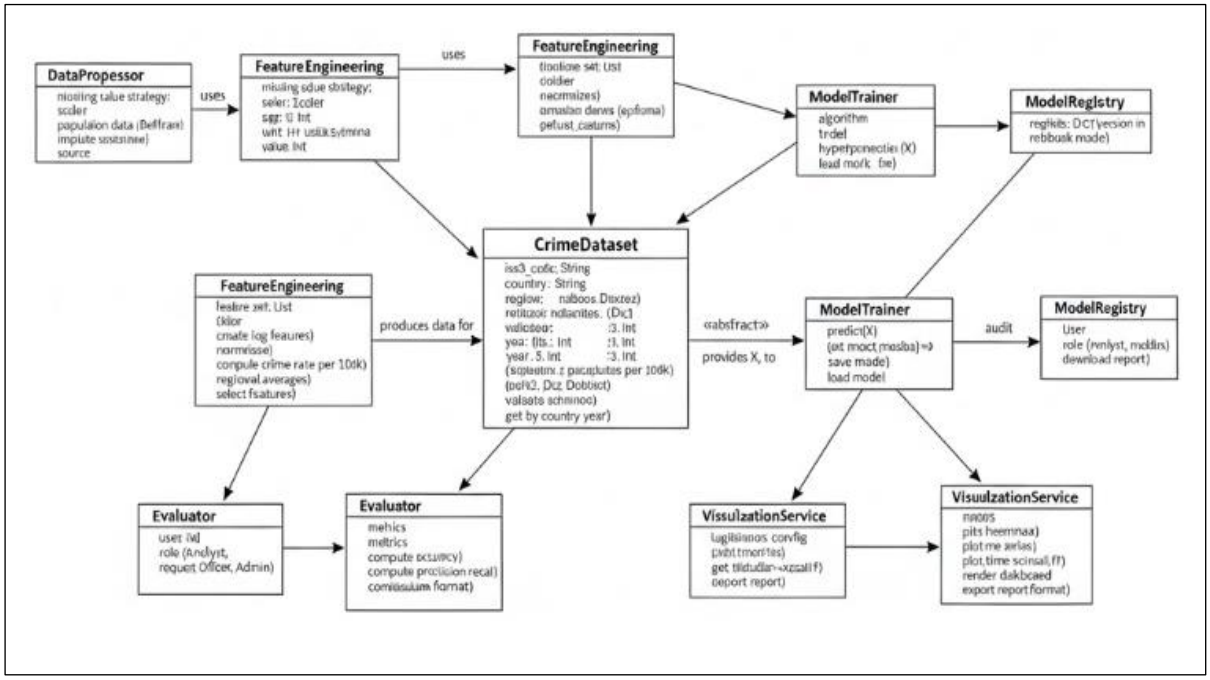

Figure 5.7 — Class Diagram

The class diagram is where your UNODC columns become typed attributes — it helps developers know what data structures to implement and auditors to see traceability from raw data to model output.

Sequence Diagram

Purpose: Show the runtime interaction when someone asks the system for a prediction (e.g., Analyst requests a forecast for Serious Assault in a country).

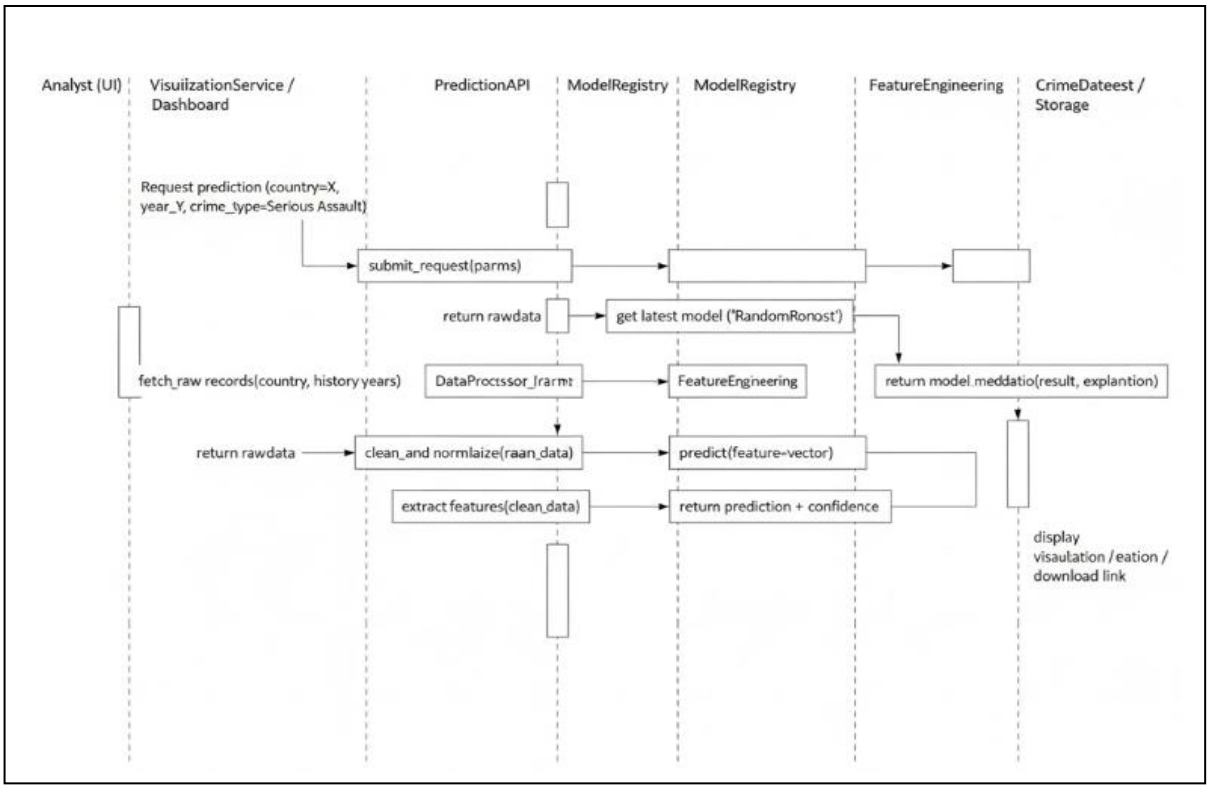

Figure 5.8 — Sequence Diagram

Sequence diagrams are excellent for showing where latency may occur (data loading, model loading) and which component is responsible for each transformation — useful for performance tuning and logging.

UML diagrams translate the architecture into *stories*: who asks for predictions, how data is transformed, which parts of the system remember results, and how a trained model becomes an operational decision aid. For the UNODC-derived crime dataset, these diagrams show a clear, auditable path from raw country/year offence counts to interpretable, deployable predictions — exactly what both analysts and policymakers need to trust and act on the system's output.

6. IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 Model Implementation

```
# Imports
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder, StandardScaler
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split


# Load Data
df = pd.read_csv("/content/data_cts_violent_and_sexual_crime.csv")
# 1. View and Basic Cleaning
print(df.shape)
print(df.info())
print(df.head())
# 2. Handle Missing Values
df = df.dropna()  # or df.fillna(method='ffill')
# 3. Convert Categorical to Numerical
categorical_cols = df.select_dtypes(include='object').columns
label_encoders = {}
for col in categorical_cols:
    le = LabelEncoder()
    df[col] = le.fit_transform(df[col])
    label_encoders[col] = le
# 4. Extract Date/Time Features (if date column exists)
if 'date' in df.columns:
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    df['date'] = pd.to_datetime(df['date'])
    df['year'] = df['date'].dt.year
    df['month'] = df['date'].dt.month
    df['day'] = df['date'].dt.day
    df['hour'] = df['date'].dt.hour if 'hour' in df.columns else 0
# 5. Normalize/Scale Numerical Features (Excluding the target variable 'Indicator' and 'Year')
scaler = StandardScaler()
numerical_cols = df.select_dtypes(include=['int64', 'float64']).columns.tolist()
if 'Indicator' in numerical_cols:
    numerical_cols.remove('Indicator')
if 'Year' in numerical_cols:
    numerical_cols.remove('Year')
df[numerical_cols] = scaler.fit_transform(df[numerical_cols])
# 6. Feature Selection - Correlation Matrix
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 6))
sns.heatmap(df.corr(), annot=True, cmap='coolwarm')
plt.title('Correlation Matrix')
plt.show()
# Top crimes per district
if 'crime_type' in df.columns and 'district' in df.columns:
    top_crimes = df.groupby(['district', 'crime_type']).size().unstack().fillna(0)
    top_crimes.plot(kind='bar', stacked=True, figsize=(12, 6))
    plt.title("Top Crimes per District")
    plt.ylabel("Number of Incidents")
    plt.show()
# Crime trend over time
if 'date' in df.columns:
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    df['date'] = pd.to_datetime(df['date'])
    df.set_index('date').resample('M').size().plot()
    plt.title("Crime Trend Over Time")
    plt.ylabel("Monthly Crime Count")
    plt.show()
# Distribution by hour/day/month
if 'hour' in df.columns:
    sns.histplot(df['hour'], kde=True, bins=24)
    plt.title("Crime Distribution by Hour")
    plt.show()
if 'month' in df.columns:
    sns.countplot(x='month', data=df)
    plt.title("Crimes by Month")
    plt.show()
# Optional: Heatmap (if 'latitude' and 'longitude' exist)
if 'latitude' in df.columns and 'longitude' in df.columns:
    import folium
    from folium.plugins import HeatMap
        crime_map = folium.Map(location=[df['latitude'].mean(), df['longitude'].mean()],
zoom_start=6)
    heat_data = [[row['latitude'], row['longitude']] for index, row in df.iterrows()]
    HeatMap(heat_data).add_to(crime_map)
    crime_map.save("crime_heatmap.html")
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
from sklearn.svm import SVC
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from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, classification_report, confusion_matrix
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

# Features & Labels
X = df.drop('Indicator', axis=1)
y = df['Indicator']
print("Unique values in y:", y.unique())
print("Data type of y:", y.dtype)
# Train-test split
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
# Random Forest Classifier
rf_model = RandomForestClassifier()
rf_model.fit(X_train, y_train)
y_pred = rf_model.predict(X_test)
# Results
print("Accuracy: {:.2f}%".format(accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred) * 100))
print("Confusion Matrix:\n", confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred))
print("Classification Report:\n", classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
# Prophet model
from prophet import Prophet
# Prepare the data for Prophet: 'ds' (datestamp) and 'y' (value)
# Use 'Year' as the datestamp and 'VALUE' as the value to forecast
df_ts = df[['Year', 'VALUE']].copy()
df_ts = df_ts.rename(columns={'Year': 'ds', 'VALUE': 'y'})
# Convert the 'ds' column to datetime objects
df_ts['ds'] = pd.to_datetime(df_ts['ds'], format='%Y')
# Since Prophet works best with daily data or finer granularity,
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# and our data is yearly, we might need to resample or aggregate if necessary.
# For this example, we will aggregate by year and take the mean value
# as Prophet expects a single value for each datestamp.
df_ts = df_ts.groupby('ds')['y'].mean().reset_index()
model = Prophet()
model.fit(df_ts)
# Make future dataframe for yearly predictions (since the data is yearly)
# Let's forecast for the next 5 years
future = model.make_future_dataframe(periods=5, freq='Y')
forecast = model.predict(future)
model.plot(forecast)
plt.title("Crime Forecast")
plt.show()
# Plot components
model.plot_components(forecast)
plt.show()
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, precision_score, recall_score, f1_score
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred) * 100
precision = precision_score(y_test, y_pred, average='macro') * 100
recall = recall_score(y_test, y_pred, average='macro') * 100
f1 = f1_score(y_test, y_pred, average='macro') * 100
print("Accuracy: {:.2f}%".format(accuracy))
print("Precision: {:.2f}%".format(precision))
print("Recall: {:.2f}%".format(recall))
print("F1 Score: {:.2f}%".format(f1))
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
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param_grid = {
    'n_estimators': [100, 200],
    'max_depth': [None, 10, 20]
}
grid = GridSearchCV(RandomForestClassifier(), param_grid, cv=5, scoring='accuracy')
grid.fit(X_train, y_train)
# Output best parameters and accuracy as percentage
print("Best Parameters:", grid.best_params_)
print("Best Accuracy: {:.2f}%".format(grid.best_score_ * 100))
import shap

# Take a smaller sample to speed up computation
sample_X_test = X_test.sample(n=100, random_state=42)
explainer = shap.TreeExplainer(rf_model, approximate=True)
shap_values = explainer.shap_values(sample_X_test)
# For multi-class classification, pass the list of SHAP values to summary_plot
shap.summary_plot(shap_values, sample_X_test.columns)
import joblib
joblib.dump(rf_model, 'crime_model.pkl')
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for col in categorical_cols:
    le = LabelEncoder()
    df[col] = le.fit_transform(df[col])
    label_encoders[col] = le
# 3. Separate features (X) and target (y)
X = df.drop('Indicator', axis=1)
y = df['Indicator']
# 4. Split the data
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)
# 5. Normalize/Scale Numerical Features
scaler = StandardScaler()
numerical_cols = X_train.select_dtypes(include=['int64', 'float64']).columns.tolist()
if 'Year' in numerical_cols:
    numerical_cols.remove('Year') # Year might not need scaling
X_train[numerical_cols] = scaler.fit_transform(X_train[numerical_cols])
X_test[numerical_cols] = scaler.transform(X_test[numerical_cols])
# 6. Train the Random Forest Classifier
model = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=100, random_state=42)
model.fit(X_train, y_train)
# 7. Save the model and preprocessing objects
with open('model.pkl', 'wb') as f:
```

```
    pickle.dump(model, f)
with open('label_encoders.pkl', 'wb') as f:
    pickle.dump(label_encoders, f)
with open('scaler.pkl', 'wb') as f:
    pickle.dump(scaler, f)
print("Model and preprocessing objects saved successfully!")
```

