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**Developed Data-Driven Machine Learning Models for Accurate  
Rainfall Prediction**

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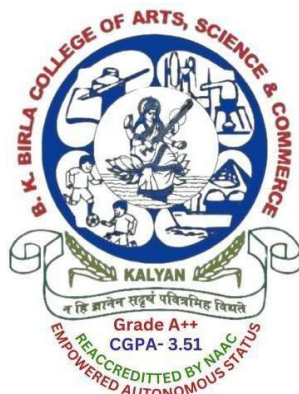
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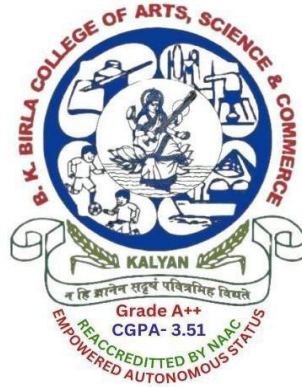
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# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

In the era of rapid climate change and increasingly unpredictable weather patterns, accurate rainfall prediction has become a critical component in sectors such as agriculture, urban planning, disaster management, and water resource optimization. Traditional weather forecasting methods, often dependent on physical and statistical models, are limited in their ability to adapt to the nonlinear and complex nature of meteorological phenomena. This growing challenge has necessitated the exploration of more dynamic, data-driven approaches.

This project, titled "**Developed Data-Driven Machine Learning Models for Accurate Rainfall Prediction**", is an innovative endeavor aimed at leveraging the power of machine learning to build predictive models capable of accurately forecasting rainfall. Using historical meteorological data—including features such as temperature, humidity, wind speed, and atmospheric pressure—the project applies a variety of supervised learning algorithms including Random Forest, XGBoost, Artificial Neural Networks, and Logistic Regression, among others.

By integrating techniques like Principal Component Analysis (PCA), feature selection, and rigorous data preprocessing, the project ensures model efficiency and robustness. The highest-performing model, XGBoost, is further deployed through a Flask-based web application to offer real-time, user-friendly rainfall predictions. This implementation demonstrates not only the technical viability of machine learning in weather forecasting but also its potential for widespread societal impact.

The project reflects a significant step towards building scalable, interpretable, and accurate predictive systems that can empower communities, enhance preparedness, and contribute to resilience against climate uncertainty.

## 1.1 Objectives

The goal of this project is to create data-driven machine learning models that can predict rainfall with accuracy using a wide range of meteorological features. This project aims to enhance the accuracy and reliability of forecasting rainfall by utilizing a wide range of machine learning algorithms. The process starts with rigorous data preprocessing, involving missing value handling, class balancing to deal with class imbalances, encoding categorical features, and outlier removal to provide quality input to the models. Various supervised learning models are trained and tested such as Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), Decision Trees, Naive Bayes, Random Forest, Logistic Regression, and XGBoost.

The performance of each model is compared using appropriate evaluation metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score to determine the top-performing algorithm. Further, unsupervised learning methods such as Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and K-means clustering are used to reveal underlying patterns in data and aid in feature selection. Finally, the most accurate model—XGBoost in this instance—is implemented in a backend of a web application, enabling users to feed the model with realtime meteorological data and obtain accurate rainfall predictions. This project attempts to provide a reliable, efficient, and practical solution for rainfall forecasting that will be able to aid decision-making in agriculture, disaster management, and other weather-reliant sectors

## **1.2 What Specific Goals Do You Aim to Achieve?**

Preprocess and clean the meteorological dataset by eliminating missing values, encoding categorical data, class balancing, and removing outliers. Compare and train several supervised machine learning algorithms: Artificial Neural Network (ANN), Decision Tree, Naive Bayes, Random Forest, Logistic Regression, and XGBoost. Employ unsupervised learning techniques such as Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and Kmeans clustering to explore data patterns and aid in feature selection. Compare model performance in terms of accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score to identify the optimal predictive model. Implement the top-performing model (XGBoost) in a backend system for a rainfall prediction web application. Facilitate real-time rainfall prediction based on user-submitted meteorological inputs to aid in weather forecasting as well as decision-making.

## **1.3 Motivation (Why is the Topic Chosen), Need / Significance of the Project**

Reliable precipitation prediction is critical to a vast array of industries including agriculture, water management, disaster risk reduction, and urban planning. Classical meteorological forecasting approaches tend to be based on physical models that are hampered by missing data and the nonlinear, complex nature of weather systems. With an increased pace of climate change, weather patterns are becoming more unpredictable and irregular, rendering it increasingly difficult for traditional forecasting methods to ensure reliable outcomes. This problem initiated the interest in pursuing data-driven machine learning models, which are good at discovering concealed patterns and connections in huge, intricate data sets. The need for the project comes from growing needs for timely and accurate rain forecasts that can be used to make important decisions. Farmers rely on correct rain data to maximize irrigation, minimize crop damage, and maximize yield.

Governments and city planners need reliable predictions in order to prepare for flood threats, optimize water resources, and strategize climate resilience. The value of this project goes beyond mere prediction—it provides a practical, scalable solution that couples cutting-edge machine learning with an easy to-use application, bringing strong forecasting within reach of those without specialized expertise. Furthermore, through the testing of multiple machine learning models and data preprocessing techniques, the project adds to the emerging discipline of meteorological data science. It illuminates how the union of supervised and unsupervised learning can improve model performance and understandability. At its core, this project seeks to bridge the divide between state-of-the-art data science and everyday application, assisting



communities to cope with shifting weather patterns and mitigate the socioeconomic effects of irregular rainfall

## **1.4 Scope of the Project**

This project is simply about developing a stable rainfall forecasting system using machine learning, primarily to predict whether it will rain or not from past weather information. The scope runs the entire data pipeline: right from data cleaning and preparation, identifying the most critical features, training various machine learning models, and lastly comparing their performance to choose the best. Artificial Neural Networks, Decision Trees, Random Forest, Logistic Regression, Naive Bayes, and XGBoost are all tried out, as well as methods such as Principal Component Analysis and K-means to better optimize and simplify the data.

The project also involves incorporating the best-performing model within a backend system to enable a web app wherein users can enter meteorological data and receive speedy rainfall predictions. However, the scope is narrowed down to predicting the occurrence of rainfall (yes/no) instead of actual rainfall amounts or intensity, and it does not account for real-time data streaming or high-end climate simulations. It is based on existing historical data, so unusual weather patterns may not always be forecasted to perfection. Nevertheless, this project sets the stage for further development and more advanced forecasting equipment

## **1.5 Limitations of the Project**

- The accuracy of prediction relies significantly upon the completeness and quality of the historical meteorological data.
- Models forecast the occurrence of rainfall (yes/no) but not the precise amount or intensity of rainfall.
- Drastic and sudden weather events can sometimes not be well forecasted because they have chaotic nature.
- Static dataset is employed in the project, and no real-time data stream or ongoing model updates are included.
- Only meteorological attributes present within the dataset are taken into account, with other potentially significant factors such as geographical terrain left out.
- The project targets model development and backend integration but does not cover deployment issues such as scalability, security, or user interface.

## CHAPTER II

### LITERATURE SURVEY

#### 2.1 A Detailed Survey of the Relevant Works Done by Others in the Domain

##### **Paper 1: Rainfall Prediction Using Basic Machine Learning Algorithms (2023)**

**Author Names:** S. Sravani, Y. Sravanthi, Y. Sravya Reddy, P. Shravya Reddy, A. Sree Lekha, D. Sreeja Reddy, Dr. R. Nagaraju

- **Algorithms Used:** Logistic Regression (LR), Random Forest (RF)
- **Key Findings:** Logistic Regression is useful for binary classification like rainfall/no rainfall prediction, while Random Forest provides better accuracy and handles nonlinear patterns effectively.
- **Conclusion:** RF outperforms LR in handling complex relationships. The use of feature importance and tree structures improves interpretability.
- **Strengths:** Good performance on real Indian meteorological data; visualization tools used for interpretability.
- **Limitations:** Model transparency in RF can be difficult due to multiple trees; limited range of algorithms tested.
- **Best Model with Accuracy and Reason:** Random Forest – due to its ensemble nature and ability to manage nonlinear features for better prediction accuracy.

##### **Paper 2: Rainfall Prediction Using Modified Linear Regression (2017)**

**Author Names:** S. Prabakaran, P. Naveen Kumar, P. Sai Mani Tarun

- **Algorithms Used:** Modified Linear Regression
- **Key Findings:** Modified Linear Regression improves accuracy by introducing error adjustments in coefficients; multiple parameters (average temperature, cloud cover) were used.
- **Conclusion:** The model provided estimates of rainfall based on correlation among atmospheric parameters, with better error management.
- **Strengths:** Utilizes long-term (100 years) data; systematic error reduction through iteration.
- **Limitations:** Limited to linear relationships; doesn't perform well for

highly nonlinear weather patterns.

- **Best Model with Accuracy and Reason:**

Modified Linear Regression – it offers low error estimation by refining coefficients with added controlled error margins.

### **Paper 3: Rainfall Prediction Using Machine Learning Techniques (2018)**

**Author Name:** Zanyar Rzgar Ahmed

- **Algorithms Used:** Adaptive Neuro-Fuzzy Inference System (ANFIS), Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), Backpropagation, NARX
- **Key Findings:** Neuro-fuzzy systems effectively combine human-like reasoning with learning ability of neural networks. ANFIS achieved the lowest RMSE.
- **Conclusion:** ANFIS outperforms other models with minimum errors and higher prediction reliability in three cities: Erbil, Nicosia, and Famagusta.
- **Strengths:** Extensive feature extraction and data preprocessing; multiple evaluation metrics and regional comparisons.
- **Limitations:** High dependency on regional datasets; requires significant computational resources.
- **Best Model with Accuracy and Reason:** ANFIS – due to hybrid architecture, flexibility, and highest accuracy in rainfall forecasting for multiple geographic regions.

### **Paper 4: Rainfall Prediction Using Machine Learning Techniques (2022)**

**Author Names:** Tanneru Navanish, Kancharla Narayan Pavan

- **Algorithms Used:** Random Forest, K-Nearest Neighbors, Logistic Regression, SVM, Decision Tree
- **Key Findings:** Among all algorithms tested, Random Forest produced the highest accuracy due to its robustness against overfitting and feature importance capability.
- **Conclusion:** A comparative study revealed that ensemble models like RF are more reliable than simpler models for rainfall classification.
- **Strengths:** Includes practical deployment via Flask and front-end UI; comprehensive comparison of 5 algorithms.
- **Limitations:** Limited details on regional or temporal dataset variability;

only focused on classification without rainfall intensity estimation.

