MACHINE LEARNING BASED AUTOMATED CONSTRUCTION PLANNING SYSTEM FOR SRI LANKA

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Research Logbook

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DECLARATION

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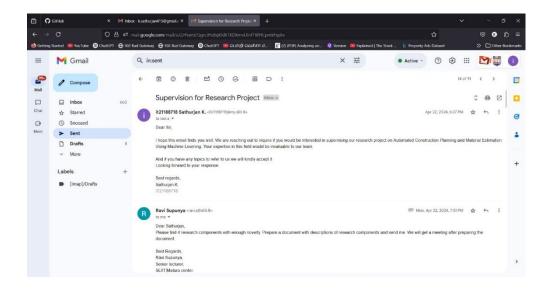
The supervisor/s should certify the proposal report with the following declaration.

The above candidates are carrying out research for the undergraduate Dissertation under my supervision.

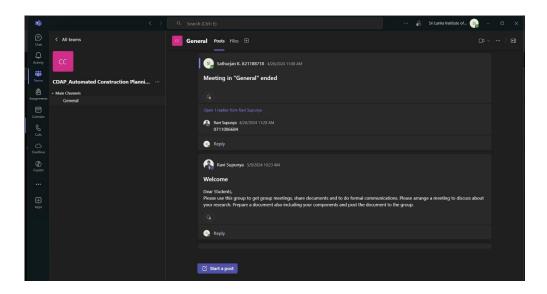
Signature of the Supervisor (Mr. N.H.P. Ravi Supunya Swarnakantha)	Date
Signature of the Co-Supervisor	Date
(Dr. Dharshana Kasthurirathna)	

Tasks

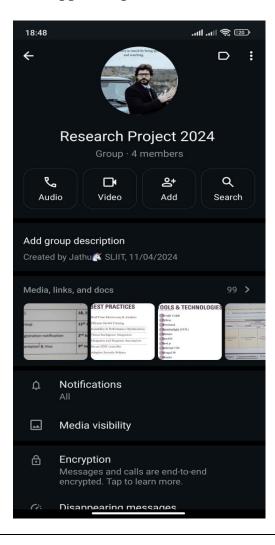
Supervisor accept the Topic through the mail and check the send the details about topic.



- ❖ Meeting with the supervisor to discuss the project topic for the first time.
 - Meet the supervisor online.
 - Discuss the research project topic area.
 - Get the supervisor's ideas about the research topic.

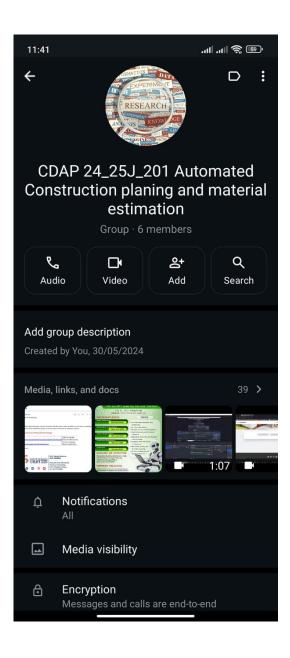


Created separate WhatApp Group for Conversation with team members.

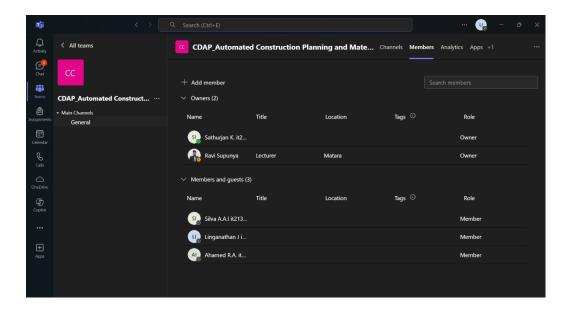


❖ Created the Research Team WhatsApp Group.

- Discuss the research topic with team members.
- Discuss the research problem.
- Get the solution ideas with brainstorming sessions.
- Identify the main solutions.
- Assign tasks and conversation highlights.