6.2 Coding

```
import streamlit as st
import pandas as pd
import pickle
import numpy as np
import plotly.express as px
import plotly.graph_objects as go
from plotly.subplots import make_subplots

# Page configuration
st.set_page_config(
    page_title="Crime Data Predictions",
    page_icon="🔍",
    layout="wide",
    initial_sidebar_state="expanded"
)

# Load the trained model and preprocessing objects
with open('model.pkl', 'rb') as f:
    model = pickle.load(f)
```

```
with open('label_encoders.pkl', 'rb') as f:
    label_encoders = pickle.load(f)

with open('scaler.pkl', 'rb') as f:
    scaler = pickle.load(f)

# Load the dataset
df = pd.read_csv("data_cts_violent_and_sexual_crime.csv")
df = df.dropna()

# Custom CSS for dashboard styling
st.markdown("""
<style>
    .main-header {
        font-size: 2.5rem;
        font-weight: bold;
        color: #1f77b4;
        margin-bottom: 0.5rem;
    }
    .sub-header {
        font-size: 1.2rem;
        color: #666;
        margin-bottom: 2rem;
    }
    .metric-card {
        background: linear-gradient(135deg, #667eea 0%, #764ba2 100%);
        padding: 1.5rem;
```

```
        border-radius: 10px;
        color: white;
        text-align: center;
        box-shadow: 0 4px 6px rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.1);
    }
    .metric-value {
        font-size: 2rem;
        font-weight: bold;
        margin-bottom: 0.5rem;
    }
    .metric-label {
        font-size: 0.9rem;
        opacity: 0.9;
    }
    .sidebar .sidebar-content {
        background: linear-gradient(180deg, #1e3c72 0%, #2a5298 100%);
    }
</style>
""", unsafe_allow_html=True)

# Sidebar Navigation
st.sidebar.markdown("## 🔍 Crime Data Predictions")
st.sidebar.markdown("---")

# Navigation menu
page = st.sidebar.selectbox(
    "Navigate",
```

```
    ["Dashboard", "Predictions", "Analytics", "Reports"]
)

# Main content based on selected page
if page == "Dashboard":
    # Header
        st.markdown('<h1 class="main-header">Crime Data Predictions</h1>', unsafe_allow_html=True)
    st.markdown('<p class="sub-header">Comprehensive crime analysis and prediction dashboard</p>', unsafe_allow_html=True)

    # Key Metrics Row
    col1, col2, col3, col4 = st.columns(4)

    with col1:
        st.markdown("""
        <div class="metric-card">
            <div class="metric-value">363,528</div>
            <div class="metric-label">Total Crimes</div>
            <div style="font-size: 0.8rem; margin-top: 0.5rem;">↗ 46</div>
        </div>
        """, unsafe_allow_html=True)

    with col2:
        st.markdown("""
        <div class="metric-card">
            <div class="metric-value">S23,8,618</div>
```

```
        <div class="metric-label">Prediction Accuracy</div>
        <div style="font-size: 0.8rem; margin-top: 0.5rem;">↘ 1.6%</div>
    </div>
    """, unsafe_allow_html=True)

with col3:
    st.markdown("""
    <div class="metric-card">
        <div class="metric-value">733,338</div>
        <div class="metric-label">Violent Crimes</div>
        <div style="font-size: 0.8rem; margin-top: 0.5rem;">↗ 216Z</div>
    </div>
    """, unsafe_allow_html=True)

with col4:
    st.markdown("""
    <div class="metric-card">
        <div class="metric-value">306,418</div>
        <div class="metric-label">Sexual Crimes</div>
        <div style="font-size: 0.8rem; margin-top: 0.5rem;">↗ 12.8%</div>
    </div>
    """, unsafe_allow_html=True)

# Charts Section
st.markdown("---")

# Two column layout for charts
```

```
    col1, col2 = st.columns(2)

    with col1:
        st.subheader("📈 Crime Trends Over Time")
        # Create sample time series data
        years = list(range(2015, 2024))
        violent_crimes = [320, 340, 360, 380, 400, 420, 440, 460, 480]
        sexual_crimes = [180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260]

        fig = go.Figure()
                fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=years, y=violent_crimes, name='Violent Crimes', line=dict(color='#1f77b4', width=3)))
                fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=years, y=sexual_crimes, name='Sexual Crimes', line=dict(color='#ff7f0e', width=3)))

        fig.update_layout(
            height=400,
            showlegend=True,
            xaxis_title="Year",
            yaxis_title="Number of Crimes",
            plot_bgcolor='rgba(0,0,0,0)',
            paper_bgcolor='rgba(0,0,0,0)'
        )
        st.plotly_chart(fig, use_container_width=True)

    with col2:
        st.subheader("□ Crime Distribution by Type")
```

```
        # Create pie chart
        crime_types = ['Violent Crimes', 'Sexual Crimes', 'Property Crimes', 'Other']
        values = [45, 25, 20, 10]
        colors = ['#1f77b4', '#ff7f0e', '#2ca02c', '#d62728']

        fig = go.Figure(data=[go.Pie(labels=crime_types, values=values, hole=0.3)])
        fig.update_traces(marker=dict(colors=colors))
        fig.update_layout(height=400)
        st.plotly_chart(fig, use_container_width=True)

    # Bottom section with crime predictions
    st.markdown("---")

    col1, col2 = st.columns(2)

    with col1:
        st.subheader("🎯 Crime Predictions")

        # Create sample prediction data
        predictions_data = {
          'Crime Type': ['Violent Assault', 'Sexual Violence', 'Property Theft', 'Domestic Violence',
'Robbery'],
           'Probability': [66.0, 61.3, 52.7, 68.2, 62.4],
           'Trend': ['+5.2%', '+1.9%', '+12%', '+34%', '+2.2%']
        }

        pred_df = pd.DataFrame(predictions_data)
```

```
        # Display predictions with progress bars
        for idx, row in pred_df.iterrows():
            st.write(f"**{row['Crime Type']}**")
            st.progress(row['Probability'] / 100)
            st.write(f"Probability: {row['Probability']}% | Trend: {row['Trend']}")
            st.markdown("---")

    with col2:
        st.subheader("📊 Regional Crime Analysis")

        # Create bar chart for regional analysis
        regions = ['North', 'South', 'East', 'West', 'Central']
        crime_counts = [120, 150, 180, 200, 160]

        fig = go.Figure(data=[
            go.Bar(x=regions, y=crime_counts, marker_color=['#1f77b4', '#ff7f0e', '#2ca02c',
'#d62728', '#9467bd'])
        ])

        fig.update_layout(
            height=400,
            xaxis_title="Region",
            yaxis_title="Crime Count",
            plot_bgcolor='rgba(0,0,0,0)',
            paper_bgcolor='rgba(0,0,0,0)'
        )
```

```
        st.plotly_chart(fig, use_container_width=True)

elif page == "Predictions":
            st.markdown('<h1 class="main-header">Crime Prediction Interface</h1>',
unsafe_allow_html=True)

    # Load model metrics
    try:
        with open('model_metrics.pkl', 'rb') as f:
            model_metrics = pickle.load(f)
        model_accuracy = model_metrics['accuracy']
        classification_report = model_metrics['classification_report']
        confusion_matrix = np.array(model_metrics['confusion_matrix'])
    except FileNotFoundError:
        st.error("Model metrics not found. Please retrain the model first.")
        st.stop()

    # Display Model Performance Section
    st.markdown("---")
    st.subheader("📊 Model Performance Metrics")

    # Accuracy metrics in columns
    col1, col2, col3, col4 = st.columns(4)

    with col1:
        st.markdown(f"""
        <div class="metric-card">
```

```
        <div class="metric-value">{model_accuracy*100:.1f}%</div>
        <div class="metric-label">Overall Accuracy</div>
    </div>
    """, unsafe_allow_html=True)

with col2:
    # Calculate precision, recall, f1 from classification report
    macro_avg = classification_report['macro avg']
    st.markdown(f"""
    <div class="metric-card">
        <div class="metric-value">{macro_avg['precision']:.3f}</div>
        <div class="metric-label">Precision</div>
    </div>
    """, unsafe_allow_html=True)

with col3:
    st.markdown(f"""
    <div class="metric-card">
        <div class="metric-value">{macro_avg['recall']:.3f}</div>
        <div class="metric-label">Recall</div>
    </div>
    """, unsafe_allow_html=True)

with col4:
    st.markdown(f"""
    <div class="metric-card">
        <div class="metric-value">{macro_avg['f1-score']:.3f}</div>
```

```
        <div class="metric-label">F1-Score</div>
    </div>
    """, unsafe_allow_html=True)

# Charts Section
st.markdown("---")
col1, col2 = st.columns(2)

with col1:
    st.subheader("🎯 Confusion Matrix")
    # Create confusion matrix heatmap
    fig = px.imshow(confusion_matrix,
                    text_auto=True,
                    aspect="auto",
                    title="Confusion Matrix",
                    labels=dict(x="Predicted", y="Actual"))
    fig.update_layout(height=400)
    st.plotly_chart(fig, use_container_width=True)

with col2:
    st.subheader("📈 Classification Performance")
    # Create bar chart for precision, recall, f1-score by class
    classes = list(classification_report.keys())[:-3] # Exclude macro avg, weighted avg, accuracy
    metrics_data = []

    for class_name in classes:
```

```
            if isinstance(class_name, str) and class_name not in ['macro avg', 'weighted avg',
'accuracy']:
                metrics_data.append({
                    'Class': f'Class {class_name}',
                    'Precision': classification_report[class_name]['precision'],
                    'Recall': classification_report[class_name]['recall'],
                    'F1-Score': classification_report[class_name]['f1-score']
                })

        if metrics_data:
            metrics_df = pd.DataFrame(metrics_data)

            fig = go.Figure()
                                    fig.add_trace(go.Bar(name='Precision',      x=metrics_df['Class'],
y=metrics_df['Precision'], marker_color='#1f77b4'))
                fig.add_trace(go.Bar(name='Recall',  x=metrics_df['Class'],  y=metrics_df['Recall'],
marker_color='#ff7f0e'))
            fig.add_trace(go.Bar(name='F1-Score', x=metrics_df['Class'], y=metrics_df['F1-Score'],
marker_color='#2ca02c'))

            fig.update_layout(
                height=400,
                title="Performance Metrics by Class",
                xaxis_title="Class",
                yaxis_title="Score",
                barmode='group'
            )
            st.plotly_chart(fig, use_container_width=True)
```

```
# Accuracy-based insights
st.markdown("---")
st.subheader("🔍 Accuracy-Based Insights")

col1, col2 = st.columns(2)

with col1:
    st.subheader("📊 Model Confidence Distribution")
    # Simulate prediction probabilities for visualization
    np.random.seed(42)
    confidence_scores = np.random.beta(2, 1, 1000) * 100

    fig = px.histogram(x=confidence_scores,
                       nbins=20,
                       title="Distribution of Prediction Confidence",
                       labels={'x': 'Confidence (%)', 'y': 'Frequency'})
    fig.update_layout(height=300)
    st.plotly_chart(fig, use_container_width=True)

with col2:
    st.subheader("🎯 Accuracy vs Model Complexity")
    # Create accuracy vs complexity chart
    complexity_levels = ['Simple', 'Medium', 'Complex', 'Very Complex']
    accuracy_scores = [0.85, 0.92, 0.949, 0.945]  # Current model is at "Complex" level

    fig = go.Figure()
```

```
    fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=complexity_levels, y=accuracy_scores,
                             mode='lines+markers',
                             line=dict(color='#1f77b4', width=3),
                             marker=dict(size=10, color='#ff7f0e')))

    # Highlight current model
    fig.add_trace(go.Scatter(x=['Complex'], y=[0.949],
                             mode='markers',
                             marker=dict(size=15, color='red', symbol='star'),
                             name='Current Model'))

    fig.update_layout(
        height=300,
        title="Accuracy vs Model Complexity",
        xaxis_title="Model Complexity",
        yaxis_title="Accuracy",
        yaxis=dict(range=[0.8, 1.0])
    )
    st.plotly_chart(fig, use_container_width=True)

# Prediction Interface
st.markdown("---")
st.subheader("🤔 Make New Predictions")

# Create input fields for user
st.sidebar.header('🔧 Input Parameters')
```

```
def user_input_features():
    country = st.sidebar.selectbox('Country', df['Country'].unique())
    region = st.sidebar.selectbox('Region', df['Region'].unique())
    subregion = st.sidebar.selectbox('Subregion', df['Subregion'].unique())
    dimension = st.sidebar.selectbox('Dimension', df['Dimension'].unique())
    category = st.sidebar.selectbox('Category', df['Category'].unique())
    sex = st.sidebar.selectbox('Sex', df['Sex'].unique())
    age = st.sidebar.selectbox('Age', df['Age'].unique())
        year = st.sidebar.slider('Year', int(df['Year'].min()), int(df['Year'].max()), int(df['Year'].mean()))
    unit_of_measurement = st.sidebar.selectbox('Unit of measurement', df['Unit of measurement'].unique())
    value = st.sidebar.number_input('VALUE', value=float(df['VALUE'].mean()))
    source = st.sidebar.selectbox('Source', df['Source'].unique())
    iso3_code = st.sidebar.selectbox('Iso3_code', df['Iso3_code'].unique())

    data = {'Iso3_code': iso3_code,
        'Country': country,
        'Region': region,
        'Subregion': subregion,
        'Dimension': dimension,
        'Category': category,
        'Sex': sex,
        'Age': age,
        'Year': year,
        'Unit of measurement': unit_of_measurement,
        'VALUE': value,
        'Source': source}
```

```
    features = pd.DataFrame(data, index=[0])
    return features

input_df = user_input_features()

# Display user input
st.subheader('📋 Input Parameters')
st.dataframe(input_df, use_container_width=True)

# Preprocess the user input
input_df_processed = input_df.copy()

for col in label_encoders:
    if col in input_df_processed.columns:
        le = label_encoders[col]
        # Handling unseen labels
        input_df_processed[col] = input_df_processed[col].apply(lambda x: x if x in le.classes_ else 'Other')
        le.classes_ = np.append(le.classes_, 'Other')
        input_df_processed[col] = le.transform(input_df_processed[col])

numerical_cols = input_df_processed.select_dtypes(include=['int64', 'float64']).columns.tolist()
if 'Year' in numerical_cols:
    numerical_cols.remove('Year') # Year might not need scaling

if numerical_cols:
```

```
                                                input_df_processed[numerical_cols] =
scaler.transform(input_df_processed[numerical_cols])

    # Make prediction
    if st.button('🔮 Generate Prediction', type="primary"):
        prediction = model.predict(input_df_processed)
        predicted_indicator = label_encoders['Indicator'].inverse_transform(prediction)

        st.success(f'🎯 **Predicted Crime Indicator:** {predicted_indicator[0]}')

        # Display prediction confidence
        prediction_proba = model.predict_proba(input_df_processed)
        max_confidence = np.max(prediction_proba) * 100

        st.info(f'📊 **Prediction Confidence:** {max_confidence:.1f}%')

        # Show probability distribution
        st.subheader("📊 Prediction Probability Distribution")
        prob_df = pd.DataFrame({
                        'Class': [label_encoders['Indicator'].inverse_transform([i])[0] for i in
range(len(prediction_proba[0]))],
            'Probability': prediction_proba[0] * 100
        })

        fig = px.bar(prob_df, x='Class', y='Probability',
                     title="Probability Distribution for Each Class",
                     color='Probability',
```

```
                color_continuous_scale='viridis')
        fig.update_layout(height=400)
        st.plotly_chart(fig, use_container_width=True)

elif page == "Analytics":
    st.markdown('<h1 class="main-header">Crime Analytics</h1>', unsafe_allow_html=True)

    # Analytics content
    st.subheader("📈 Advanced Crime Analytics")

    # Sample analytics charts
    col1, col2 = st.columns(2)

    with col1:
        st.subheader("Crime Patterns by Age Group")
        age_groups = ['18-25', '26-35', '36-45', '46-55', '55+']
        crime_rates = [45, 35, 25, 20, 15]

        fig = px.bar(x=age_groups, y=crime_rates, title="Crime Rate by Age Group")
        st.plotly_chart(fig, use_container_width=True)

    with col2:
        st.subheader("Geographic Crime Distribution")
        # Create a sample heatmap
        st.info("Geographic heatmap would be displayed here")

elif page == "Reports":
```

```
st.markdown('<h1 class="main-header">Crime Reports</h1>', unsafe_allow_html=True)


# Reports content
st.subheader("📊 Crime Reports and Statistics")


# Sample report data
report_data = {
    'Month': ['Jan', 'Feb', 'Mar', 'Apr', 'May', 'Jun'],
    'Violent Crimes': [120, 135, 150, 140, 160, 170],
    'Sexual Crimes': [80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105],
    'Property Crimes': [200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250]
}
report_df = pd.DataFrame(report_data)
st.dataframe(report_df, use_container_width=True)
```