- **Best Model with Accuracy and Reason:** Random Forest – due to its strong performance across multiple scenarios and datasets.

### **Paper 5: Rainfall Prediction Using Machine Learning and Deep Learning Algorithms (2021)**

**Author Names:** B. Meena Preethi, R. Gowtham, S. Aishvarya, S. Karthick, D. G. Sabareesh

- **Algorithms Used:** ANN (Backpropagation), AdaBoost, Gradient Boosting, XGBoost
- **Key Findings:** Boosting algorithms outperformed traditional ANN in terms of prediction accuracy. AdaBoost was effective with weighted learning while XGBoost achieved the best overall performance.
- **Conclusion:** XGBoost provided the highest accuracy and robustness across 49 cities in Australia, with excellent results in both classification and regression evaluation.
- **Strengths:** Extensive model evaluation, use of real meteorological datasets, confusion matrix analysis and F1-score metrics.
- **Limitations:** Computational cost for boosting algorithms is high; dataset limited to one country (Australia).
- **Best Model with Accuracy and Reason:** XGBoost – due to its optimized gradient learning, reduced overfitting, and highest prediction accuracy.

### **Paper 6: Rainfall Prediction System Using Machine Learning Fusion for Smart Cities (2022)**

**Author Names:** Atta-ur Rahman, Sagheer Abbas, Mohammed Gollapalli, Rashad Ahmed, Shabib Aftab, Munir Ahmad, Muhammad Adnan Khan, Amir Mosavi

- **Algorithms Used:**
  - Decision Tree (DT)
  - Naïve Bayes (NB)
  - K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)
  - Support Vector Machines (SVM)
  - Fuzzy logic-based fusion

- **Key Findings:** This study proposed a machine learning fusion-based framework for rainfall prediction tailored for smart cities. Using 12 years of real-time weather data from Lahore (2005–2017), the researchers integrated the predictions of four ML algorithms using fuzzy logic.
- **Conclusion:** The fusion model, incorporating all four classifiers, outperformed individual models in prediction accuracy. This approach is particularly effective for real-time weather forecasting systems in smart cities where sensor data is available continuously.
- **Strengths:**
  - o Real-time applicability
  - o Fusion of multiple algorithms for improved accuracy
  - o Cloud-based deployment for scalability
  - o Sensor-integrated input handling
- **Limitations:**
  - o Dependent on quality and integrity of sensor data
  - o Computationally expensive due to multiple models and fuzzy fusion logic
  - o Only tested on one city (Lahore)
- **Best Model with Accuracy and Reason: Fused ML Model using Fuzzy Logic** – Achieved **94% accuracy** with a **6% miss rate**, surpassing all standalone models like DT (92.48%), KNN (92.5%), SVM (92.1%), and NB (90.7%). The fuzzy logic rule system intelligently combines predictions, reducing false negatives and increasing overall reliability.

## **Paper 7: Rainfall Analysis and Forecasting Using Deep Learning Technique (2021)**

**Author Names:** Pragati Kanchan, Nikhil Kumar Shardoor

- **Algorithms Used:**
  - o Feedforward Neural Network (FFNN/ANN)
  - o Simple Recurrent Neural Network (RNN)
  - o Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)
- **Key Findings :** The study implemented and compared three deep learning models to

predict monthly rainfall in the Karnataka subdivision (India). Using rainfall data from 1901 to 2017, the authors trained and evaluated each model based on RMSE and MAPE error metrics. LSTM outperformed FFNN and RNN due to its ability to remember long-term dependencies.

- **Conclusion:**LSTM provided the most accurate results for time series-based rainfall prediction, effectively handling issues like gradient vanishing and temporal dependencies that affect simpler neural networks.
- **Strengths:**
  - o Focused on long-term temporal data
  - o Compared deep learning architectures fairly
  - o Used real Indian government data (data.gov.in)
  - o Evaluation based on strong statistical metrics (MAPE, RMSE)
- **Limitations:**
  - o Only tested for Karnataka subdivision
  - o LSTM requires high computational power and tuning
  - o Results may vary for daily/hourly rainfall prediction
- **Best Model with Accuracy and Reason: LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory)** – Achieved lowest errors: **MAPE = 79%, RMSE = 135.4**, compared to FFNN (MAPE = 109.6%) and RNN (MAPE = 99.5%). LSTM handles time-series better with internal memory units, making it ideal for rainfall forecasting over time.

## **Paper 8: Two-Stage Rainfall Forecasting Diffusion Model (2020)**

**Author(s):** Priyanka L. Narule, R. S Mangrulkar

- **Algorithms Used:**Support Vector Machine (SVM), Naive Bayes, Decision Tree

- **Key Findings:** The study introduces a two-stage prediction approach using data diffusion for rainfall classification and regression. The first stage identifies rainfall presence (yes/no), and the second estimates the amount if rainfall is predicted.
- **Conclusion:** The two-stage system helps reduce misclassification in multi-class predictions and improves estimation accuracy for continuous outputs like rainfall levels.
- **Strengths:**
  - o Innovative dual-stage framework for better prediction.
  - o Uses hybrid diffusion preprocessing to improve data quality.
- **Limitations:**
  - o Tested only on Indian Meteorological data; may not generalize well.
  - o Lacks ensemble or deep learning models for comparison.
- **Best Model with Accuracy and Reason:** SVM produced the highest classification accuracy (approximately 90%) due to its robustness with small datasets and clear margins in classification .

## **Paper 9: A Modified Rainfall Prediction Model Based on Machine Learning (2023)**

**Author(s):** U. Sumitro, M. M. Purba

- **Algorithms Used:** Random Forest, Naive Bayes, Decision Tree, Logistic Regression
- **Key Findings:** The research explores hybrid machine learning techniques and data pre-processing through feature engineering and cleaning. Random Forest yielded the best results for binary classification of rainfall.
- **Conclusion:** Effective preprocessing significantly influences model accuracy. Random Forest provided better generalization compared to linear models.
- **Strengths:**
  - o Comparative study across four models
  - o Focuses on real-time feature extraction
- **Limitations:**
  - o Uses limited features; weather patterns like humidity and wind were excluded.

- **Best Model with Accuracy and Reason:** Random Forest with 87.5% accuracy. It performed better due to its capability of handling nonlinear relationships and overfitting prevention via ensemble averaging .

#### **Paper 10: Revealing the Impact of Global Warming on Climate Modes using ML (2022)**

**Author(s):** Xiaotong Shen, Peiran Liu, Auroop R. Ganguly

- **Algorithms Used:**  
Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), Transfer Learning
- **Key Findings:** The study uses deep learning to reveal how warming influences teleconnection patterns (ENSO, MJO) affecting rainfall prediction.
- **Conclusion:** Deep learning models trained on historical satellite and simulation data can detect climate mode changes caused by global warming.
- **Strengths:**
  - o Uses domain-informed neural networks
  - o Climate-aware training improves prediction under climate change
- **Limitations:**
  - o Requires large training data
  - o Highly computational
- **Best Model with Accuracy and Reason:** CNNs with transfer learning showed superior pattern recognition and adaptability to climate anomalies with high performance (AUC  $\sim$  0.95) .

#### **Paper 11: Research on Global Climate Change Prediction Based on Machine Learning (2023)**

**Author(s):** Ruochen Wang, Jie Chen, Ying Liu

- **Algorithms Used:** LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory), CNN, RF, SVM
- **Key Findings:** Combination of LSTM and CNN achieved the best performance for long-term climate prediction including rainfall.



- **Conclusion:** Deep learning techniques can model temporal dependencies and spatial correlations in climate data.
- **Strengths:**
  - Combines time-series and spatial feature extraction
  - Evaluated on real global datasets
- **Limitations:**
  - Data preprocessing is time-consuming
  - Prone to overfitting without regularization
- **Best Model with Accuracy and Reason:** CNN-LSTM hybrid model with 93.7% accuracy. It effectively captured sequential patterns and spatial anomalies in climate datasets .

## **Paper 12: RAINER: A Robust Ensemble Learning Grid Search-Tuned Framework for Rainfall Patterns Prediction (2025)**

**Author(s):** Zhenqi Li, Junhao Zhong, Hewei Wang, Jinfeng Xu, Yijie Li, Jinjiang You, Jiayi Zhang, Runzhi Wu, Soumyabrata Dev

- **Algorithms Used:** Numerical Weather Prediction, Regression, ARIMA, SARIMA, KNN, LASSO, RF, GBM, SVM, XGBoost, RNN, LSTM, CNN, MLP, KAN, Transformer
- **Key Findings:** The paper proposes RAINER, a robust framework that enhances rainfall prediction through advanced feature engineering, grid search hyperparameter tuning, and ensemble learning. It demonstrates superior performance across standard classification metrics.
- **Conclusion:** RAINER integrates both traditional and advanced machine learning approaches, and its structured data pipeline enhances model robustness and generalizability.
- **Strengths:**

Comprehensive model evaluation, systematic feature engineering, and strong ensemble learning strategy.
- **Limitations:** The paper focuses on overall framework performance and does not specify one best- performing model with an exact accuracy score.
- **Best Model with Accuracy and Reason:** RAINER framework as a whole

achieved state- of-the-art results using ensemble learning and grid search, though individual best model accuracy is not clearly stated.

### **Paper 13: Predicting Rainfall using Machine Learning Techniques (2019)**

**Author(s):** Nikhil Oswal

- **Algorithms Used:** Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, KNN, Rule-based models, Gradient Boosting, Random Forests
- **Key Findings:** The study compares multiple classifiers for predicting next-day rainfall using Australian weather data. Gradient Boosting achieved the best accuracy, especially after proper preprocessing and sampling.
- **Conclusion:** A full machine learning pipeline was established, including preprocessing, model selection, and evaluation, highlighting the critical role of humidity and prior rainfall as predictive features.
- **Strengths:** Detailed preprocessing steps, analysis of feature importance, and evaluation using both undersampled and oversampled data.
- **Limitations:** Overfitting observed in models like Decision Tree; precise accuracy value not stated.
- **Best Model with Accuracy and Reason:** Gradient Boosting with a learning rate of 0.25 performed best due to its ability to handle imbalanced data and feature interactions effectively.