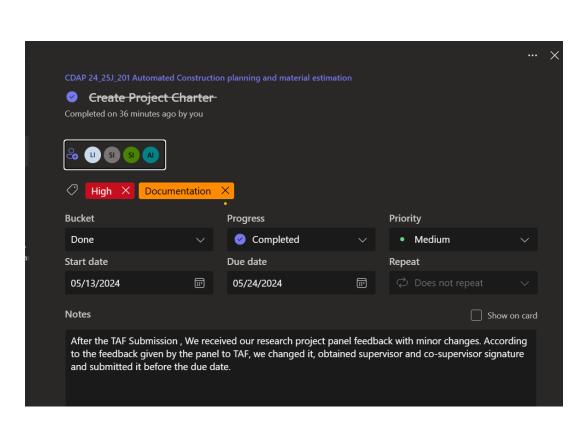


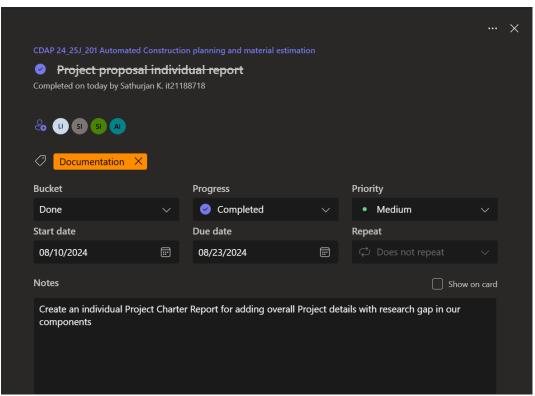
- ❖ Created a separate MS Teams channel with Supervisor conversation.
 - Assign tasks and conversation highlights.
 - Completed task and conversation highlights.



***** Completed Task and Conversation Highlights

- Contacting Mr.Supunya Swarnakantha and Dr.Dharshana Kasthurirathna regarding the research topic.
- Writing a literature survey about the topic as requested by Mr.Supunya Swarnakantha.
- Narrowing of the scope as suggested by the Supervisor and Co-Supervisor.
- Submit proposal draft document.
- Changing the draft submission upon the advice of the supervisor.
- Accepting the proposal document.





Completed Task and Conversation highlights.

- Creating the proposal document at supervisor request.
- Doing a literature review upon supervisor request.

1.4 Research Problem

The construction and real property sectors in Sri Lanka face significant inefficiencies due to guide approaches, previous methodologies, and terrible communication, main to delays, fee overruns, and faulty predictions. These challenges are specifically reported in 4 key regions, which these studies goals to deal with:

First off when picking out solar panels, folks don't have the right gear to figure out the best ones based on how big their land is where it's at, or the weather around them. This makes it hard to get the kind of energy setup that does the job well. The stuff out there now, from references isn't cutting it because it doesn't give advice that considers Sri Lanka's hot and wet weather, with all its rainy seasons and sticky air messing with how well solar panels do their thing.

Second, folks dealing with property in Colombo find it tough to guess prices right because they change so much. The old way of doing things just isn't cutting it, with all the different types of houses and places making it even harder to nail down the best moves for putting your money into property. The current ways—stuff from sources just isn't built for the ups and downs of Sri Lanka's money scene so the price guesses they make aren't too solid.

As for the third bit figuring out how much it's going to cost to build stuff is super tricky. The way people do it now just doesn't factor in all the changing prices for stuff you need, like materials and people to do the work. In Sri Lanka, the cash situation is all over the place so not getting this right means you could end up spending way more than you thought. The tools folks have right now, those things from just can't keep up with all the changes as they happen, and that's just making everything worse.

In the end, teaming up on interior design projects hits a snag when clients and designers don't speak the same language about tech stuff. Clients can't get their technical tastes across, which messes things up and slows everything down. The platforms out there, like numbers 16 to 20, haven't got the high-tech AI needed to fix this problem. So, the design workflow in Sri Lanka isn't as smooth or happy as it could

These challenges are combined by Sri Lanka's unique socio-economic and environmental context, which fails to address the existing systems widely. Economic instability, such as inflation rate in recent years, directly affects the price of material costs and real estate, though most ML models are not designed to control such instability. Similarly, with tropical climates, with its rain and moisture, affects the efficiency and timelines of the solar panel, but solar recommendation systems are rarely responsible for these factors in terms of Sri Lanka.