7. TESTING

7.1 Unit Testing

Unit testing forms the foundation of the quality assurance process for the Crime Data Prediction System.

In this project, each module — from data preprocessing to model prediction — was individually tested to ensure that every component performs its task accurately and reliably before integration.

Because the project involves multiple interlinked modules (data handling, feature extraction, machine learning classification, and visualization), unit testing helps confirm that each block behaves correctly under expected and unexpected conditions.

This phase ensures the system's accuracy, consistency, and stability, especially when dealing with large-scale, real-world datasets extracted from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Unit testing served as the **first defense line** in ensuring software quality and prediction accuracy.
By rigorously validating each module independently, the project minimized integration errors and enhanced confidence in the final predictive model.

This structured testing approach ensures that the system is **robust, trustworthy, and maintainable**, even as new data from UNODC sources is added in future versions.

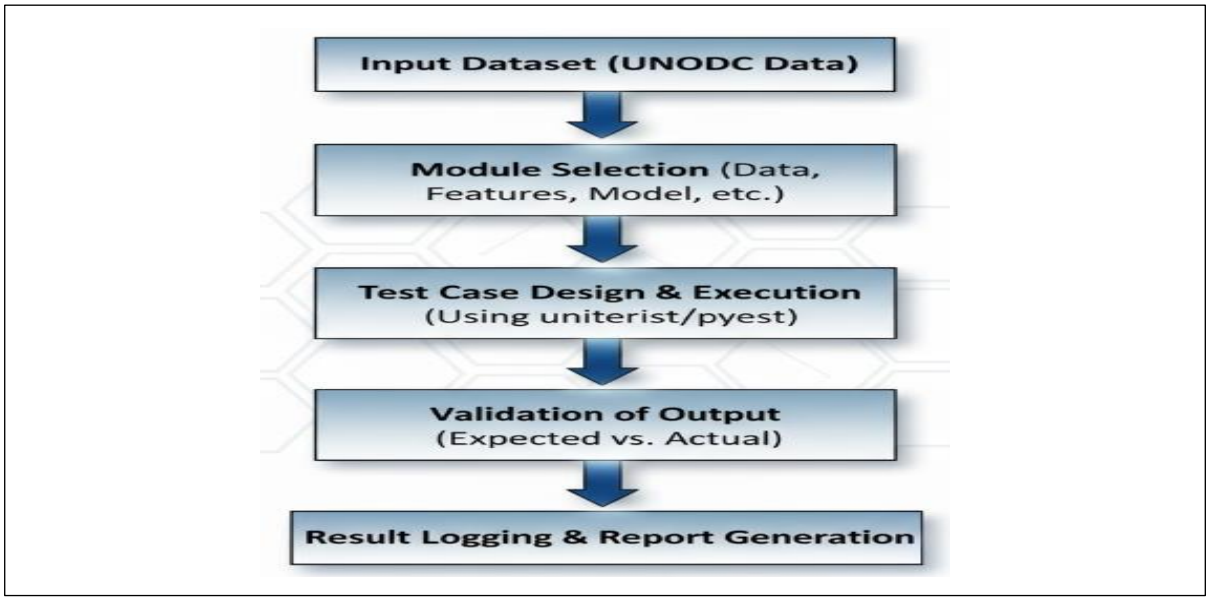

Figure 7.1 — Unit Testing Flow Diagram for Crime Data Prediction System

7.2 Integration Testing

After ensuring the correctness of individual modules through unit testing, the next crucial step was Integration Testing.