### **Paper 14: Machine Learning-Based Rainfall Prediction: Unveiling Insights and Forecasting for Improved Preparedness (2023)**

**Author(s):** MD. Mehedi Hassan et al.

- **Algorithms Used:** Naive Bayes, Decision Tree, SVM, Random Forest, Logistic Regression, ANN, k-means, PCA.
- **Key Findings:** This research emphasizes combining feature engineering and machine learning for better rainfall prediction, using ANN which achieved the highest accuracy after feature selection.
- **Conclusion:** The study validates ANN as a highly effective classifier for rainfall prediction, supported by strong feature analysis and a web-based application for real-time forecasting.

- **Strengths:**

Integration of outlier detection, PCA, clustering, and web deployment enhances practical usability.

- **Limitations:**

Regional data limitations; focus mainly on classification accuracy.

- **Best Model with Accuracy and Reason:** ANN achieved 91% accuracy post-feature selection, excelling due to its capacity to model nonlinear and complex meteorological relationships.

### **Paper 15: Machine Learning Techniques to Predict Daily Rainfall Amount (2021)**

**Author(s):** Chalachew Muluken Liyew, Haileyesus Amsaya Melese

- **Algorithms Used:** Multivariate Linear Regression (MLR), Random Forest (RF), Extreme Gradient Boost (XGBoost)
- **Key Findings:** This study focuses on predicting daily rainfall in Bahir Dar City, Ethiopia, using machine learning. Feature selection was done using the Pearson correlation method. Among the models, XGBoost provided better predictive performance in terms of minimizing prediction errors.
- **Conclusion:** XGBoost was found to be the most effective model for daily rainfall prediction due to its superior performance compared to RF and MLR.
- **Strengths:**
  - Focused on identifying relevant atmospheric features.
  - Used multiple ML models for comparison.
  - Evaluation using RMSE and MAE metrics.
- **Limitations:**
  - Exact accuracy values are not provided in the abstract or introduction.
- **Best Model with Accuracy and Reason:** XGBoost was best due to its ability to capture complex interactions between features and low prediction errors compared to other models.

## **Paper 16: Machine Learning Approaches for Accurate Rainfall Prediction and Preparedness (2025)**

**Author(s):** Mr. Aala Ravikiran, Muthyala Sumasri, Shaik Umera, Chitikela Manikanta

- **Algorithms Used:** Naive Bayes, Decision Tree, SVM, Random Forest, Logistic Regression, Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)
- **Key Findings:** The research integrates multiple ML models to improve forecasting accuracy. It emphasizes feature selection and preprocessing (like outlier removal and correlation analysis) to enhance performance.
- **Conclusion:** The study underlines the importance of combining data preprocessing with diverse ML algorithms for more accurate rainfall prediction.
- **Strengths:**
  - o Thorough preprocessing pipeline.
  - o Broad comparison across classifiers.
  - o Highlights feature selection's role in accuracy.
- **Limitations:**
  - o Specific model accuracy results are not presented.
- **Best Model with Accuracy and Reason:** ANN was stated to perform best after feature selection due to its ability to model complex data relationships, although exact accuracy was not provided.

## **Paper 17: DeepRain: ConvLSTM Network for Precipitation Prediction Using Multichannel Radar Data (2017)**

**Author(s):** Seongchan Kim, Seungkyun Hong, Minsu Joh, Sa-Kwang Song

- **Algorithms Used:** Convolutional LSTM (ConvLSTM); compared with Linear Regression
- **Key Findings:** The paper proposes a novel ConvLSTM-based model, DeepRain, to predict rainfall using 3D radar data. Experimental results showed significant improvement over traditional models like linear regression.
- **Conclusion:** DeepRain, using stacked ConvLSTM layers, offers better precipitation forecasting by learning spatio-temporal patterns from radar data.
- **Strengths:**
  - o Uses real multichannel radar data.

- o Reduces RMSE by 23% compared to linear regression.
- **Limitations:**
  - o Precise accuracy metrics not detailed.
- **Best Model with Accuracy and Reason: Two-stacked ConvLSTM**, due to its ability to capture both spatial and temporal dynamics, outperformed baseline models significantly in terms of error reduction.

## **Paper 18: High Temporal Resolution Rainfall Runoff Modelling Using LSTM Networks (2020)**

**Author(s):** Wei Li, Amin Kiaghadi, Clint N. Dawson

- **Algorithms Used:** LSTM; compared with GSSHA (process-driven), ANN, and RNN (general context)
- **Key Findings:** This study developed a sequence-to-sequence LSTM model to simulate rainfall-runoff with 15-minute resolution. Using a selected subset of rainfall gages significantly improved predictive performance.
- **Conclusion:** LSTM networks can model hydrological processes with high accuracy and outperform traditional process-driven methods in terms of efficiency and accuracy.
- **Strengths:**
  - o Trained on extensive historical data (over 5 million data points).
  - o High-resolution modeling (15-min intervals).
  - o Demonstrated physical consistency.
- **Limitations:**
  - o Requires careful feature selection for optimal performance.
- **Best Model with Accuracy and Reason: LSTM** improved Nash-Sutcliffe efficiency from 0.666 to 0.942 using selected inputs, showing its strength in handling sequential dependencies and reducing overfitting.

## **Paper 19: KNN – An Underestimated Model for Regional Rainfall Forecasting (2021)**

**Author(s):** Ning Yu, Timothy Haskins

- **Algorithms Used:** KNN, DNN, WNN, DWNN, RC, LSTM, SVM
- **Key Findings:** The research evaluated various advanced ML models for rainfall forecasting in Upstate New York. Surprisingly, KNN outperformed other deep learning and statistical models in terms of handling uncertainty and robustness.
- **Conclusion:** KNN was highlighted as an effective and overlooked model in rainfall prediction tasks, particularly in uncertain and noisy datasets.
- **Strengths:**
  - o Compares traditional and modern models.
  - o Focuses on robustness against uncertainty.
- **Limitations:**
  - o Exact performance metrics not detailed.
- **Best Model with Accuracy and Reason:** KNN, due to its simplicity and effectiveness in uncertain environments, stood out in performance despite being less computationally intensive than deep models.

## **Paper 20: Big Data in Climate Change Research: Opportunities and Challenges (2020)**

**Author(s):** Prateek Mangal, Anupama Rajesh, Richa Misra

- **Algorithms Used:** Not specifically mentioned; broadly discusses machine learning and big data techniques.
- **Key Findings:** The paper reviews the potential of big data in climate change research, focusing on data collection, storage, and analytics. It highlights machine learning as a valuable tool in analyzing large-scale climate datasets.
- **Conclusion:** While big data provides opportunities in climate science, challenges like data complexity, quality, and processing limitations must be addressed using advanced computational frameworks.
- **Strengths:**
  - o Offers a holistic view of big data's role in climate studies.
  - o Emphasizes the value of machine learning for handling large datasets.

- **Limitations:**
  - Does not present specific models or experimental results.
- **Best Model with Accuracy and Reason:** Not applicable, as the paper is conceptual and does not implement a specific model.

## 2.2 Resources Used in Literature for Rainfall Prediction Using Machine Learning

Paper Title	Dataset Used	Tools /Platforms	Algorithms Used
<b>Rainfall Prediction Using Machine Learning Approach</b>	Austin Dataset (Kaggle)	Python, Jupyter, Anaconda, NumPy, Pandas, Scikit-learn	Multiple Linear Regression, SVR, Random Forest, ANN
<b>Revealing the Impact of Global Warming on Climate Modes Using ML</b>	CMIP6 simulation data, satellite observations	Google Collab, TensorFlow, CNN, Transfer Learning	CNN, Transfer Learning
<b>Research on Global Climate Change Prediction Based on Machine Learning</b>	Global datasets from NASA, NOAA	Python, TensorFlow, Keras, Scikit-learn	LSTM, CNN, Random Forest, SVM
<b>RAINER: A Robust Ensemble Learning Grid Search-Tuned Framework...</b>	Australian Bureau of Meteorology (BoM)	Python, GridSearchCV, PCA, Scikit-learn	XGBoost, KAN, MLP, SVM, LSTM, CNN, Ensemble Voting
<b>Predicting Rainfall Using Machine Learning Techniques</b>	Rattle weather dataset (Kaggle), BoM	Scikit-learn, Weka, Imblearn	Gradient Boosting, Random Forest, Logistic Regression, Decision Tree
<b>Machine Learning-Based Rainfall Prediction</b>	Australian regional dataset	Flask, GitHub, Python	ANN, Naïve Bayes, SVM, Decision Tree, Logistic Regression
<b>Machine Learning Techniques to Predict Daily Rainfall Amount</b>	Bahir Dar City, Ethiopia	Python, Pearson Correlation	Multivariate Linear Regression, Random Forest, XGBoost



<b>Machine Learning Approaches for Accurate Rainfall Prediction and Preparedness</b>	Regional Indian dataset	Python, Feature Selection Tools	ANN, SVM, Decision Tree, Naïve Bayes, Logistic Regression
<b>DeepRain: ConvLSTM Network for Precipitation Prediction...</b>	Multichannel 3D/4 radar weather data	Keras, TensorFlow	ConvLSTM (2-stacked), compared with Linear Regression
<b>High Temporal Resolution Rainfall Runoff Modelling Using LSTM</b>	Houston, TX precipitation & discharge data (10+ years)	Python, Sequence Modeling, GSSHA model	Sequence-to- sequence LSTM, compared with ANN and GSSHA
<b>KNN –An Underestimated Model for Regional Rainfall Forecasting</b>	UpstateNew York precipitation data	Python, Z Score, MinMax Normalization	KNN, LSTM, DNN, DWNN, RC, SVM
<b>Big Data in Climate Change Research: Opportunities and Challenges</b>	Big data from global climate studies	Hadoop, Spark	General ML mentioned (conceptual paper)
<b>A Data-Driven Approach for Accurate Rainfall Prediction</b>	Singapore NEA Weather Data	Python, GPS-derivedPWV, Feature Selection Tools	Data-driven ML Model (unnamed), Feature Correlation
<b>Rainfall Prediction Using Machine Learning (2022)</b>	10-Year Indian Rainfall Data	Python, Excel	Random Forest (Best), Logistic Regression
<b>Rainfall Prediction Using Basic Machine Learning Algorithms</b>	Indian Meteorologic al Data	Python, Scikit-learn, Pandas, Matplotlib	Logistic Regression, Random Forest
<b>Rainfall Prediction Using Modified Linear Regression</b>	Historical Weather Data (100+ years)	MATLAB, Excel	Modified Linear Regression