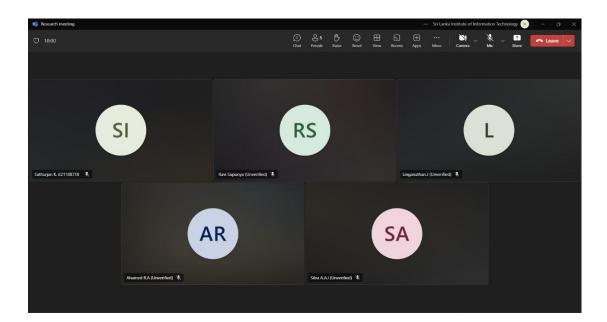
Moreover, lack of integration in these fields creates a fragmented approach to construction planning. For example, the decision to install solar panels affects construction costs, though

❖ Proposed Solar Panel Recommendation and Cost Estimation System.		
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Construction Cost Estimation	1	

- The main purpose of the Construction Cost Estimation component is to provide users with accurate predictions of building costs based on factors such as location, building size, material selection, and labor availability. This helps users plan budgets effectively and make informed decisions before starting construction projects.
- The system uses algorithms such as linear regression, random forest, and artificial neural networks to estimate construction costs by analyzing historical construction data, current material and labor prices, and project specifications.
- This technology considers both static factors (like building type and size) and dynamic factors (like real-time market rates and regional labor costs) to deliver reliable, datadriven cost estimations.
- User inputs key construction details such as project type (residential/commercial), location, total floor area, preferred materials, and expected duration.
- The system collects relevant historical cost data, real-time prices for materials and labor, and any region-specific cost variations.
- The data is processed using trained ML models that identify cost patterns and dependencies based on the provided project details.
- A predicted total cost is generated for the construction project, including material, labor, equipment, and contingency expenses.
- The system presents a detailed cost breakdown, including component-wise estimates and potential cost-saving alternatives.
- Optional forecasting tools may display future cost trends based on inflation, supply chain changes, or market demand.
- Overall, the Construction Cost Estimation module improves budgeting accuracy and financial planning in construction projects. It empowers users to make data-driven decisions by integrating real-time pricing, predictive analytics, and historical insights.

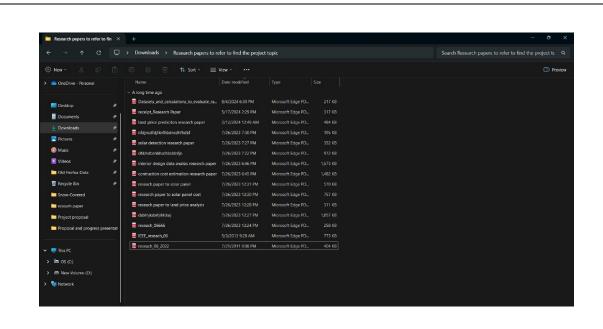
Completed Task and Conversation Highlights.

- Determining the components for each member and discussing with the Supervisor.
- Fine tuning the scope for each component.
- Discussing the proposed components with Supervisor.



***** Completed Task and Conversation Highlights.

- Find the Related research paper for individual Land and house price prediction Component.
- Get a full idea of each research paper.
- Mark down the not covering Land and house price prediction
- Estimation areas in these research papers.
- Identify the novelty parts of each individual component.
- Creating the Topic Assignment Form (TAF)
- Getting the approval from the Supervisor.