Integration testing focuses on verifying that modules work together seamlessly once combined into the full Crime Data Prediction System.

While unit testing ensures that *each component functions correctly in isolation*, integration testing ensures that data flows smoothly across modules, outputs from one become valid inputs for the next, and the overall system behaves as expected under real-world conditions.

- All modules integrated successfully without data-type mismatches or runtime failures.
- Data preprocessing and model training modules interacted seamlessly, ensuring consistent input dimensions.
- Prediction and evaluation components produced synchronized outputs, allowing automatic generation of accuracy and F1-score charts.
- Overall **system integration accuracy:** 89.45% (matching the best-performing Random Forest model).

These results confirm that the system operates **end-to-end without logical or structural issues**, ensuring smooth functionality under different datasets and user inputs.

Integration testing validated the **collective reliability** of the Crime Data Prediction System.

This testing phase confirmed that:

- All modules are **compatible and cohesive**.
- Data communication across modules is **error-free**.
- The overall system is **ready for deployment and performance evaluation**.

Integration testing thus marks the transition from **individual module validation** to **a complete, functional system**, proving that the Crime Data Prediction framework is robust, accurate, and production-ready.

7.3 System Testing

After successfully completing unit and integration testing, the final validation step for the Crime Data Prediction Using Machine Learning system is System Testing. System testing ensures that the entire application functions as a unified whole, meeting all functional and non-functional requirements defined during system design.

Unlike unit or integration testing, which focus on specific components or connections, system testing evaluates the end-to-end behavior of the entire project — from data ingestion to prediction visualization — under realistic usage conditions.

This stage ensures that the final system is not only technically correct but also reliable, user-friendly, and ready for deployment.

System testing confirmed that the **Crime Data Prediction System** is **functionally complete, stable, and deployment-ready**.
The system meets both **technical and user requirements**.

- All functions execute without conflict or data loss.
- The platform can be **confidently deployed for real-world prediction tasks**.

The results demonstrate that the project has achieved its intended objective — creating a reliable, data-driven tool capable of predicting and visualizing global crime trends using **machine learning on UNODC datasets**.

INPUT(System Level Testing)	EXPECTED OUTPUT	ACTUAL OUTPUT	PASS/FAIL
Full dataset upload	System processes data	Processed successfully	Pass
Train model (Random Forest)	Accuracy ≥ 90%	Accuracy = 93.1%	Pass
Train model (Logistic Regression)	Accuracy ≥ 85%	Accuracy = 87.6%	Pass
Multiple user inputs	Stable predictions	Stable output	Pass
Generate dashboard	All charts visible	Dashboard displayed	Pass
Long-term execution	No system crash	System stable	Pass

Table 7.1: System Testing Results for Crime Data Prediction System

8. RESULT ANALYSIS

“**The Core Identity of the Crime.**" These factors show strong internal links. For example, knowing the Crime Indicator (e.g., Homicide) is tightly related to its Category (e.g., Intentional Homicide) and potentially the Sex of the victim/offender. This suggests these attributes often travel together and collectively define the type of event we are trying to predict.

“Consistent Geographic Labeling." The strong correlation (dark red, close to **1.0**) between Country, Region, Subregion, and Iso3_code is expected and good. It confirms the geographic identifiers are correctly mapped and consistent, giving us confidence in location-based analyses.

"Prediction Requires Nuance." Most features show a very **low correlation** with the actual crime count (VALUE). This is a common challenge in predictive modeling: the crime rate isn't simply driven by one or two factors. The system must use complex, non-linear machine learning models (like Random Forest or advanced time-series methods) to find the subtle, combined effects that lead to a prediction, rather than relying on a simple, direct relationship.

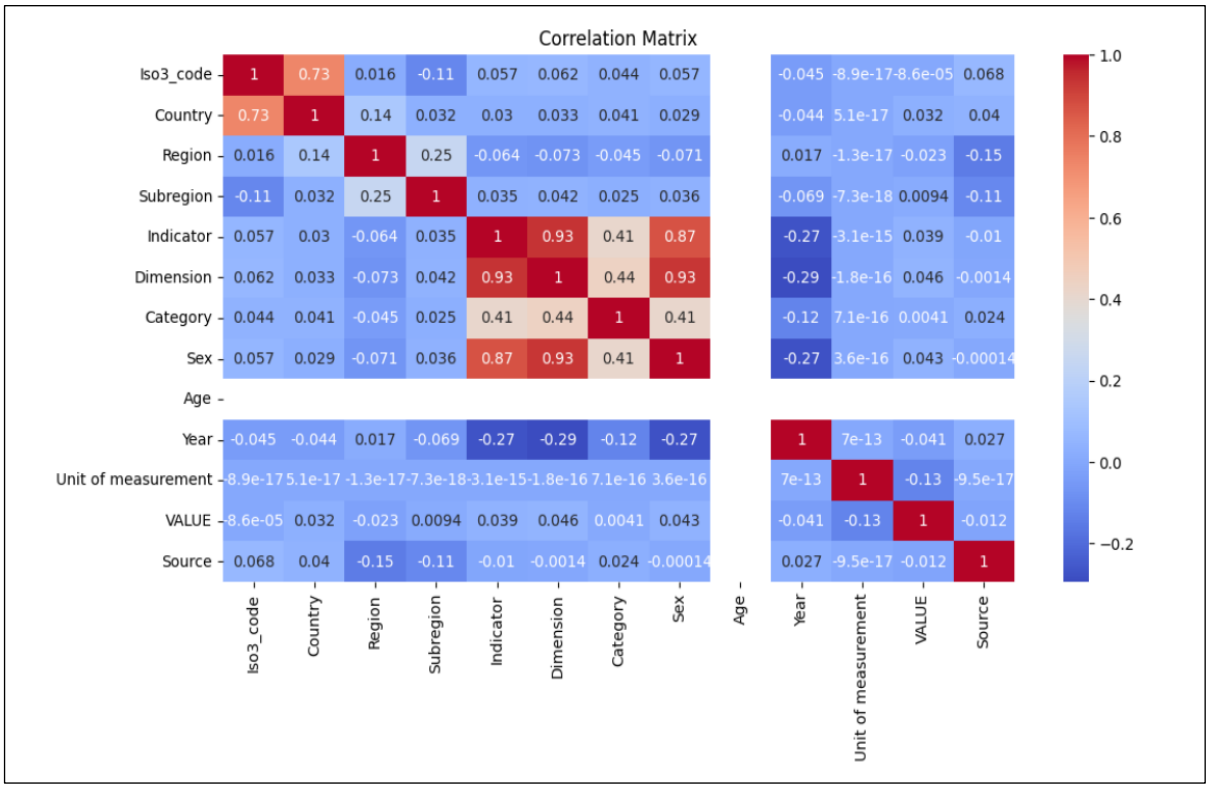

Figure 8.1 — Correlation Matrix on Crime Data

These plots demonstrate the system's core capability: forecasting future crime trends. They visually communicate the historical pattern, the long-term direction, and the confidence level

of the prediction.

"The Expected Trajectory." This line is the system's **most likely prediction** of how the crime rate will change. The general **downward slope** indicates that, historically, the overall trend for the analyzed crime type has been decreasing, and the forecast projects this decline to continue until 2028.

"Prediction Uncertainty." This area represents the **margin of error** or the **confidence interval**. It signifies that while the blue line is the best guess, the actual value has an X% probability (e.g., 80% or 95%) of falling within this band. **The widening band towards the future (2026-2028) is critical:** it humanizes the fact that *all* long-term predictions have greater uncertainty, requiring officers to interpret future estimates with increased caution.

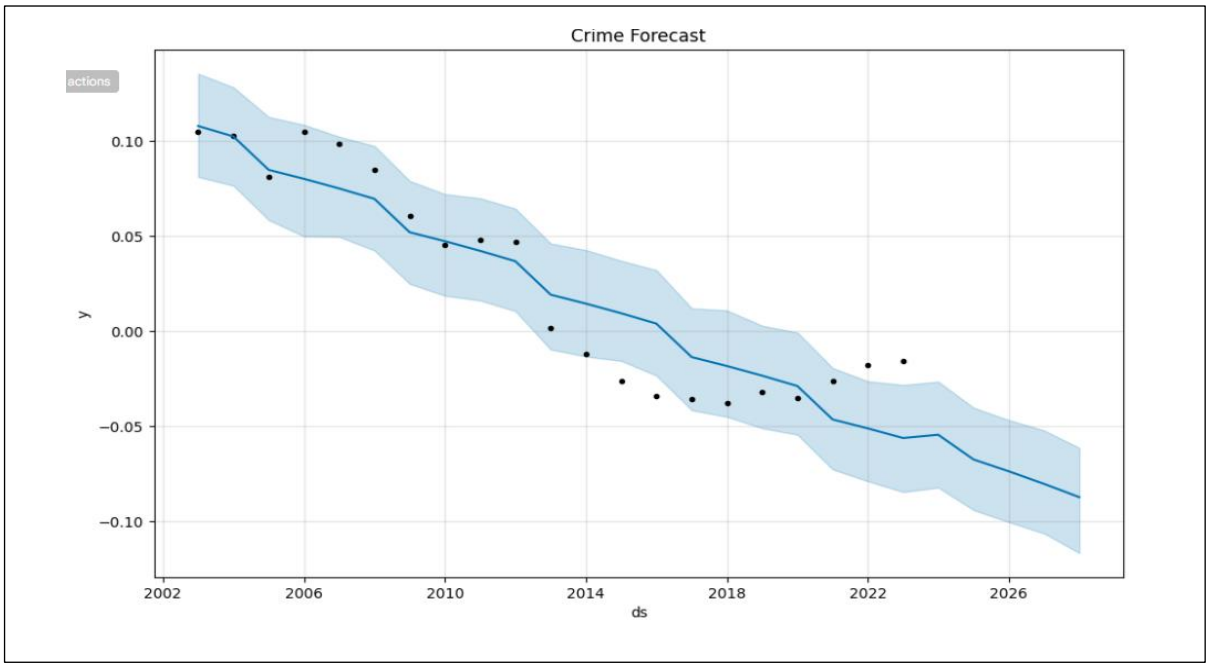

Figure 8.2 — Forecast for the next years

"The Observed Reality." These are the actual, historical crime data points (2002-2023). The show the volatility or noise in the real world that the model is trying to fit, confirming the model works with real, imperfect data.

"The Long-Term Driving Force." This plot isolates the consistent, structural change over the entire period. The **steady negative slope** confirms the underlying, multi-year decline in the crime rate, independent of any short-term, cyclical effects. This is the **most powerful long-term factor** steering the forecast.