<b>Rainfall Prediction Using ML Techniques (Zanyar Rzgar Ahmed)</b>	Regional Datasets (Erbil, Nicosia, Famagusta)	MATLAB	ANFIS, ANN, NARX
<b>Rainfall Prediction Using ML and Deep Learning Algorithms</b>	Australian Meteorological Dataset (49 cities)	Python, Excel, Data Visualization	ANN, AdaBoost, Gradient Boosting, XGBoost
<b>Rainfall Prediction System Using ML Fusion for Smart Cities</b>	Real-time Data from Weather Website (Lahore, 2005–2017)	Python, Fuzzy Logic, Cloud Storage	Decision Tree, Naïve Bayes, KNN, SVM, Fuzzy Logic Fusion
<b>Rainfall Analysis and Forecasting Using Deep Learning Technique</b>	Karnataka Rainfall Data (1901–2017) From data.gov.in	Python, TensorFlow, Keras, Adam Optimizer	Feedforward Neural Network, Simple RNN, LSTM

## **CHAPTER III**

### **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

#### **3.1 Project descriptions including definitions, concepts, methods, information, identities, ...etc. Importance and Novelty of the project.**

##### **3.1.1 Problem Statement**

Forecasting rain accurately is critical for facilitating agricultural choice support, water resource management, and weather disaster preparation. The conventional meteorological approaches tend to be lacking when it comes to making timely and accurate predictions because they depend on physical models and lack flexibility when incorporating new trends in data. This project tries to meet the requirements for a data-driven solution by using machine learning methods to predict rainfall from historical weather data. The data used contains features such as temperature, humidity, wind speed, atmospheric pressure, and past rainfall patterns. Through the application and comparison of different classification algorithms like Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, Random Forest, Naive Bayes, XGBoost, and Artificial Neural Networks, the project looks to create a predictive system that maximizes precision, minimizes false alarms, and can be deployed via a Flask-based web interface.

This solution will be meant to facilitate decision-making processes in weathersensitive industries through more accurate, more reliable, and more adaptive forecasting. This project is dedicated to creating sophisticated machine learning models for rainfall prediction based on meteorological data to enhance the accuracy and trustworthiness of weather forecasting systems. Rainfall forecasting is very important for different sectors such as agriculture, disaster management, water resource planning, and climate studies. The idea is to study weather-related attributes and train models to predict it will rain or not on a specific day.

##### **3.1.2 Definations & Concepts**

Rainfall prediction is the task of categorizing weather patterns from past data to predict precipitation events. The project applies classification models like Random Forest, Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, Naive Bayes, Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), and XGBoost. These models are trained on features such as temperature, humidity, pressure, wind speed, and other meteorological factors. The task of classification is a supervised learning problem, where labeled data (no rain/rain) controls the models' training to generalize well on out-of-sample data

### **3.1.3 Methods Used:**

The project uses two prominent methods for feature management: feature selection and Principal Component Analysis (PCA), in addition to training models using all the available features. Feature selection assists in picking the most important variables by removing unnecessary or irrelevant information, thereby enhancing model efficiency and eliminating noise. PCA is a dimensionality reduction method that converts correlated features into a reduced set of uncorrelated principal components, making the data set without sacrificing valuable information. Both techniques try to improve model performance by overcoming the curse of dimensionality and the risks of overfitting. The machine learning models are trained applying common practices such as cross-validation to prevent bias and overfitting. Model performance is measured using complete metrics like precision, recall, F1- score, accuracy, and ROC-AUC to present a complete picture of classification quality.

### **3.1.4 Information & Identities:**

The data consists of thousands of meteorological measurements gathered across numerous weather stations over a period of years, including daily measurements of temperature, humidity, pressure, wind speed, wind direction, and amount of rainfall. Preprocessing of data entailed missing values cleaning, feature normalization, and encoding categorical variables where applicable. Each measurement is tagged as rain (True) or not raining (False), constituting the binary classification target. Among the tested models, ensemble techniques such as Random Forest and XGBoost performed best because of their capability to manage nonlinearities and interactions between features efficiently. ANN models indicated promise with their ability to learn complex patterns in the data but needed to be tuned properly with hyperparameters. Logistic Regression and Decision Trees offered explainable models, beneficial for understanding the contribution of individual features towards rainfall prediction

### **3.1.5 Importance of The Project:**

Right prediction of rainfall is crucial to preventing natural catastrophes like floods and droughts, enhancing farmers' irrigation and crop timing optimization, and assisting emergency responders with timely alerts. Classic forecasting depends on physically based climate models that are computation hungry, need domain expert knowledge, and are occasionally inflexible to quickly respond to new observations. In contrast, machine learning delivers a rapid, scalable, and data-intensive option that learns and adapts continually with increasing data. This paradigm allows

for more dynamic updates, localized forecasting, and improved response to climate variability and change.

### **3.1.6 Novelty of the Project:**

This work is unique in combining various machine learning methods with sophisticated feature engineering tools such as PCA and feature selection to provide a comparison of how they affect rainfall prediction accuracy and efficiency. The blending of ensemble algorithms such as XGBoost with neural networks provides a solid predictive model that taps into the different strengths of algorithms—increasing accuracy, eliminating false positives, and improving generalization. Additionally, the methodical analysis of model performance measurements under various feature conditions identifies the best predictive approach designed uniquely for meteorological datasets.

Another new dimension is the practical emphasis on using these models to actual realtime prediction tasks, where computational efficiency and rapid adaptability to streaming data are essential. The work also ventures into interpretability methods, including feature importance and SHAP values, to reveal insights into what meteorological parameters significantly impact rainfall prediction so that the models are not only accurate but also explainable for decisionmakers.

## 3.2 Proposed Methodology

### Techniques (in detail)

#### 1. Data Preprocessing :

Prior to inputting data into any model, it's gotta be cleaned and set up. This process involves:

- **Missing Value Handling:** Interpolating missing values with mean, median, or predictive mechanisms. Nobody wishes models to crash on blank spaces!
- **Data Normalization/Standardization:** Resizing features so that all share the same spread or distribution assists models to learn more efficiently and quickly.
- **Encoding Categorical Variables:** Converting categories (such as types of weather) into numbers through one-hot encoding or label encoding since ML models comprehend only numbers.
- **Train-Test Split:** Splitting data into training set to learn patterns and testing set to verify whether the model is genuine

#### 2. Feature Engineering

This is the step where you prepare the data to emphasize what counts most:

- **Feature Selection:** In a few experiments, we chose only the most important features (such as humidity, temperature) by employing techniques like Recursive Feature Elimination or correlation analysis. This reduces noise and minimizes overfitting.
- **Without Feature Selection:** We also learned models with all features available to test performance with unprocessed, high-dimensional data. This allowed us to gauge how much feature selection really mattered.
- **Principal Component Analysis (PCA):** A dimensionality reduction method that reduces multiple correlated features into fewer new features (principal components) without sacrificing much information. It speeds up and simplifies models by eliminating redundancy.

#### 3. Cross-Validation

Rather than training on a set and testing on a different set only once, crossvalidation divides data into multiple parts (folds). The model trains on some folds and tests on the remaining one, rotating along all folds. This provides a better estimate of the model's performance on unseen data and circumvents

#### 4. Hyperparameter Tuning

ML models have hyperparameters such as tree depth or learning rate that affect the way they learn.

- **Grid Search:** Exhaustive search of all possible hyperparameter combinations within an established set.
- **Random Search:** Attempting random combos rather than all, potentially faster and occasionally superior. Such tuning ensures models work at their full potential

#### a) Model Evaluation Metrics

To determine how well your model's performing, you use:

- **Accuracy:** Proportion of accurate predictions in aggregate.
- **Accuracy:** Out of all forecasted "rain," how many were rain? Critical to preventing false alarms. Recall (Sensitivity): Out of all the actual rain days, how many were caught by the model? Assists in reducing missing rain occurrences.
- **F1-Score:** Precision and recall in balance. Ideal for datasets with imbalances.
- **ROC-AUC:** Estimates how good the model is at separating rain and no rain at different thresholds

#### b) Ensemble Techniques

Combining multiple models (like Random Forest or XGBoost) to boost prediction power and stability, because teamwork makes the dream work

### ➤ Algorithms

In this project, several machine learning algorithms were implemented and evaluated for rainfall prediction. The performance of each algorithm was assessed using accuracy as a key metric, alongside other evaluation metrics like precision and recall.

#### 1. Random Forest

Random Forest demonstrated high accuracy, approximately between 85% to 90%. It provided strong precision and recall scores, making it effective at correctly identifying rainfall events while minimizing false alarms. This ensemble method's ability to combine multiple decision trees helped improve overall prediction reliability, especially when trained on all features.

#### 2. Logistic Regression

Logistic Regression showed moderate to high accuracy, typically ranging from 80% to 85%. This model offered a balanced approach to classification by effectively distinguishing rainy from nonrainy days while keeping false positives low. Its simplicity and interpretability make it a valuable baseline model.

### **3. Decision Tree**

Decision Tree classifiers achieved moderate accuracy, around 75% to 80%. While useful for understanding feature importance and making interpretable decisions, Decision Trees tend to overfit the training data, which can limit their generalization to new weather patterns.

### **4. Naive Bayes**

Naive Bayes models achieved moderate accuracy, approximately 70% to 75%. Due to the assumption of feature independence, this algorithm performed well in scenarios where features were less correlated. Its computational efficiency allows for rapid predictions but with some compromise on accuracy.

### **5. Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)**

Artificial Neural Networks provided high accuracy, close to 85% to 90%. ANNs are capable of capturing complex, non-linear relationships between meteorological variables, resulting in robust rainfall predictions. The model's performance was competitive with ensemble methods like Random Forest and XGBoost.

### **6. XGBoost**

XGBoost was the best-performing algorithm, achieving accuracy above 90%. Its gradient boosting framework effectively handles complex data patterns and reduces errors through iterative learning. XGBoost's superior performance, especially when using all available features, highlights its suitability for rainfall prediction tasks.