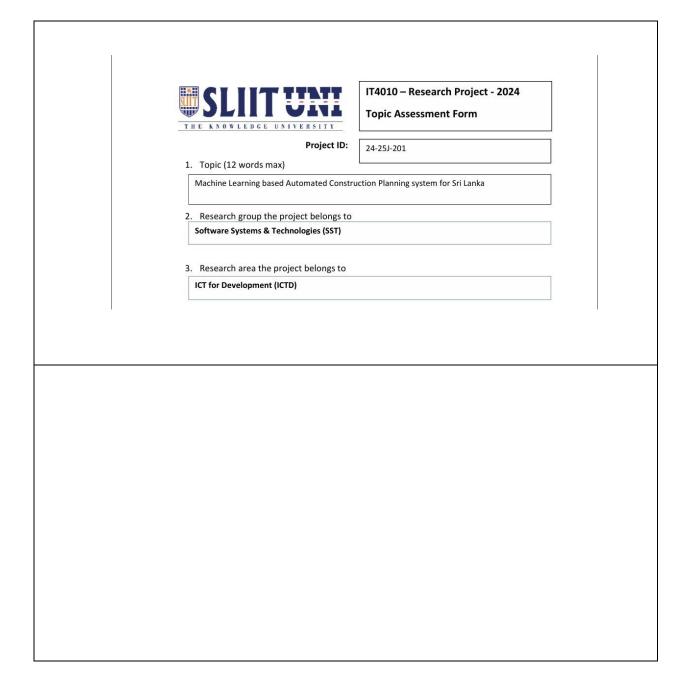
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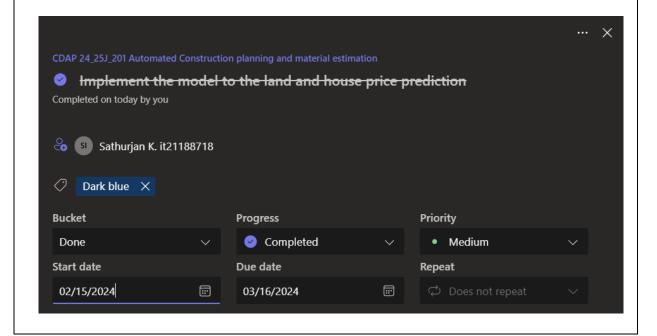
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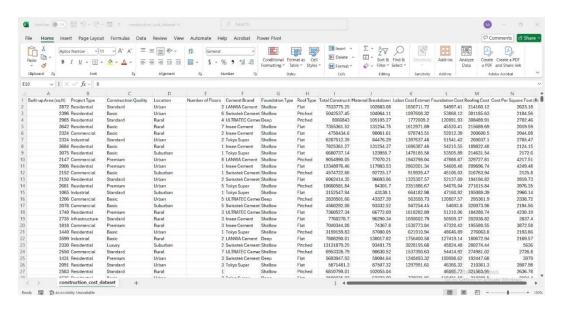
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- Reading research papers related to time series prediction.
- Reading documentation of Land and house price prediction and understanding which data set could be taken.
- Developing different models for prediction of time series.

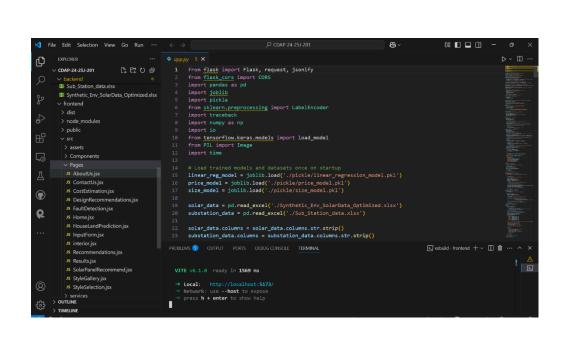


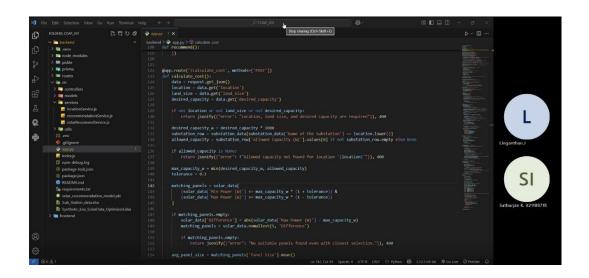
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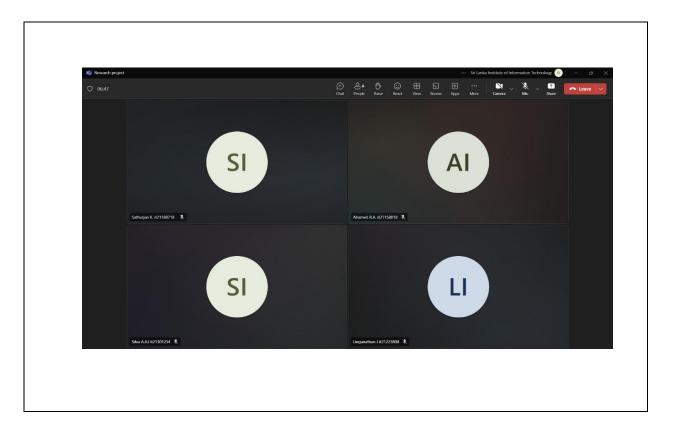
- Finding the sample dataset until system develop.
- Discussing with the supervisor the potential model and its accuracy and which model we should proceed with for the prediction.