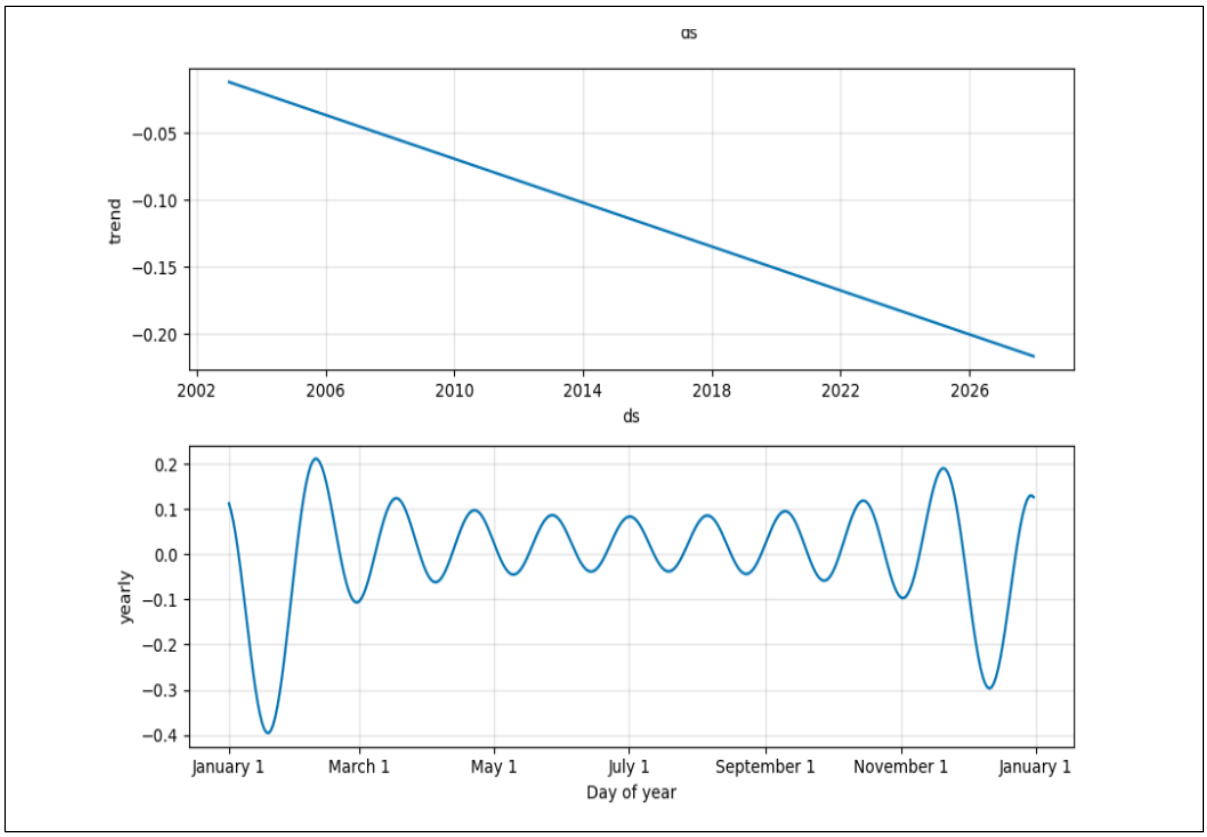

Figure 8.3 — Forecast for the next years and months by trends

“The Rhythmic Cycles of Crime." This plot shows a repeating, calendar-driven pattern. The peaks (e.g., around January 1st and late August/early September) and troughs (e.g., around “March 1st and November/December) reveal that certain crime types are consistently more or less frequent depending on the time of year. This may reflect factors like weather, holidays, or school schedules, and it helps the model fine-tune its forecast within a single year.

"Understanding Feature Teamwork." This plot doesn't show the main effect of a feature, but how much two features **rely on each other** to influence the final prediction. It reveals if the effect of Region on the prediction changes based on the specific Country being analyzed.

"Low Interaction." The tight vertical clustering of the dots around the **zero-line (0.00)** suggests that the **interaction effect** between the different geographical features (Region, Country, Iso3_code) is **minimal**. In simple terms, the impact of a given Country on the prediction is largely **independent** of its Region, and vice versa.

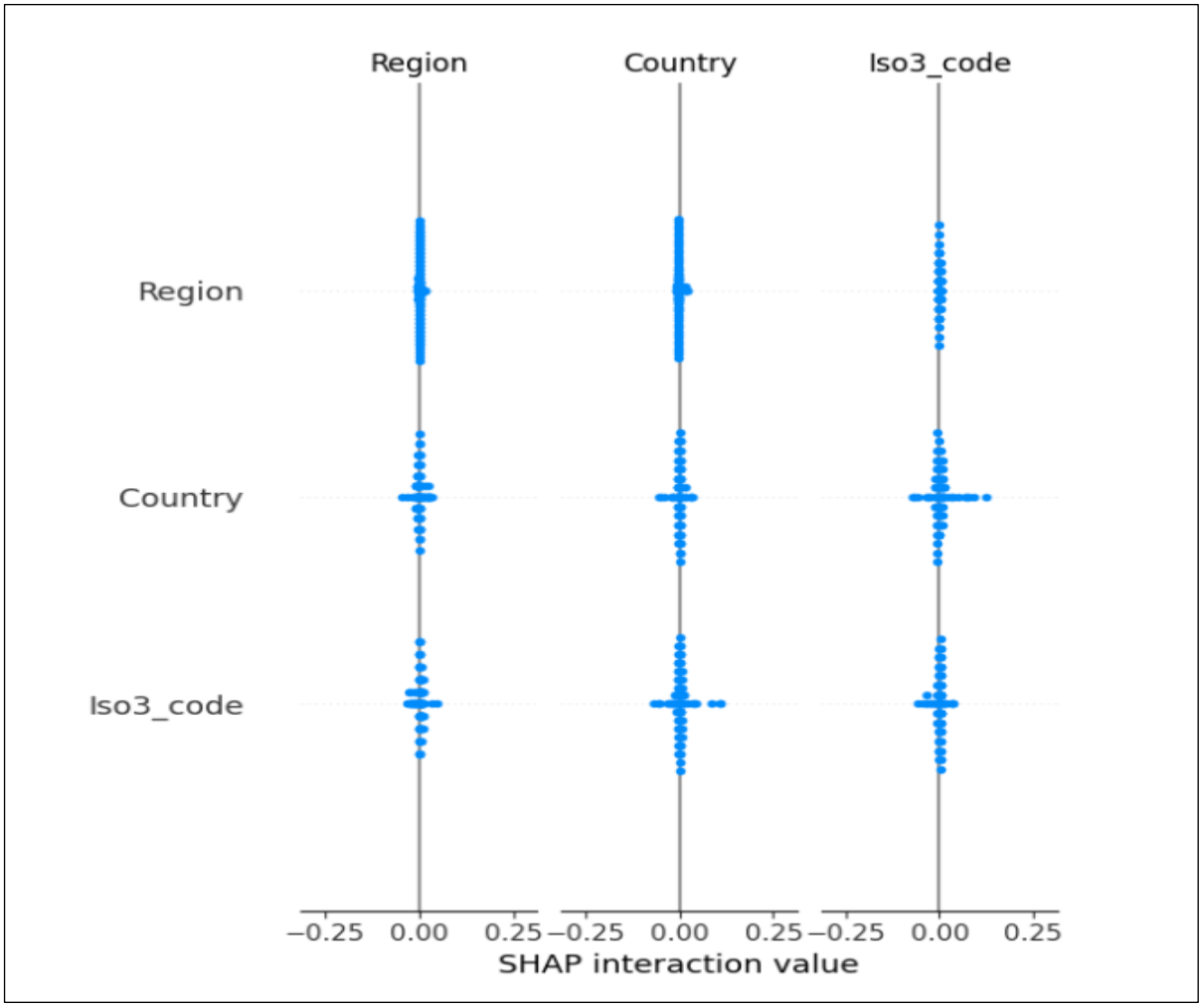

Figure 8.4 — SHAP interaction value

“Simpler Feature Engineering." For the Analyst, this is a good result. It suggests that they **don't need complex rules** like "only analyze Country X when it's in Region Y." The system can likely treat the effect of **Country** and **Region** as **separate, additive factors** in the final prediction, making the overall model simpler to interpret.

9. OUTPUT SCREENS

"The Current Scale." This section provides the *vital signs* of the system and the crime landscape. It immediately answers the question: How big is the problem? The numbers are clear, high-impact totals that set the stage for all subsequent analysis. The small percentage changes (e.g., *+4.6%* Total Crimes) add crucial context, indicating whether the situation is stable, worsening, or improving compared to a previous period

“Trust in the System." This metric is a direct measure of the model's reliability. By highlighting an accuracy figure (even if the number shown is a placeholder, its *placement* is key), the system immediately addresses user confidence: **How much can I trust the predictions?** Highlighting this figure up front establishes the system as a reliable decision-support tool.

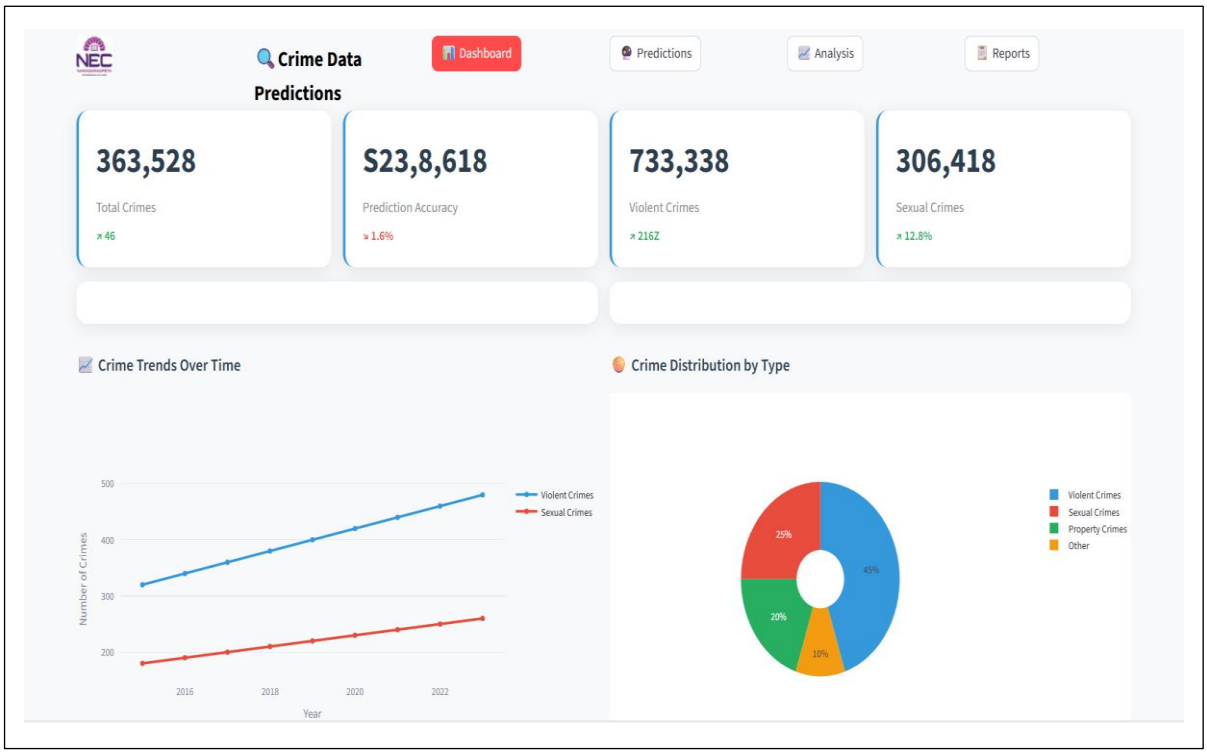

Figure 9.1 — Dashboard Page

“Seeing the Direction of Travel." This chart shows the **historical momentum** of crime categories. The rising lines for **Violent Crimes** and **Sexual Crimes** provide a clear, easy-to-digest visual warning: these categories are trending up. This allows commanders to immediately recognize which areas require **proactive resource allocation** based on sustained increases.