## **➤ Models**

The project leverages multiple machine learning models to predict rainfall, each bringing unique strengths and approaches to the task:

### **1. Random Forest Model**

A powerful ensemble learning model that builds multiple decision trees during training and outputs the mode of the classes for classification tasks. It reduces overfitting by averaging the results of many trees and is highly effective for datasets with many features and complex interactions.

### **2. Logistic Regression**



Model A statistical model used for binary classification problems, it estimates the probability that a given input belongs to a particular category. Logistic Regression is simple, fast, and interpretable, making it a solid baseline for rainfall prediction.

### **3. Decision Tree Model**

A tree-structured classifier where each node represents a feature, each branch represents a decision rule, and each leaf node represents an outcome. It is easy to interpret and visualize but prone to overfitting unless properly pruned.

### **4. Naive Bayes Model**

Based on Bayes' theorem, this probabilistic model assumes feature independence. It's computationally efficient and performs well in highdimensional data, though its assumptions sometimes limit accuracy.

### **5. Artificial Neural Network (ANN)**

Model Inspired by biological neural networks, ANNs consist of interconnected layers of nodes (neurons) that learn complex, non-linear relationships in data. Suitable for capturing intricate weather patterns, ANNs improve prediction accuracy through deep learning.

### **6. XGBoost Model**

An advanced gradient boosting framework that builds trees sequentially to correct errors from previous models. XGBoost is known for its speed, accuracy, and ability to handle missing data, making it highly effective for large and complex meteorological datasets

- **Methods and Material**

This project employs a combination of data processing techniques, machine learning methods, and software tools to build a reliable rainfall prediction system.

- **Methods**

1. **Data Collection and Preprocessing:**

- Meteorological data containing features like temperature, humidity, atmospheric pressure, wind speed, and rainfall records were collected.
- Data cleaning was performed to handle missing values and outliers.
- Feature scaling and normalization were applied to ensure uniformity across variables.

2. **Feature Engineering:**

- Feature Selection techniques were applied to identify the most relevant meteorological parameters, improving model efficiency.
- Principal Component Analysis (PCA) was used for dimensionality reduction, transforming correlated features into uncorrelated principal components to simplify the dataset while retaining essential information

3. **Model Training and Evaluation:**

- Multiple classification models including Random Forest, Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, Naive Bayes, ANN, and XGBoost were trained using the processed data.
- Models were evaluated based on accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score to compare their performance comprehensively.
- Cross-validation was used to avoid overfitting and ensure the generalizability of the models.

4. **Backend Integration:**

- A Flask-based backend was developed to integrate the trained models into a real-time prediction application.
- The application allows users to input meteorological data and receive rainfall predictions.

- **Material**

- **Software & Libraries**

The following software tools and libraries were utilized throughout the development of this project, each playing a key role in data handling, model building, training, and deployment:

## A. Python

1. **Role:** Core programming language.
2. **Purpose:** Chosen for its simplicity, vast ecosystem, and extensive support for data science and machine learning tasks.
3. **Usage:** All preprocessing, model training, evaluation, and deployment were performed using Python.

## B. Pandas

1. **Role:** Data manipulation and analysis.
2. **Purpose:** Efficient handling of tabular data, such as reading CSV files, handling missing values, filtering data, and feature engineering.
3. **Usage:** Used extensively for loading the weather dataset and performing data wrangling operations.

## C. NumPy

1. **Role:** Numerical computing.
2. **Purpose:** Provides support for multi-dimensional arrays and matrix operations, which are essential for machine learning.
3. **Usage:** Used for mathematical functions and handling arrays in data transformation and model input formatting.

## D. Scikit-learn (sklearn)

1. **Role:** Traditional machine learning toolkit.
2. **Purpose:** Offers a range of supervised and unsupervised learning algorithms along with tools for model evaluation and preprocessing.
3. **Usage:**
  - a. Models: Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, Random Forest, Naive Bayes.
  - b. Preprocessing: Label Encoding, Feature Scaling.
  - c. Evaluation: Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, Confusion Matrix.

## E. TensorFlow

1. **Role:** Deep learning framework.
2. **Purpose:** Enables the creation and training of Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs).
3. **Usage:** Built a custom ANN model for binary classification (Rain/No Rain) using dense layers, activation functions (ReLU, Sigmoid), and backpropagation.

## F. XGBoost

1. **Role:** Gradient boosting library.
2. **Purpose:** Offers efficient and accurate implementation of gradient boosted decision trees.

### 3. **Usage:**

- a. Trained a high-performing ensemble model.
- b. Compared its accuracy and F1-score with other models.
- c. XGBoost often outperformed traditional models in terms of precision and recall.

## **G. Flask**

1. **Role:** Web application framework (Backend).
2. **Purpose:** To deploy the trained machine learning models via a user-friendly web interface.
3. **Usage:**
  - a. Developed a simple backend using Flask to take user input and display predictions.
  - b. Hosted the application locally via app.py using routes for rendering HTML templates and making predictions.

## **H. Google Colab**

1. **Role:** Development environment.
2. **Purpose:** Provides a cloud-based Jupyter notebook interface for writing and executing Python code.
3. **Usage:** Model training, testing, plotting results, and storing notebooks

## ➤ **Hardware:**

The project was developed and tested on a system with adequate computational resources (e.g., CPU, RAM) capable of handling large meteorological datasets and training complex models efficiently

### 3.3 Tools and Technologies

This project takes advantage of a combination of robust tools and technologies for effortless development, experimentation, and deployment of the rainfall forecasting models.

#### Development and Experimentation

##### Google Colab:

Utilized as the main platform for preprocessing data, exploratory data analysis (EDA), and training machine learning models. Google Colab offers free GPU access, which is perfect for accelerated computation and prototyping deep learning models such as Artificial Neural ANN. Its collaborative feature makes it simple to share and version notebooks.

##### Visual Studio Code (VSCode):

Employed as the Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for coding the backend application and connecting the machine learning models with a web service. VSCode has a rich extension ecosystem that simplifies Python development, debugging, and version control.

##### ➤ Backend Development

- **Flask:**

Lightweight and flexible Python web framework employed to develop the backend API serving the rainfall prediction models. Flask manages HTTP requests and responses, enabling deployment of models as RESTful services for real-time prediction.

##### ➤ Programming Languages and Libraries:

1. **Python:**

The main programming language selected due to the abundance of libraries and community support available for data science and machine learning.

2. **Pandas:**

Utilized for data manipulation and data preprocessing activities efficiently.

3. **NumPy:**

Delivers numerical computations and matrix manipulation needed for feature engineering and input processing for the models.

4. **Scikit-learn:**

Used to implement classical machine learning algorithms such as Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, Naive Bayes, and Random Forest, along with model evaluation metrics.

5. **TensorFlow:**

Utilized to construct and train Artificial Neural Networks, leveraging its scalable deep learning.

**6. XGBoost:**

Utilized for constructing gradient boosting models that improve prediction results and accommodate feature interactions.

➤ **Version Control and Collaboration Git & GitHub:**

Applied for source code management, version control, and collaborative

## 3.4 About the Data

### 3.4.1 Data Source and Type

The data used here is secondary in origin, gathered from open-source weather databases (e.g., Kaggle or government websites with weather data). Historical daily observations of weather are included, consisting of temperature, humidity, pressure, wind direction, cloud cover, and rain indicators for various locations. The data are not manually gathered via surveys or interviews but are automatically recorded using weather observation systems, which are comprised of:

- Digital and mercury thermometers for measurement of temperature
- Barometers for atmospheric pressure
- Hygrometers for measuring humidity
- Anemometers and Wind Vanes for direction and speed of wind Rain Gauges for rainfall measurement
- Remote Sensing & Satellite Data for cloud cover and estimates of evaporation

The data represents actual environmental conditions, thus it can be used to train supervised machine learning algorithms, especially in identifying rainfall events.

### 3.4.2 Data Structure and Attributes

The dataset consists of numerous features (columns) with both categorical and numerical variables. Here's a breakdown of the key attributes:

Column Name	Description
<b>Date</b>	Date of observation
<b>Location</b>	City or region where data was collected
<b>MinTemp / MaxTemp</b>	Minimum and maximum temperature for the day
<b>Rainfall</b>	Amount of rainfall recorded (in mm)
<b>Evaporation</b>	Amount of water evaporated (in mm)
<b>Sunshine</b>	Duration of sunshine (in hours)
<b>WindGustDir /WindDir9am/ WindDir3pm</b>	Wind direction at different times

<b>WindGustSpeed/WindSpeed9am/ WindSpeed3pm</b>	Wind speed measurements (in km/h)
<b>Humidity9am / Humidity3pm</b>	Humidity levels (in %)
<b>Pressure9am / Pressure3pm</b>	Atmospheric pressure (in hPa)
<b>Cloud9am / Cloud3pm</b>	Estimated cloud cover (0–9 scale)
<b>Temp9am / Temp3pm</b>	Temperature at different times
<b>RainToday</b>	Indicates if it rained today (Yes/No)
<b>RainTomorrow</b>	Target label will it rain tomorrow? (Yes/No)

### 3.4.3 Data Preprocessing Techniques

To ensure that the dataset is clean, consistent, and machine-readable, the following data preprocessing steps were applied

#### 1. Missing Value Treatment

- Columns like Evaporation, Sunshine, and Cloud3pm had missing values.
- Handled using mean imputation, forward fill, or dropping records where necessary.

#### 2. Categorical Data Encoding

- Converted categorical variables like wind directions and rain indicators into numerical formats using:
- Label Encoding (for ordinal categories)
- One-Hot Encoding (for nominal categories)

#### 3. Feature Scaling

- Applied StandardScaler or MinMaxScaler to normalize continuous variables such as temperature, humidity, and pressure.