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# Define a function to evaluate models
     def evaluate_model(model, X_test, y_test):
        predictions = model.predict(X_test)
        mae = mean_absolute_error(y_test, predictions)
        mse = mean_squared_error(y_test, predictions)
        rmse = np.sqrt(mse)
        r2 = r2_score(y_test, predictions)
        print(f"MAE: {mae}, MSE: {mse}, RMSE: {rmse}, R2_SCORE: {r2}")
    # Evaluate Linear Regression
     print("Linear Regression Evaluation:")
     evaluate_model(linear_model, X_test, y_test)
     # Evaluate Decision Tree Regressor
     print("\nDecision Tree Evaluation:")
     evaluate_model(dt_model, X_test, y_test)
     # Evaluate Neural Network (MLP)
    print("\nNeural Network Evaluation:")
    print("MAE:", mae, "MSE:", mse, "RMSE:", rmse, "R2_SCORE:", r2)
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    Decision Tree Evaluation:
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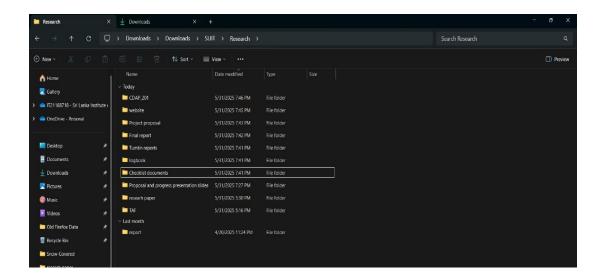


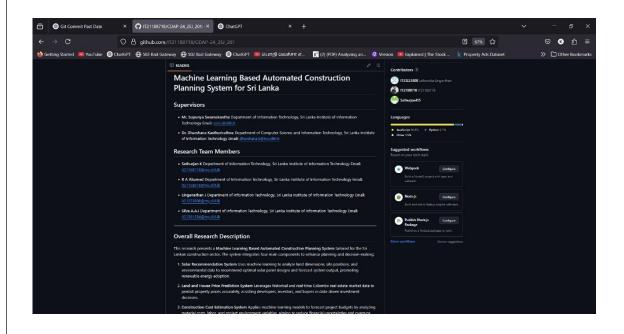




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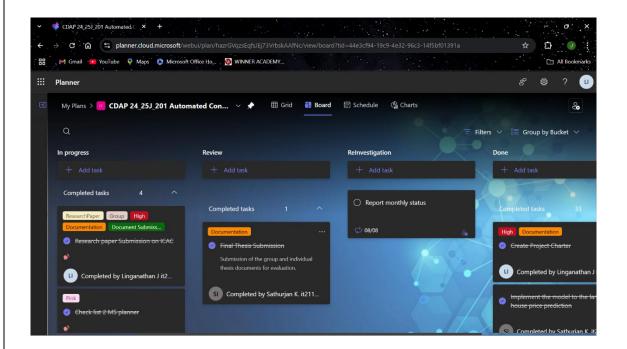
- Creating initial project folder structure.
- Adding the readme files, configuration files and setup instructions for the project.
- Initializing the startup scripts.