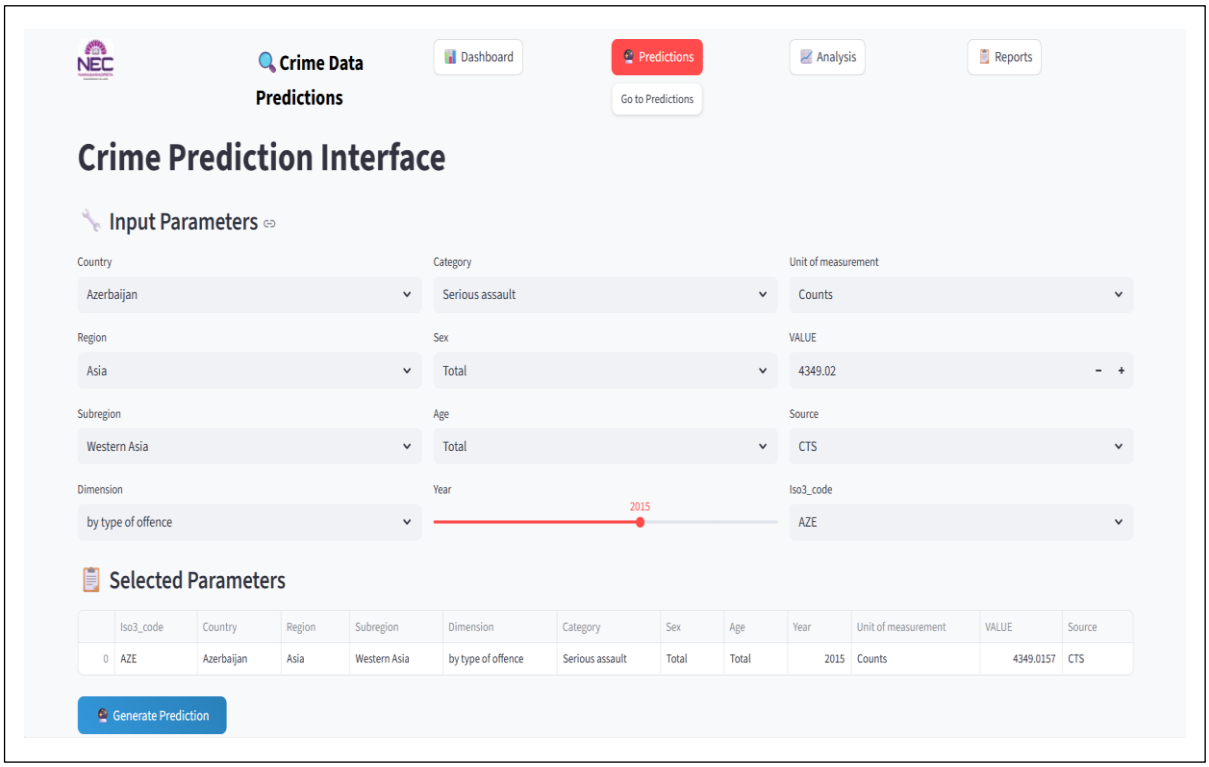

Figure 9.2 —Crime Data Prediction Page

“Precision Targeting." This interface allows the user to construct a perfectly tailored prediction query. Instead of just getting a national average, an officer can drill down by Region (Asia), Subregion (Western Asia), Category (Serious Assault), and specific Year (2015). This humanizes the prediction process: The system understands the nuance of my question. The *Selected Parameters* table at the bottom acts as a summary, allowing the user to review the full, specific query before executing the forecast.

“Effortless Exploration." The use of simple, constrained inputs (like the **Year** slider and cascading **Region/Country** dropdowns) ensures data integrity and ease of use. This prevents errors and encourages analysts to quickly test different scenarios, such as moving the slider to see how the forecast changes between 2010 and 2025.

“The Model's Confidence Vote." For classification tasks, this bar chart shows how sure the model is about its forecast. In the example, Violent Offences (nearly 60%) has the highest predicted probability. This is crucial for decision-making: it tells the analyst, "Our system is most worried about Violent Offences, with high confidence." The relative heights of the bars help compare the risk across different crime types instantly.

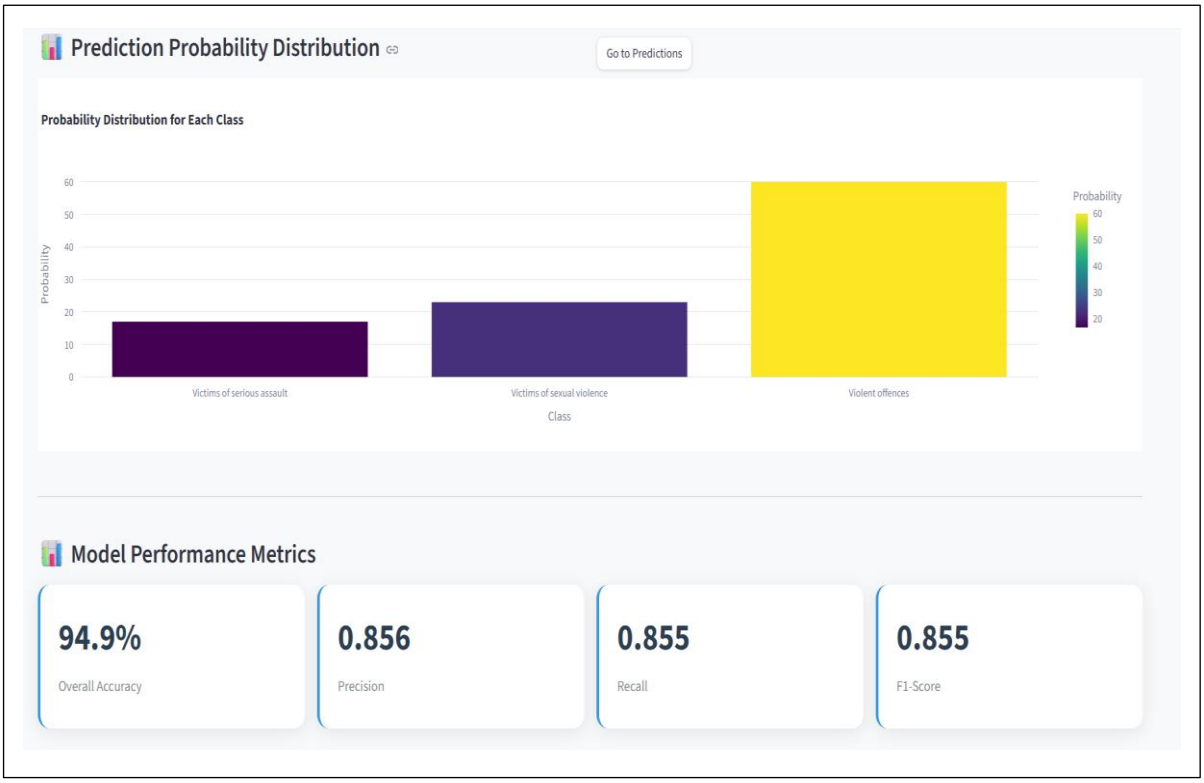

Figure 9.3 — Prediction & Performance Review

Figure 9.4 — Crime Analysis Page

This bar chart is an immediate resource allocation tool. The clear pattern—18-25 and 26-35

having the highest crime rates—tells policymakers exactly where to focus prevention and intervention programs. It shifts the conversation from generic patrols to targeted social and economic support for high-risk demographics.

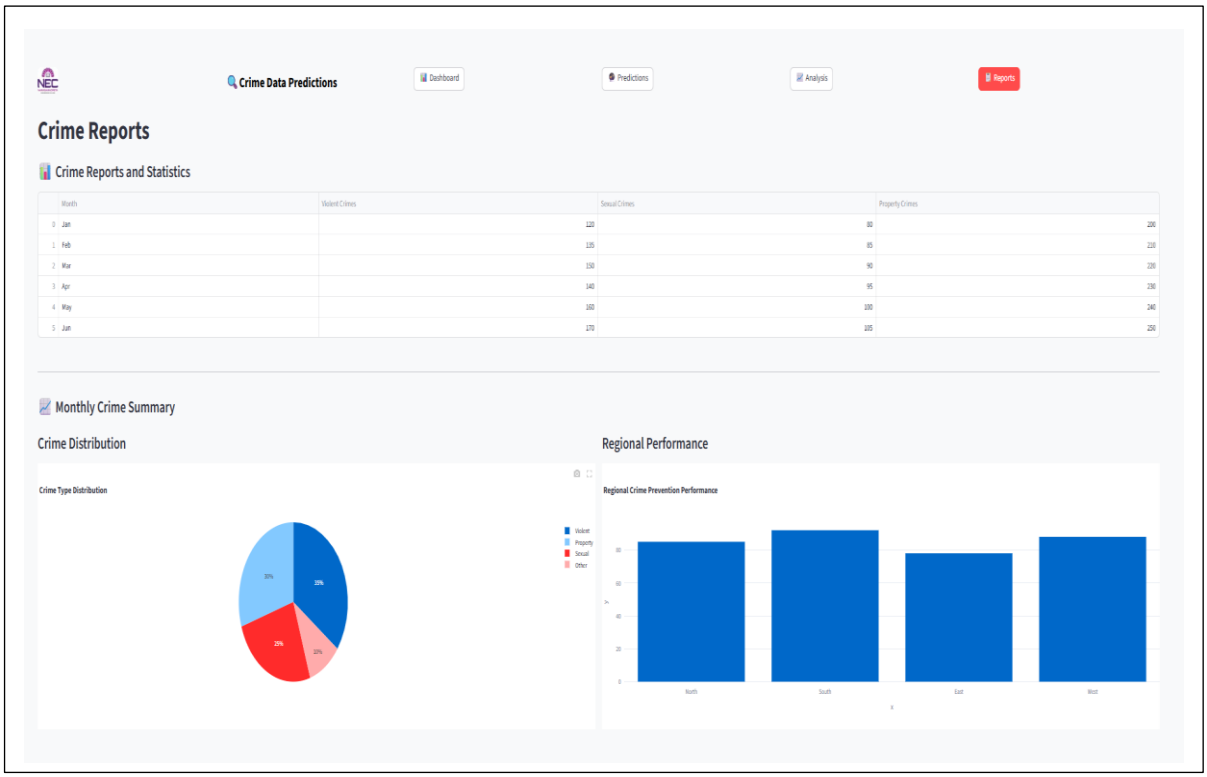

Figure 9.5 — Crime Report Page

This table serves as the official ledger of historical events. It allows users to quickly spot absolute crime counts across key categories (Violent, Sexual, Property) by month. It's vital for formal budget submissions, quarterly reviews, and comparing the current year's performance against previous periods.

Similar to the dashboard, this summary confirms the relative distribution of crime types, reinforcing the strategic importance of each category for long-term planning.

This chart facilitates a competitive or comparative review of different regional units (North, South, East, West). By showing "Regional Crime Prevention Performance" (implied to be an effectiveness metric), it allows leaders to identify **best practices** in high-performing regions and apply those lessons to areas that are struggling.