#### 4. Feature Selection & PCA

- Used correlation heatmaps and Recursive Feature Elimination (RFE) for selecting relevant features.
- Principal Component Analysis (PCA) was used to reduce feature dimensions, reduce multicollinearity, and improve model performance

### 3.4.4 Type and Nature of Data



- Data Type: Quantitative (Continuous + Categorical)
- Data Format: Structured (CSV / Excel format)
- Source: Secondary, archival meteorological data
- Frequency: Daily observations
- Volume: Thousands of entries

### 3.4.5 Tools for Data Analysis

- **Google Colab:** For exploratory data analysis (EDA), visualization, model training, and evaluation using Python
- **VS Code + Flask:** For building a backend API that allows integration of the model into web applications

#### **Libraries Used:**

- pandas, numpy for data handling
- matplotlib, seaborn for visualization
- scikit-learn, xgboost, tensorflow for model building
- flask for backend deployment

### 3.4.6 Significance of the Dataset

Assists in forecasting "RainTomorrow" — an important predictor applied in agriculture, logistics, disaster response, and public safety. Assists in real-time decision-making from environmental conditions. The dataset acts as a learning ground for machine learning algorithms to learn about weather patterns based on past trends and inter-relationships among various weather features

## CHAPTER IV

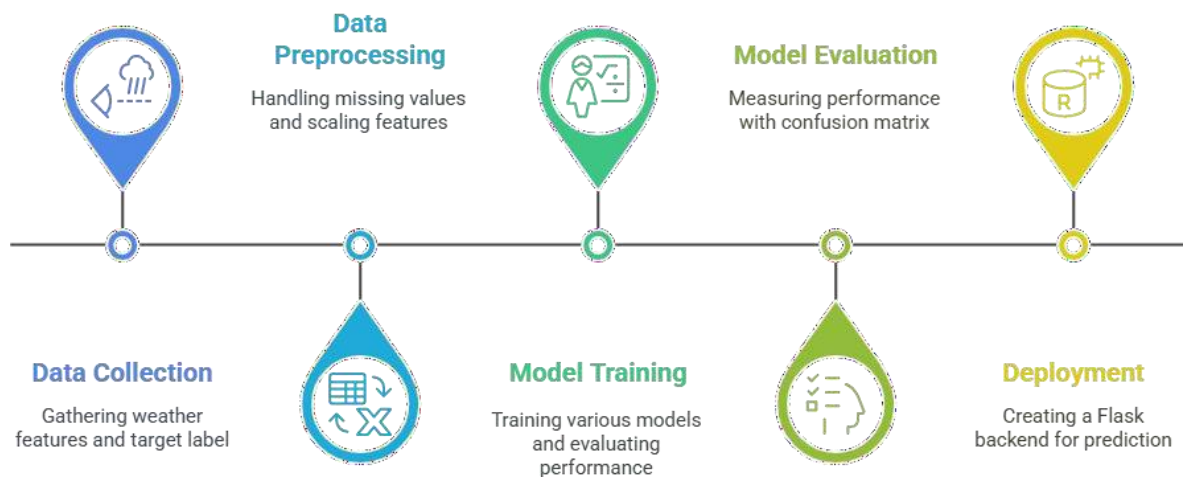
### PROJECT OUTCOMES

#### 4.1 Working of the Project

##### 4.1.1 Overview:

The project entails forecasting whether tomorrow will rain based on machine learning models learned from past weather information. The system uses an end-to-end process from data preprocessing to the deployment of the model through a Flask web application.

##### Flow of the Project



Made with Napkin

##### 4.1.2 Rainfall Prediction Models Evaluation

###### 1. Introduction

Rainfall prediction is a binary classification task (Rain or No Rain), and in this research, different machine learning and deep learning models are compared to see how they perform under three distinct feature engineering.

- Feature Selection
- Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
- All Features The performance metrics considered are Accuracy, Precision, Recall, and F1-Score

###### 2. Models Evaluated

- Random Forest
- Logistic Regression
- Decision Tree
- Naive Bayes
- Artificial Neural Network (ANN)
- XGBoost

### **4.1.3 Overview**

In order to make our rainfall prediction model interactive and user-friendly, we have created a Flask-based web application. This application enables users to provide the daily weather parameters and get real-time predictions on whether it is going to rain or not. The prediction is driven by our trained XGBoost model, and the input features are scaled with a pre-fitted StandardScaler.

### **4.1.4 Tech Stack Used**

Flask – Python web framework utilized for app routing and rendering of templates  
HTML + CSS – For frontend UI (in templates/ folder)  
Pickle – For loading trained ML model and scaler  
Flask-CORS – To deal with cross-origin request.

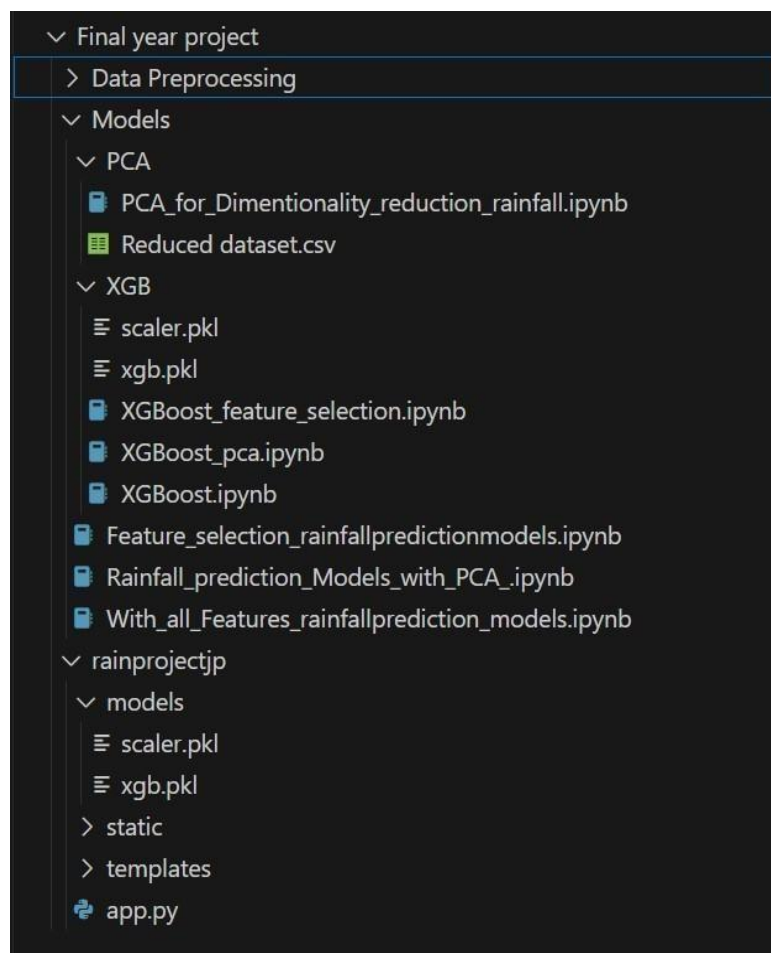
## 4.1.5 How It Works

1. User visits / route and submits the form (such as location, temperature, humidity, etc.)
2. When submitted, the form sends a request to /predict route.
3. The information is: a. Extracted and formatted as a list b. Scaled using the trained scaler c. Sent to the XGBoost model.
4. Results in either: **a. 0 → No Rain → loads sunny.html**  
**a.1 → Rain → loads rainy.html**

## 4.1.6 Files & Folders Used

- **Step 1: Open the app in browser**

Open a browser and go to: <http://127.0.0.1:5000> This should take you to the homepage or route defined in your app.py



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JP PROJECT
├── Final year project
│   ├── Data Preprocessing
│   ├── Models
│   └── rainprojectjp
│       ├── models
│       ├── static
│       ├── templates
│       └── app.py
└── ...

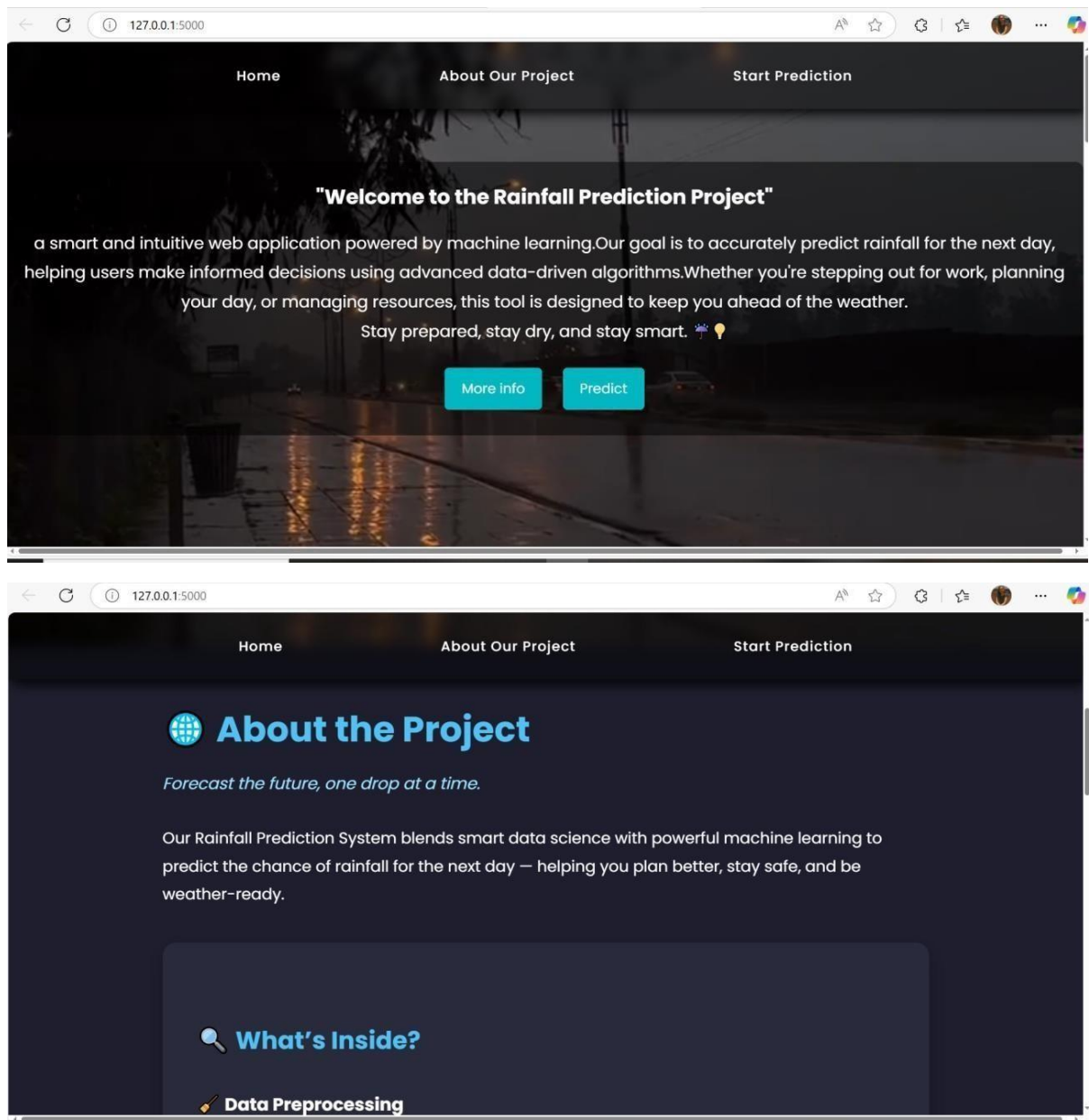
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ns-runner\work\xgboost\xgboost\src\data\..\common\error_msg.h:82: If you are loading a serialized model (like pickle in Py
thon, RDS in R) or
configuration generated by an older version of XGBoost, please export the model by calling
`Booster.save_model` from that version first, then load it back in current version. See:
https://xgboost.readthedocs.io/en/stable/tutorials/saving_model.html
for more details about differences between saving model and serializing.