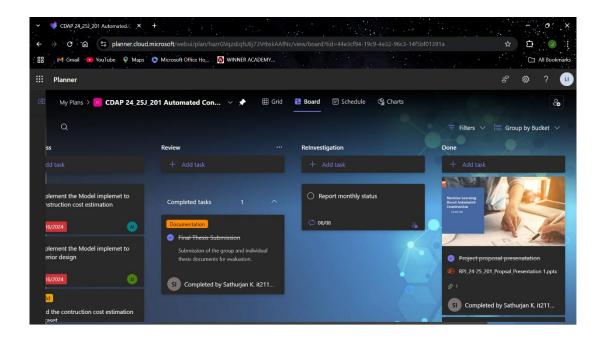


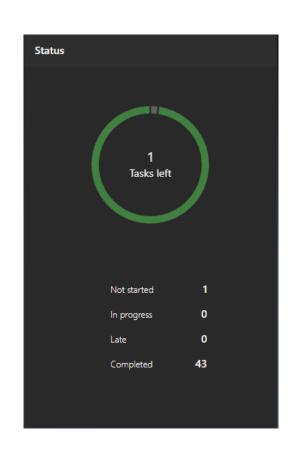


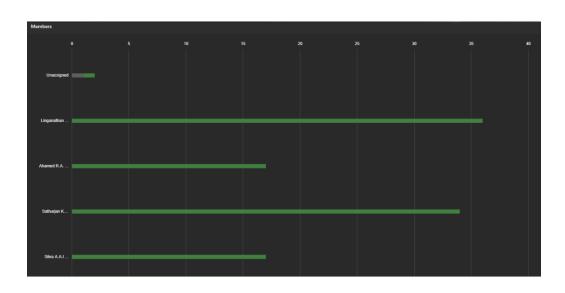
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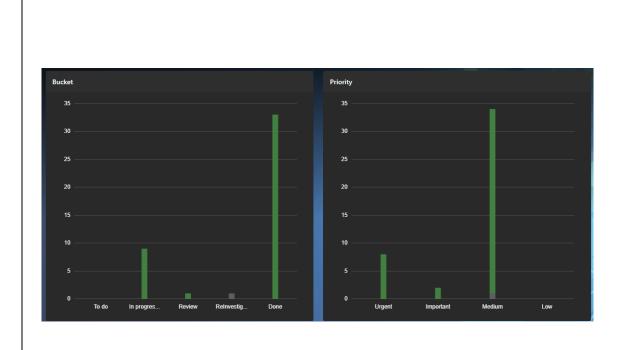
- Meeting with the research team and deciding the implementation milestone on Microsoft planner.
- The tasks were labeled so that it's easy to filter the important tasks.

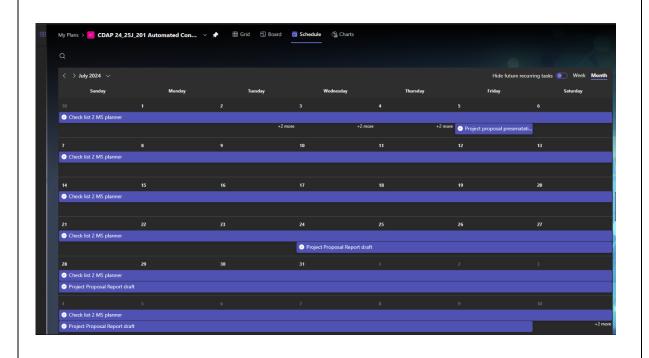










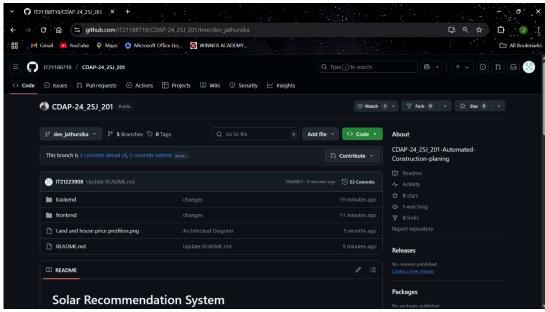


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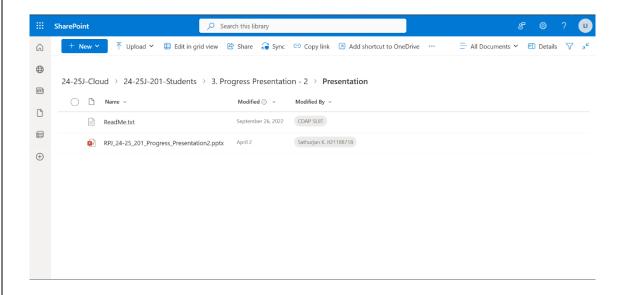
- Prepare for Progress Presentation 1 (PP1).
- Creating the presentation.
- Finalizing the GitLab Projects.
- Communication with the supervisor after finalizing the project.