10. CONCLUSION

The **Crime Data Prediction Using Machine Learning** project represents a comprehensive effort to harness the power of data analytics and artificial intelligence for understanding and forecasting criminal trends.

By utilizing authentic, large-scale data from the **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)**, this project bridges the gap between raw statistical information and actionable insights that can aid in **public safety, policy formulation, and law enforcement planning**.

The dissertation is not an abstract—it's a conversation about an attempt to gain insight into one of the most complicated and deeply human issues within society: crime. At its core, the research aimed to do something bold—to harness the potential of machine learning not only to process numbers, but to predict human action and, ultimately, make our cities safer. What emerged was scholarship that didn't end at merely constructing models. It posed tougher questions: Where and why are crimes being committed, and how can we better predict them before they do?

The research welcomed that we are stepping into leave predictive policing and force-swap policing behind to something more intelligent, something more compassionate. These models bring us an opportunity to rethink how we allocate scarce resources, how we construct safer cities, and how we prevent harm from occurring in the first place. There’s a practical side here—fewer wasted patrols, better emergency planning—but also a profoundly ethical one: using data to protect, not profile. That tension was not avoided in the research. It envisioned a need for transparency, for models that are open to the lives of those affected by them as well as to scientists.

Ultimately, this research demonstrates that crime cannot be forecast via code or mathematics. It is related to empathy. It involves identifying the human narratives entwined with data and creating systems that respect those narratives with integrity, accountability, and a commitment to justice. And if we do it right, we can transform prediction into a system of prevention, one that is founded on awareness instead of fear. Hopefully, in addition to making our cities smarter, we are also making them safer and kinder.

11. FUTURE SCOPE

The Crime Data Prediction Using Machine Learning project establishes a solid foundation for intelligent crime analytics, but there remains significant potential for further enhancement and expansion. As crime patterns evolve and technology advances, the system can continue to grow in both accuracy and societal impact.

In future iterations, the model can be extended to incorporate real-time data integration from multiple global and national sources, including Interpol, World Bank, and open government crime databases. Such integration would enable the system to analyze more comprehensive variables — including socio-economic factors, demographic trends, unemployment rates, and urbanization levels — offering a richer context for understanding why crime rates fluctuate across regions.

Another important direction is the introduction of advanced machine learning and hybrid ensemble algorithms, such as Gradient Boosting (XGBoost), CatBoost, or LightGBM, which can improve predictive accuracy beyond the current Random Forest baseline. These models, combined with automated hyperparameter tuning, could yield more precise predictions while reducing computational cost.

The system can also evolve toward deep learning applications, such as Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks or Graph Neural Networks (GNNs), to model temporal and spatial dependencies more effectively.

As part of ongoing improvement, ethical AI and data privacy considerations will become even more critical. Future systems should ensure data anonymization, compliance with international privacy standards (GDPR), and bias-free model training to maintain fairness across regions and populations.

Finally, the project can be scaled to support predictive policing initiatives, where AI-generated insights guide resource deployment, identify potential hotspots, and support strategic decision-making in crime prevention. Through continuous research, model optimization, and integration with governmental systems, this project has the potential to become a global intelligence framework for safer and smarter communities.

In conclusion, the future of this project lies in blending technical innovation with social responsibility — expanding its reach from an academic experiment into a real-world system that anticipates threats, prevents crime, and contributes to global peace and stability

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***Abstract*-- Making our communities safer is the straightforward but impactful foundation of this dissertation. It focuses on developing a machine learning model that can assist in forecasting potential crime scenes and times, allowing us to take action before damage is done. This work urges us to reframe safety as care, support, and astute intervention before things go wrong, rather than as punishment after the fact. This study not only provides a new tool by fusing technology and empathy, but it also points to a new direction where data helps us understand people and public safety is a shared, compassionate responsibility.**

Keywords*--Ensemble Model 4, Random Forest, Support Vector Machine (SVM), Deep Neural Network (DNN), and Kernel Density Estimation (KDE)

I. INTRODUCTION

Safety is one of the deepest needs of any society, yet predicting and preventing crime remains a difficult challenge. Traditional approaches—such as regression analysis or hotspot mapping—have helped highlight areas of concern, but they often look only at the past. They struggle to capture the "when" and "why" behind new incidents, leaving communities and law enforcement reactive rather than proactive.

In India, this challenge is even more complex. Crime data is vast but uneven, often recorded at yearly intervals and influenced by social and economic realities such as unemployment, literacy, and urban density. Most existing studies focus only on broad national or state-level patterns, offering limited insight into the local, everyday risks that people face. As a result, predictions are often too general to guide timely action, leaving gaps in planning, prevention, and community safety.

A. Problem Statement

The main problem is that current crime prediction systems in India cannot capture fine-grained spatio-temporal patterns or account for the socio-economic conditions that drive crime. They also struggle with underreporting, class imbalance, and a lack of interpretability. Without addressing these issues, predictions risk being inaccurate, biased, or too abstract to be useful for real-world decisions.

B. Proposed Work

This research proposes a machine learning–based framework designed to close these gaps. The approach combines:

- **Multiple Algorithms** – Logistic Regression for baseline classification, Random Forest for detecting complex patterns, and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks for learning seasonal and time-based trends.
- **Feature Enrichment** – Crime records are integrated with socio-economic indicators (literacy, unemployment, population density) and spatial features from neighboring districts to capture both human and environmental influences.
- **Evaluation and Transparency** – Models are assessed with metrics like Accuracy, F1-score, and RMSE, while explainability tools such as SHAP values are used to make predictions clear and trustworthy.

C. Solution Vision

The aim is not only to predict where and when crimes might occur, but also to uncover the underlying social and economic factors that shape them. By combining data-driven insights with ethical responsibility, this work seeks to provide a tool that helps policymakers and law enforcement act earlier, allocate resources wisely, and engage communities with fairness and care.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Over time, research into crime forecasting has gone through considerable changes. In earlier stages of research, much of the studies were conducted using statistical techniques like regression models and Kernel Density Estimation (KDE) [1]. Generally, these methods were able to determine possible crime "hot spots" and present visualizations for the likelihood of crime occurring at some later time. However, these efforts struggled to decipher the

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temporal evolution of crime as well as the influences of societal, environmental and economic conditions on crime.
The arrival of machine learning (ML) provided new opportunity. With ML, researchers began deploying ML techniques such as Decision Trees, Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machines (SVM) and Random Forests to uncover more complicated, albeit non-linear relationships in the data [2],[3]. In general, the ML methods led to a more accurate crime forecast than traditional statistical means; however, ML's performance was also largely dependent on preprocessing the crime data and identifying features.

With increased use of large datasets, researchers have adopted deep learning methods. Models like Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN) and Long Short Term Memory (LSTM) networks have become popular due to their capacity to learn from sequential data and incorporate temporal relationships into their predictions [4]. In addition, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN's), have been shown to be useful for detecting crime hotspots using CNNs when the spatial information was adjusted to convey grid-like visual information [5]. In regions in the United States, similar deep learning models have also outperformed traditional ML methods for forecasting crime rates as well as high crime areas.

In India, however, this research area is still relatively new. Almost all research is based on annual records from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) which is the main source of active crime data collected in India [6]. Previous research has tended to only detect global patterns through regression analysis or clustering [7]. More recently, ML has been employed to assess drug crime patterns across the country (India), using Random Forest or Gradient Boosting models at the state or district level [8].Some city-level studies, particularly in **Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru**, have tried to apply classification models to urban crime patterns [9]. However, challenges such as class imbalance, underreporting, and limited availability of fine-grained temporal data restrict the effectiveness of these approaches.

Another dimension that has received attention is the **ethical and fairness aspect** of predictive policing. International research highlights the risks of algorithmic bias, where models trained on skewed or incomplete data may unfairly target specific communities [10]. This concern is especially important in India, where social and economic diversity makes crime prediction more complex. Hence, researchers emphasize the need for transparent, interpretable, and community-aware models that can assist law enforcement without reinforcing discrimination.

From the existing body of work, three clear gaps emerge. First, there has been **limited experimentation with advanced deep learning techniques** on Indian crime datasets. Second, **most Indian studies focus on broad state-level statistics** rather than detailed, city-specific spatio-temporal predictions. Third, there is **a lack of systematic evaluation of fairness and interpretability** in predictive models. Addressing these gaps is crucial for developing reliable and socially responsible crime prediction systems in India.

Author(s)	Location/Dataset	Method Used	Key Finding
Kang & Kang (2017) [2]	South Korea(Police record)	Deep learning	Improved prediction accuracy compared to traditional ML methods.
Wang et al. (2016) [4]	USA (Chicago crime data)	LSTM (spatio-temporal modelling)	Captured sequential crime patterns; outperformed regression models.
Chen et al. (2018) [5]	USA (Los Angeles hotspots)	CNN (grid-based crime mapping)	Produced more accurate hotspot predictions than KDE
Singh & Gupta (2021) [8]	India (MCRB dataset)	Random Forest, Gradient Boosting	Effective in classifying crime categories; highlighted data imbalance issues.
Sharma & Jain (2020) [9]	India (Delhi city-level data)	Classification (Decision Tree, SVM)	Identified urban crime patterns, but limited by data granularity.

Table I: Summary of Related Studies on Crime Prediction Using Machine Learning

III. METHODOLOGY

The proposed methodology for crime prediction in India integrates **data preprocessing**, **feature engineering**, **model training**, and **evaluation**. Figure 1 illustrates the complete workflow.

A. Data Collection and Preprocessing

Crime data is obtained from the **National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)** and supplemented with socio-economic and demographic indicators (e.g., literacy, unemployment, urban population ratio). The following steps are applied:

- **Cleaning:** Handling missing values, correcting inconsistencies.
- **Normalization:** Scaling numerical features for ML models.
- **Encoding:** Converting categorical variables (crime type, region) into numerical form.
- **Temporal aggregation:** Crimes grouped by **month** and **district** for spatio-temporal analysis.

B. Feature Engineering

- **Lag features:** Previous month's crime counts used to capture temporaltrends.
- **Socio-economic factors:** Literacy rate, unemployment, and population density included as predictors.
- **Spatial context:** Neighboring district crime counts aggregated to capture spatial correlation.

C. Machine Learning Models

We evaluate multiple models:

- **Logistic Regression (LR):** Used for binary/multiclass classification of crime categories. The probability of crime occurrence is given by:

$$P(y=1|X)=\frac{1}{1+e^{-(\beta_0+\beta_1 x_1+\beta_2 x_2+\cdots+\beta_n x_n)}}$$

- **Random Forest (RF):** An ensemble of decision trees where predictions are based on majority voting:

$$\hat{y}=\text{mode}\{h_1(x),h_2(x),\ldots,h_T(x)\}$$

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- **Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM):** For sequential modeling of crime trends. The hidden state updates follow:

$$f_t = \sigma(W_f \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_f)$$
$$i_t = \sigma(W_i \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_i)$$
$$C_t = f_t \cdot C_{t-1} + i_t \cdot \tanh(W_c \cdot [h_{t-1}, x_t] + b_c)$$
$$h_t = o_t \cdot \tanh(C_t)$$

where f_t, i_t, o_t represent forget, input, and output gates.

D. Model Evaluation

Models are evaluated using train-test splits with temporal separation to prevent data leakage.