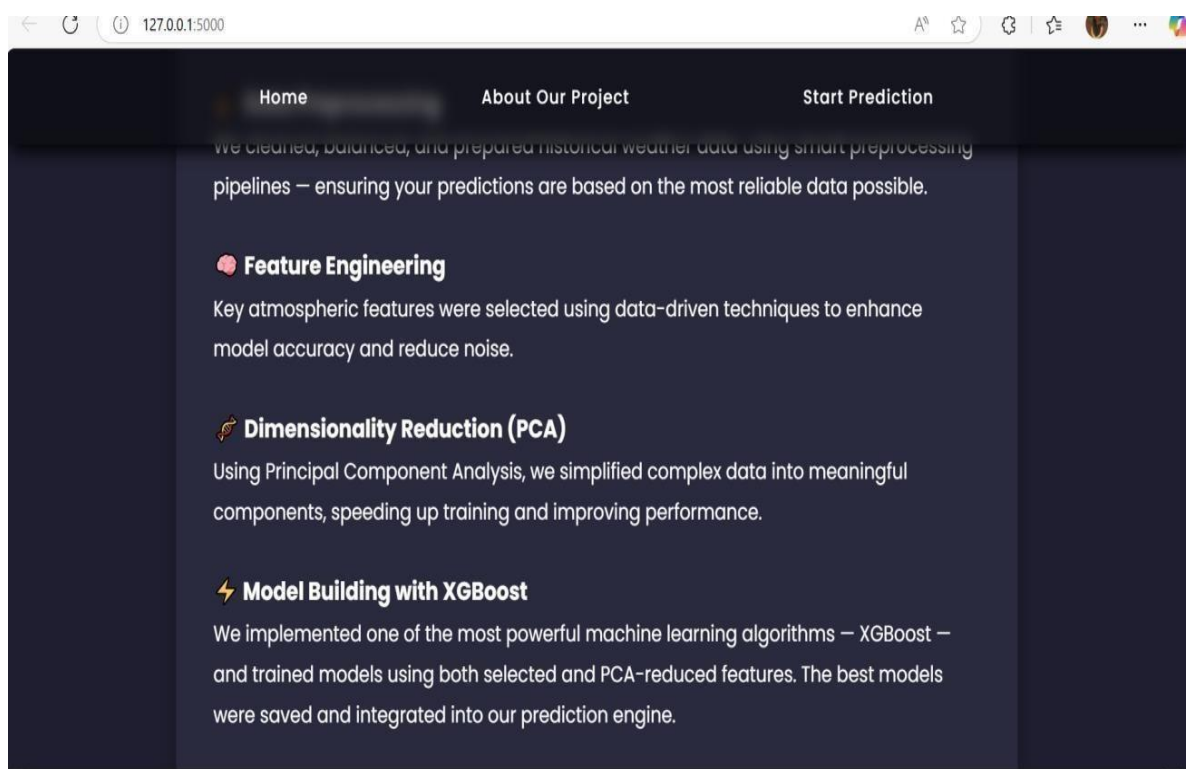
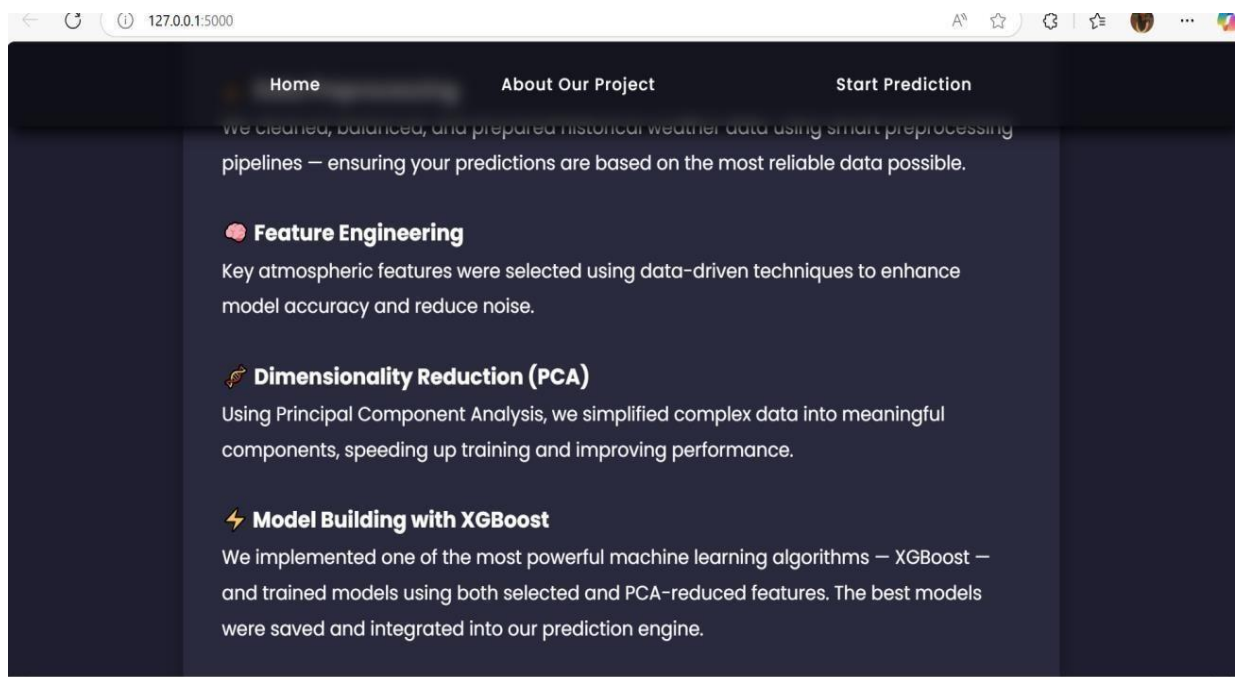
model = pickle.load(open("../models/xgb.pkl", "rb"))
Model Loaded
* Serving Flask app 'app'
* Debug mode: on
WARNING: This is a development server. Do not use it in a production deployment. Use a production WSGI server instead.
* Running on http://127.0.0.1:5000
Press CTRL+C to quit
* Restarting with stat
C:\Users\Priyanka\Documents\jp project\Final year project\rainprojectjp\app.py:6: UserWarning: [20:19:27] WARNING: C:\action

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- **Step 2: Interact with your app**

Depending on how you built your app (likely using a form in templates/index.html), try uploading an input (maybe rain-related features) and submit to get prediction result







- **Step 3: Check for errors or predictions**

Keep an eye on the terminal window where Flask is running. If your app makes a prediction or errors out, you'll see the logs there.

The screenshot shows a web browser at the address 127.0.0.1:5000. The application has a dark blue header with three navigation links: 'Home', 'About Our Project', and 'Start Prediction'. The main content area is titled 'Predict Rainfall' and features a form with 13 input fields arranged in a 4x4 grid (with the last cell empty). The inputs are: Row 1: 3, 35, 1000, S; Row 2: 20, 28, 21, W; Row 3: 24, 32, 23, NE; Row 4: 15, 90, 7, No. Below these are three more inputs: 1.2, 85, 8, and a final row with 1, 1002, Delhi, and a dropdown arrow. A green 'Predict' button is centered below the form.

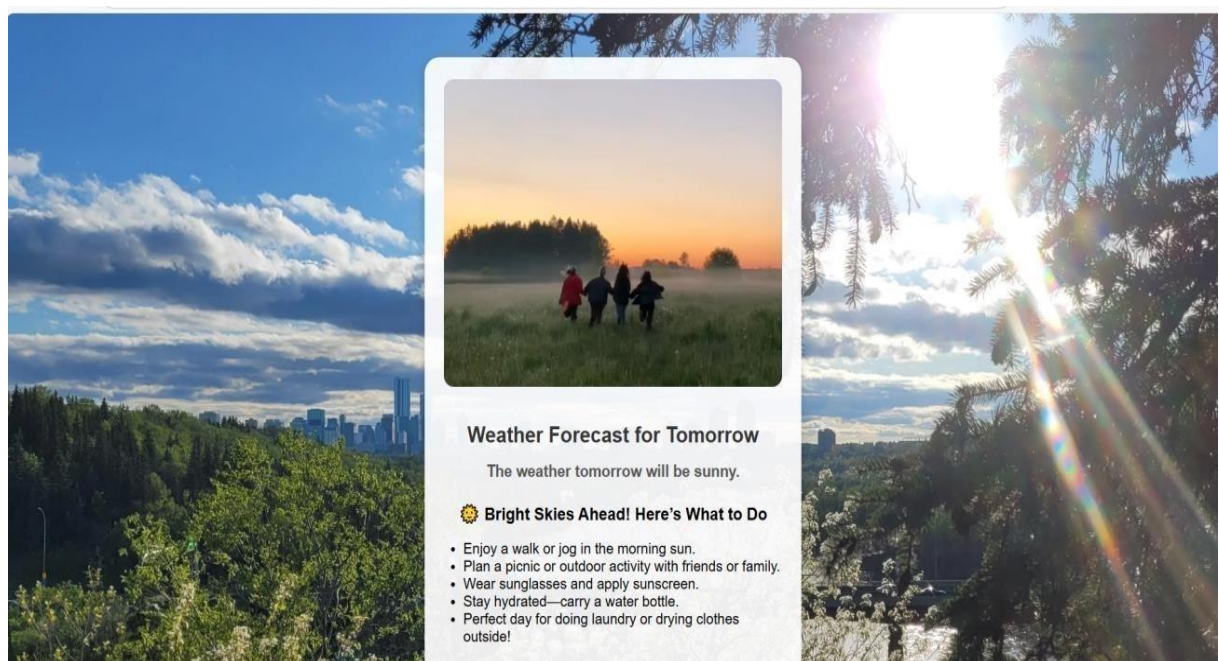
The screenshot shows the web browser at 127.0.0.1:5000/predict. The background is a lush green forest with rain falling. A white card in the center contains a small image of a rainy street at night. Below the image, the text reads 'Weather Forecast for Tomorrow' followed by 'The weather tomorrow will be rainy.' A red umbrella icon precedes the heading 'Rainy Day? Here's What You Can Do!'. Below this is a bulleted list: 'Carry an umbrella or wear a raincoat.', 'Avoid outdoor plans if possible.', 'Drive slowly and carefully — roads may be slippery.', 'Check for weather alerts or road blockages.', and 'Wear waterproof shoes to stay dry and warm.' At the bottom of the card is a blue button labeled 'PREDICT AGAIN'.