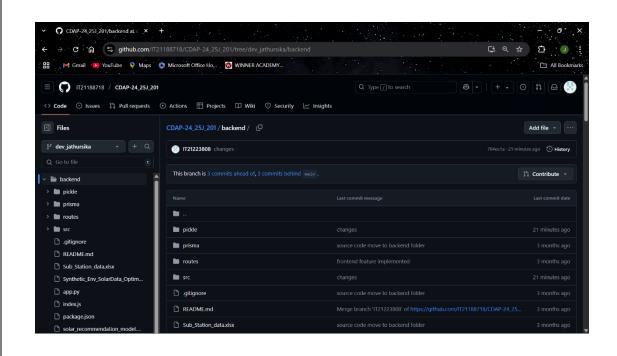




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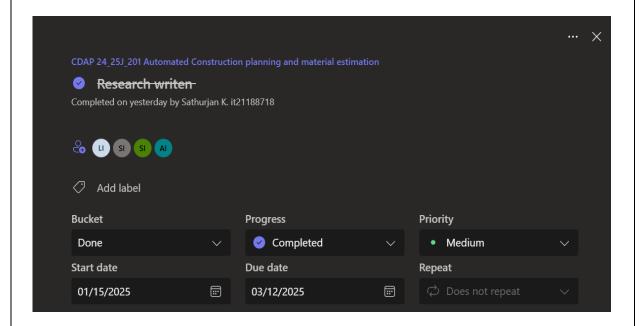
- Prepare for Progress Presentation 2 (PP2).
- Creating the presentation.
- Finalizing the GitHub Projects.
- Communication with the supervisor after finalizing the project.