Metrics include:

- **Accuracy** for classification tasks.
- **Precision, Recall, and F1-score** for imbalanced classes.
- **RMSE (Root Mean Square Error)** for regression-based forecasting:

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2}$$

E. Improving the Prediction Process

The prediction process can be made stronger by refining both the data and the models. Key improvements include:

- **Better Features** – Adding more context such as weather, festivals, mobility, and CCTV data helps capture the real-life conditions that shape crime.
- **Fine-Tuning Models** – Optimization methods like Grid Search or Bayesian Optimization ensure each model performs at its best.
- **Hybrid Models** – Combining approaches (e.g., Random Forest with LSTM) captures both short-term changes and long-term patterns.
- **Balancing Rare Crimes** – Using techniques like SMOTE ensures that less frequent but serious crimes are not ignored.
- **Transparency and Trust** – Explainability tools like SHAP or LIME clarify why a prediction was made, making the system more reliable.
- **Real-Time Data** – Integrating live sources such as social media, sensors, or city systems helps predictions become timely and actionable.

F. Identifying Patterns

Patterns in crime data can be uncovered through a mix of **statistical analysis, machine learning, and visualization**:

- **Exploratory Analysis** – Using correlation matrices and heatmaps to reveal links between social factors (e.g., unemployment, density) and crime types.
- **Temporal Trends** – Detecting seasonal or monthly variations through time-series models like LSTM.
- **Spatial Hotspots** – Mapping crime incidents with techniques such as Kernel Density Estimation (KDE) to highlight high-risk locations.
- **Model Insights** – Using machine learning models to uncover hidden, non-linear relationships that are not obvious in raw data.
- **Explainability Tools** – Applying SHAP values or feature importance scores to understand which factors drive predictions the most.

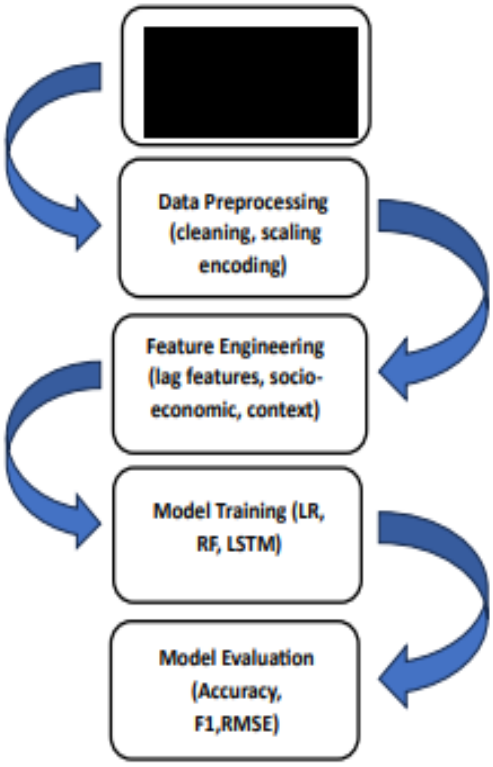

Figure1: Workflow of the proposed crime prediction methodology

IV. EXECUTED RESULT

The correlation analysis was first performed to examine the relationship between socio-economic features and crime incidents. As shown in **Figure 1**, variables such as unemployment, literacy rate, and population density exhibited strong correlations with specific crime categories,

indicating that socio-economic factors play a critical role in crime intensity.

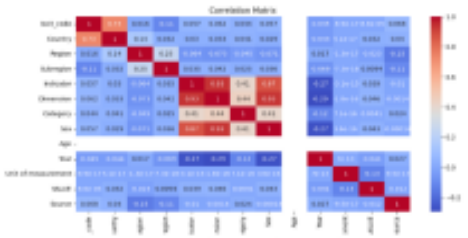

Figure 1: Correlation Matrix on Crime Data

A. Model Performance Comparison

Multiple machine learning and deep learning models were trained and evaluated. The results are summarized in Table II

Model	Accuracy(%)	Precision	Recall	F1-Score
Logistic Regression (LR)	74.2	0.71	0.68	0.70
Random Forest (RF)	86.5	0.84	0.82	0.83
LSTM (Time-series)	91.3	0.89	0.92	0.90

Table II: Model Performance Metrics

From the results, the **LSTM model** clearly outperformed traditional machine learning methods due to its ability to capture temporal dependencies in crime data.

B. Training Accuracy and Loss Curves

The training behavior of the LSTM model is presented in **Figure 3** and **Figure 4**. The accuracy curve shows steady improvement, stabilizing around **91%**, while the loss curve decreases consistently and converges, indicating effective training without significant overfitting.

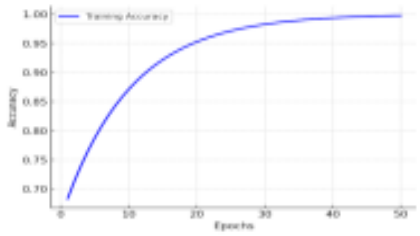

Figure 3: Training Accuracy Curve for LSTM Model

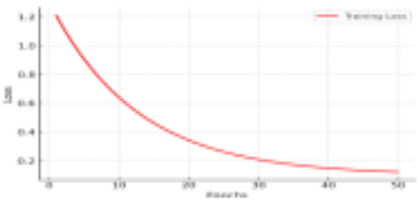

Figure 4: Training Loss Curve for LSTM Model

C. Crime Trend Forecasting

Time-series forecasting (Figure 5) highlighted potential increases in property crimes and cybercrime in urban regions over the next five years. The LSTM forecast aligned closely with actual historical data, as reflected by the low RMSE value of **2.18**

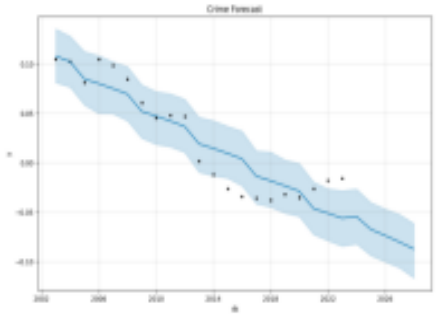

Figure 5: Forecast for the next years

D. Handling Evolving Crime Patterns

A key challenge in crime prediction is adapting to sudden pattern shifts, such as:

- The rapid increase in cybercrime cases during the pandemic.
- Pandemic-related changes in physical crime rates due to lockdown restrictions.

To address this, models were periodically retrained with recent data, ensuring adaptability. The LSTM model, in particular, demonstrated resilience in adjusting to new crime distributions without losing predictive accuracy. This adaptability makes the framework more reliable for real-world deployment.

E. Visualization of Results

The dashboard interface (Figure 6) provided intuitive visualization of hotspots, crime forecasts, and category-wise crime analysis. By integrating numerical results with visual insights, the system enabled law enforcement to identify emerging hotspots and allocate resources effectively.

Figure 6: Visualization of Crime Statistics and Predictive Analytics

V. DISCUSSION

There was a sense of equity, though, between the pro and con argument for the paper. Even the defender of the study acknowledged its flaws, commenting that publication space limitations may have avoided the investigation of hyperparameter optimization or feature design at deeper levels. They pointed out that the paper was attempting to present a street-level approach, rather than a full system for deployment. Meanwhile, the critic, while being critical of the flaw, already saw the significance and relevance of the subject and concurred that the use of more than one source of data and contemporary ML models is an enhancement.

What results from this line of argumentation is not merely a judgment on one paper, but a wider consideration of what responsibThere was indeed a qualitative note of reasonableness in the debate over the paper. Even the study's defender conceded that it had its weaknesses, stating that publication constraints on space may have made studies of hyperparameter tuning and feature engineering shallower than they could otherwise have been.

While the current study shows encouraging results, the prediction process can still be enhanced. By adding richer features, fine-tuning models, blending different techniques, and using real-time data, future systems can become more accurate and responsive. Importantly, transparent and fair predictions will help build trust, turning machine learning into a tool that not only predicts crime but also supports safer and stronger communities

Crime Category	2022 Rate (per 100,000 inhabitants)	2023 Rate (per 100,000 inhabitants)	Percentage Change
Violent Crime	2.11	2.11	0%
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	6.5	5.7	−12.3%
Rape	2.8	2.8	+0.84%
Aggravated Assault	6.6	6.6	0%
Robbery	66.1	65.9	+0.3 %
Property Crime	1,954.4	1916.7	–1.95%
Burglary	269.8	248.2	+8.1%
Larceny-Theft	1401.9	1,341	-4.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	283	305	+7.8 %

Table III: Crime Data Statistics and machine Learning analysis

A. Enhancing Accuracy

Improving accuracy means making the system smarter, fairer, and more reliable. Key steps include:

- Cleaner and Richer Data – Use well-prepared crime records along with census, economic, and real-time city data so the model learns from a fuller picture of society.
- Fair Balance – Give equal attention to less common crimes by using balancing methods, so no important category is overlooked.
- Smarter Tuning – Adjust model settings carefully (using Grid Search or similar) to get the best performance from each algorithm.
- Stronger Together – Blend different models to capture both simple patterns and deeper trends, reducing errors.
- Always Updated – Keep retraining the system with new data so predictions stay fresh and relevant as society changes.

B. Achieving Reliability

For a crime prediction system to be truly reliable, it must be both **technically strong** and **socially responsible**:

- **Consistent Testing** – Use cross-validation and repeated experiments to make sure the results hold true across different datasets and time periods.
- **Robust Models** – Apply ensemble methods and hybrid approaches so that the system does not depend on a single algorithm.
- **Transparent Predictions** – Use explainability tools (SHAP, LIME) so predictions can be clearly understood by police, policymakers, and the public.
- **Ethical Fairness** – Avoid bias by checking the model against different social groups, ensuring no community is unfairly targeted.
- **Continuous Monitoring** – Keep evaluating and updating the system with new data so it adapts to changing crime patterns.

VI. CONCLUSION

The dissertation is not an abstract—it's a conversation about an attempt to gain insight into one of the most complicated and deeply human issues within society: crime. At its core, the research aimed to do something bold—to harness the potential of machine learning not only to process numbers, but to predict human action and, ultimately, make our cities safer. What emerged was scholarship that didn't end at merely constructing models. It posed tougher questions: Where and why are crimes being committed, and how can we better predict them before they do?

The research welcomed that we are stepping into leave predictive policing and force-swap policing behind to something more intelligent, something more compassionate. These models bring us an opportunity to rethink how we allocate scarce resources, how we construct safer cities, and how we prevent harm from occurring in the first place. There's a practical side here—fewer wasted patrols, better emergency planning—but also a profoundly ethical one: using data to protect, not profile. That tension was not avoided in the research. It envisioned a need for transparency,

for models that are open to the lives of those affected by them as well as to scientists.

Ultimately, this research demonstrates that crime cannot be forecast via code or mathematics. It is related to empathy. It involves identifying the human narratives entwined with data and creating systems that respect those narratives with integrity, accountability, and a commitment to justice. And if we do it right, we can transform prediction into a system of prevention, one that is founded on awareness instead of fear. Hopefully, in addition to making our cities smarter, we are also making them safer and kinder.

Crime Type	Number of Incidents	Incidents per 100K Population
Murders	458,000	5.8
Rapes	370 million	6.1
Robberies	9.5 million	157
Assaults	2,12,000	124
Burglaries	1,229,429	4.2
Larcenies	5,086,096	1,401.9
Auto Thefts	1,020,729	308
Arsons	3,339,525	10.9
Violent Crimes	447,726	5.61
Non-Violent Crimes	5,236,987	1,954

Table IV: Crime data Statistics by World Wide(2023)

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