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# Predict Rainfall

<input type="text" value="8"/>	<input type="text" value="10"/>	<input type="text" value="1018"/>	<input type="text" value="N"/>
<input type="text" value="22"/>	<input type="text" value="7"/>	<input type="text" value="25"/>	<input type="text" value="NW"/>
<input type="text" value="35"/>	<input type="text" value="9"/>	<input type="text" value="30"/>	<input type="text" value="NW"/>
<input type="text" value="0.2"/>	<input type="text" value="30"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>
<input type="text" value="8"/>	<input type="text" value="40"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	
<input type="text" value="12"/>	<input type="text" value="1012"/>	<input type="text" value="GoldCoast"/>	

Predict



Flask-based rain prediction web app is successfully running locally with the XGBoost model loaded and functional. The project is well-structured and ready for testing or demo use



## 4.2 Project Findings – Graphs / Diagrams / Charts / Comparison tables ..etc if any

### ❖ Model Performance Comparison Table

Models		With All Features				With Feature Selection				With PCA			
		Precision	Recall	F-1 Score	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F-1 Score	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F-1 Score	Accuracy
Logistic Regression	TRUE	0.71	0.47	0.57	0.84	0.7	0.41	0.51	0.83	0.68	0.42	0.52	0.83
	FALSE	0.87	0.95	0.93		0.85	0.95	0.9		0.85	0.95	0.9	
Random Forest	TRUE	0.76	0.48	0.59	0.85	0.6	0.42	0.49	0.81	0.7	0.45	0.55	0.84
	FALSE	0.87	0.96	0.91		0.85	0.92	0.88		0.86	0.95	0.9	
Decission Tree	TRUE	0.5	0.54	0.52	0.78	0.43	0.46	0.44	0.75	0.45	0.47	0.46	0.76
	FALSE	0.87	0.85	0.86		0.84	0.83	0.84		0.85	0.84	0.85	
Naive Bayes	TRUE	0.51	0.63	0.56	0.79	0.49	0.58	0.53	0.78	0.63	0.44	0.52	0.82
	FALSE	0.89	0.83	0.86		0.88	0.83	0.85		0.85	0.93	0.89	
XGBoost	TRUE	0.89	0.92	0.9	0.92	0.76	0.75	0.76	0.8	0.67	0.48	0.56	0.83
	FALSE	0.94	0.92	0.93		0.84	0.84	0.84		0.86	0.93	0.89	
ANN	TRUE	0.7	0.47	0.56	0.84	0.73	0.36	0.49	0.83	0.67	0.46	0.55	0.83
	FALSE	0.86	0.94	0.9		0.84	0.96	0.9		0.86	0.94	0.9	

### 1. Best Performing Model

- **Model:** XGBoost
- **Configuration:** All Features • Accuracy: 92.65% • F1-Score (True): 0.91
- **Reason:** XGBoost captures complex patterns effectively and benefits from complete feature information.

### 2. Observations

Utilizing All Features mostly delivers better performance compared to Feature Selection or PCA. XGBoost always leads other models in all configurations, particularly when all features are used. Random Forest and ANN also perform reasonably, but lag behind XGBoost's accuracy and F1-score. PCA does dimension reduction and enhances speed but can lose recall, particularly for identifying True Rainfall instances. Naive Bayes has moderate performance with enhanced recall but reduced precision.

### 3. Conclusion

XGBoost using all the features gives the best accuracy and balanced classification for rainfall forecasting. It is suggested for application in real-time weather forecasting systems where predicting rain correctly is important.

## **CHAPTER V**

### **CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK**

#### **5.1 Conclusion**

The main goal of this project was to create and develop a rain prediction system based on sophisticated machine learning algorithms. The system took historical weather data from parameters like minimum and maximum temperature, humidity, rain, pressure, sunshine hours, wind speed and direction, and cloud cover. All these features played an important role in deciding if rain was likely to fall on a particular day. An XGBoost (Extreme Gradient Boosting) model was chosen as it is efficient, stable, and highly accurate in processing structured data. Preprocessed and scaled data were used to train the model for improved prediction performance. For making the system user-friendly and accessible, a Flask web application was created. The web application enables users to provide real-time weather inputs, which are processed and fed into the trained model for prediction.

The system backend was developed with Python and Flask, and the user interface was developed with HTML templates. The application uses the pickle library to load the trained XGBoost model as well as the standard scaler to scale user inputs prior to prediction. Depending on the output of the model, the application displays a "Rainy" or a "Sunny" result based on distinct templates, thus providing an ease-of-use experience for end users.

The system functionally operates on a local server and has been thoroughly tested for different inputs, establishing its reliability and functionality. The combination of machine learning with web technologies not only represents a useful application of data science in weather forecasting but also points toward the potential of such systems to help individuals and organizations plan and make decisions.

In summary, this project successfully illustrates how machine learning can be applied in meteorological forecasting. It fills the gap between raw weather data and informative insights, making precise rain prediction accessible to users via an intuitive web interface

## 5.1 Future Work

Though this project is able to show a working rain prediction system through machine learning and web technologies, there are a number of ways that it can be further expanded and improved in the future

- **Model Improvement with More Data:** Using larger and more varied datasets from other regions and time periods can assist in improving model generalization and performance in different weather conditions.
- **Real-Time Weather Integration:** Subsequent releases might incorporate real-time weather data via APIs (such as OpenWeatherMap or WeatherStack) to avoid requiring weather parameters to be entered by users.
- **Mobile-Friendly Interface:** Improving the user interface for mobile use or creating a mobile app might boost usability and accessibility to a larger audience.
- **Advanced Deep Learning Models:** Utilizing deep learning models like LSTM or GRU would improve performance, particularly for weather prediction based on time-series.
- **Geospatial Data Support:** Adding geolocation or map-based weather forecasting may enable location-based forecasting, thereby making the system more useful for actual application.
- **Rainfall Intensity Prediction:** Rather than making binary predictions (rain or no rain), subsequent implementations may predict intensity of rainfall or classify it as light rain, moderate rain, and heavy rain, improving utility for agriculture or transport.
- **Deployment on Cloud Platforms:** Deployment on cloud platforms like AWS, Azure, or Heroku would make it available worldwide and handle multiple concurrent users efficiently.
- **User Feedback Integration:** Including a feedback system might enable users to provide feedback on wrong predictions, which could be used for retraining the model and increasing accuracy with the passage of time

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## APPENDIX

### Code: app.py – Flask Backend Script

```
app.py  X
app.py > ...
1  from flask import Flask,render_template,request
2  from flask_cors import cross_origin
3  import pickle
4
5  app = Flask(__name__, template_folder="templates")
6  model = pickle.load(open("./models/xgb.pkl", "rb"))
7  scaler = pickle.load(open("./models/scaler.pkl", "rb"))
8
9  print("Model Loaded")
10
11 @app.route("/",methods=['GET'])
12 @cross_origin()
13 def home():
14     return render_template("index.html")
15
16 @app.route("/predict",methods=['POST'])
17 @cross_origin()
18 def predict():
19     if request.method == "POST":
20         month = float(request.form['date'])
21         minTemp = float(request.form['mintemp'])
22         maxTemp = float(request.form['maxtemp'])
23         rainfall = float(request.form['rainfall'])
24         evaporation = float(request.form['evaporation'])
25         sunshine = float(request.form['sunshine'])
26         windGustSpeed = float(request.form['windgustspeed'])
27         windSpeed9am = float(request.form['windspeed9am'])
28         windSpeed3pm = float(request.form['windspeed3pm'])
29         humidity9am = float(request.form['humidity9am'])
30         humidity3pm = float(request.form['humidity3pm'])
31         pressure9am = float(request.form['pressure9am'])
32         pressure3pm = float(request.form['pressure3pm'])
33         temp9am = float(request.form['temp9am'])
34         temp3pm = float(request.form['temp3pm'])
35         cloud9am = float(request.form['cloud9am'])
36         cloud3pm = float(request.form['cloud3pm'])
37         location = float(request.form['location'])
38         windDir9am = float(request.form['winddir9am'])
39         windDir3pm = float(request.form['winddir3pm'])
40         windGustDir = float(request.form['windgustdir'])
41         rainToday = float(request.form['raintoday'])
42
```



```

42
43     input_lst = [[location, minTemp, maxTemp, rainfall, evaporation, sunshine,
44                  windGustDir, windGustSpeed, windDir9am, windDir3pm, windSpeed9am, windSpeed3pm,
45                  humidity9am, humidity3pm, pressure9am, pressure3pm, cloud9am, cloud3pm, temp9am, temp3pm,
46                  rainToday, month]]
47
48     input_data = scaler.transform(input_lst)
49     output = model.predict(input_data)
50
51
52     if output == 0:
53         return render_template("sunny.html")
54     else:
55         return render_template("rainy.html")
56
57 if __name__ == '__main__':
58     app.run(debug=True)

```