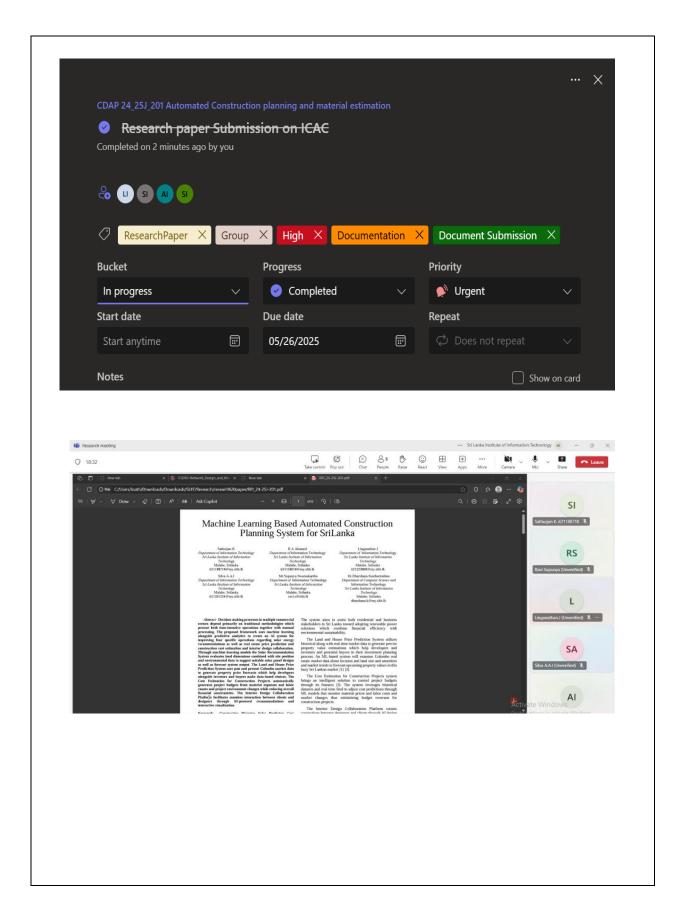


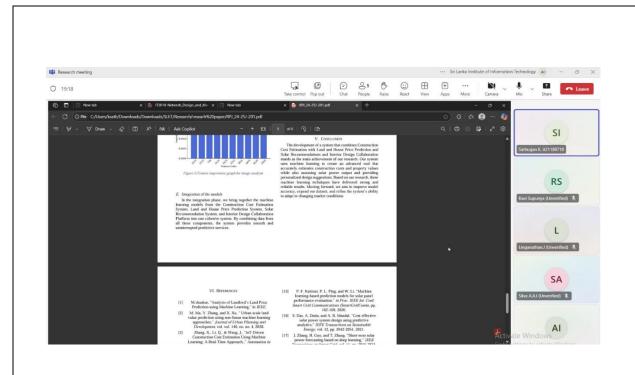


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- Started writing the research paper.
- Exploring Mendeley tool.
- Exploring the IEEE standards and word tools.
- Communicating with supervisor and getting the supervisor feedback.
- Attending Prof. Dasuni Nawinna's Session on how to write a good research paper.
- Writing 3 separate research papers for:



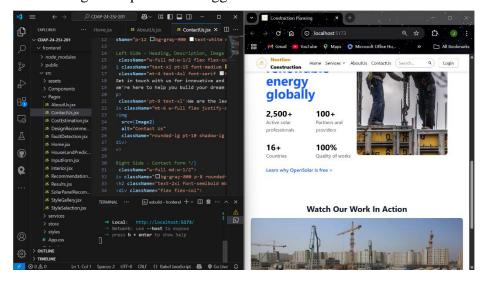






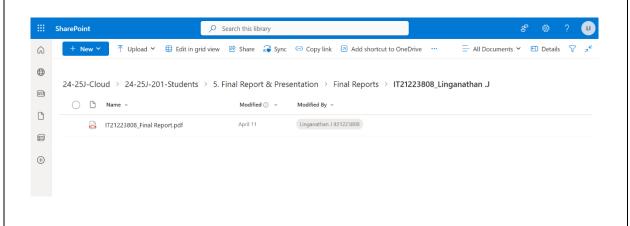
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- Creating the front-end of the application.
- Integration of all the components.
- Discussing the supervisor's suggestions.



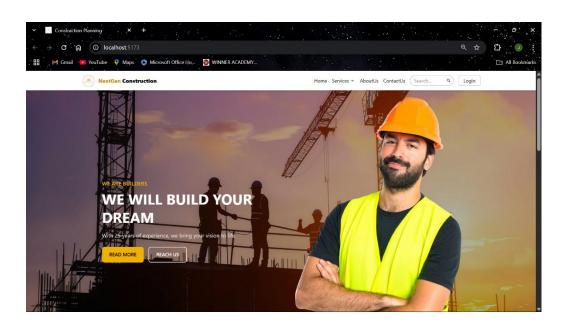
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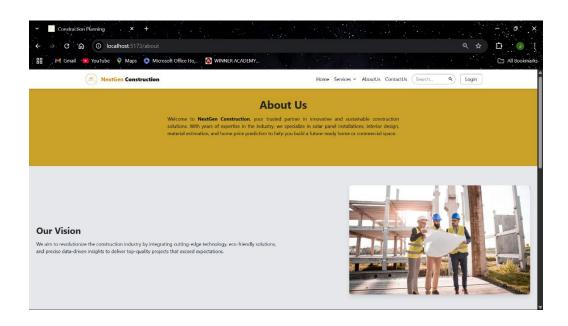
- Complete Individual Thesis Reports.
- Creation Group Thesis Reports.

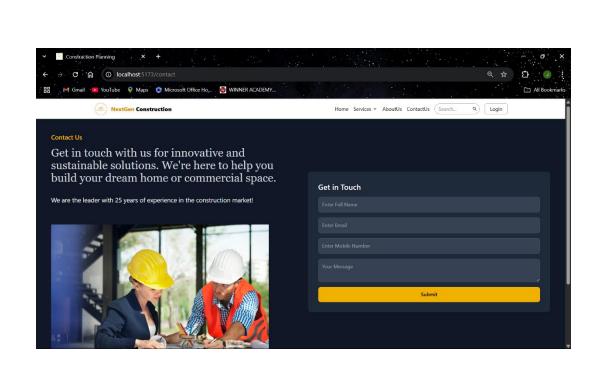


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• Create a website for the solution.









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- Creation Branches for Each Commitments.
- Merge Request to Main Branch

