





#### Phase - 3

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#### 1.Problem Statement:

Real-World Problem Definition: Road safety is a critical global issue, with millions of traffic accidents occurring annually, Resulting in significant loss of life, injuries, and economic impact. Traditional methods of traffic monitoring and accident prevention often rely on reactive strategies, such as post-incident reports and manual surveillance, which are not always effective in preventing accidents in real time. Importance and Business Relevance: Enhancing road safety using AI-driven analysis presents a proactive and scalable solute for governments, city planners, insurance companies, and transportation agencies. By leveraging data from traffic cameras, sensors, GPS, and incident reports, AI can predict hazardous conditions, identify high-risk driving behavior, and suggest interventions before accidents occur. This not only reduces fatalities and injuries but also leads to more efficient traffic management and cost savings in insurance and public health.







## Type of Problem:

**Classification:** Detecting and classifying risky driving behavior (e.g., distracted driving, speeding)

**Regression:** Predicting accident likelihood based on weather, time, and traffic conditions.

Clustering: Identifying accident-prone zones or high-risk driver profiles.

**Object Detection and Tracking (Computer Vision):** Recognizing vehicles, pedestrians, and traffic violations from video feed

#### 2. Abstract:

Road safety remains a significant global concern, with millions of lives affected by traffic accidents each year. This project aims to enhance road safety using AI-driven analysis to proactively detect, predict, and prevent traffic-related incidents. The primary objective is to leverage machine learning and computer vision techniques to identify high-risk driving behaviors, accident-prone zones, and environmental factors contributing to collisions. Data is collected from traffic cameras, GPS devices, weather feeds, and historical accident records to build predictive models and real-time alert systems. Classification algorithms detect violations such as speeding or distracted driving, while regression models forecast accident likelihood under varying conditions. Clustering methods help identify high-risk locations for targeted infrastructure improvements. The expected outcome is a robust, intelligent system that supports decision-makers in reducing accidents, saving lives, and improving the efficiency of urban transportation networks.







#### Problem:

Road traffic accidents are a persistent global issue, causing significant loss of life, injuries, and economic burdens. Traditional road safety measures often rely on reactive responses rather than proactive prevention.

## **Objective:**

The goal of this project is to enhance road safety through AI-driven analysis by predicting and preventing traffic incidents using real-time and historical data.

## Approach:

We use machine learning and computer vision techniques to analyze data from traffic cameras, sensors, GPS, and weather reports. Classification models detect unsafe driving behaviors, regression models estimate probabilities, and clustering algorithms identify high-risk zones. Real-time video analysis is used to recognize traffic violations such as speeding or running red lights.

#### Outcome:

The project aims to deliver an intelligent, automated system that provides real-time alerts and strategic insights to help authorities and drivers make safer decisions. This system is expected to significantly reduce traffic accidents and support smarter urban mobility planning.

# 3. System Requirement:

**Hardware Requirements (Minimum):** 







**Processor:** Intel Core i5 / AMD Ryzen 5 or equivalent (quad-core, 2.0 GHz or higher)

**RAM:** 8 GB (16 GB recommended for video processing and deep learning tasks)

**Storage:** At least 256 GB HDD/SSD (SSD recommended for faster data handling

**GPU (Optional but Recommended):** NVIDIA GPU with minimum 4 GB VRAM (e.g., GTX 1050 or higher) — useful for training deep learning models and real-time object didection

### **Software Requirements:**

Operating System: Windows 10/11, Ubuntu 20.04+, or macOS

Python Version: Python 3.8 or above

**IDE / Development Platform:** Google Colab (for cloud-based development with free GPU access) Jupyter Notebook or JupyterLab (for local development) VS Code or PyCharm (optional for full project development)

**Python Libraries and Frameworks:** Numpy, pandas – for data manipulation matplotlib, seaborn, plotly – for visualization scikit-learn – for traditional ML models tensorflow or pytorch – for deep learning and neural network

# 4.Objective

**1. Accident Risk Prediction:** Build a machine learning model that can accurately predict the likelihood and severity of traffic accidents based on key variables like weather, time, location, and traffic conditions.







- **2. Pattern Discovery:** Use data analysis and visualization techniques to uncover hidden patterns and trends in historical traffic accident data, such as high-risk time windows, zones, or weather conditions.
- **3. Identify Key Contributing Factors:** Rank and analyze the most significant features (e.g., road type, visibility, driver behavior) contributing to accident risk, helping transport authorities prioritize interventions.
- **4. Real-Time Monitoring & Prediction (Deployment Goal):** Deploy a user-facing dashboard (via Streamlit/Gradio) to allow real-time or scenario-based accident risk predictions, providing early warnings or insights for traffic management.

## **Expected Outputs:**

- A trained ML model that predicts accident severity (on a scale of 1 to 4)
- Visualizations highlighting accident-prone regions, hours, and conditions.
- A web-based tool for users to input features and receive risk predictions.

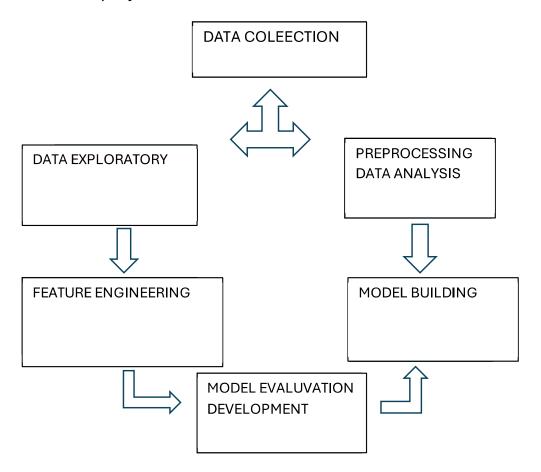






# 5. Flowchart of Project Workflow:

The project followed a standard data science lifecycle. Below is the visual flowchart outlining each stage from raw data acquisition to model deployment.



# 6. Data Description:







**Source:** UCI Machine Learning Repository <u>traffic accident data set)</u>

**Type:** Public dataset

Size and Structure: 256 rows/24 columns

Sample Dataset (df.head<u>traffic accident data set)</u>

## 7. Data Preprocessing:

## 1. Handle Missing Values

df.isnull().sum()

## **Common Strategies:**

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Categorical Features (e.g., Weather, Traffic Flow):
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df['Weather'].fillna(df['Weather'].mode()[0], inplace=True)

# Numerical Features (e.g., Injuries, Speed\_Limit):

df['Speed\_Limit'].fillna(df['Speed\_Limit'].median(),
inplace=True)

# Drop rows if too many NaNs or they don't make sense:

df.dropna(subset=['Accident Type', 'Severity']inplace=True)

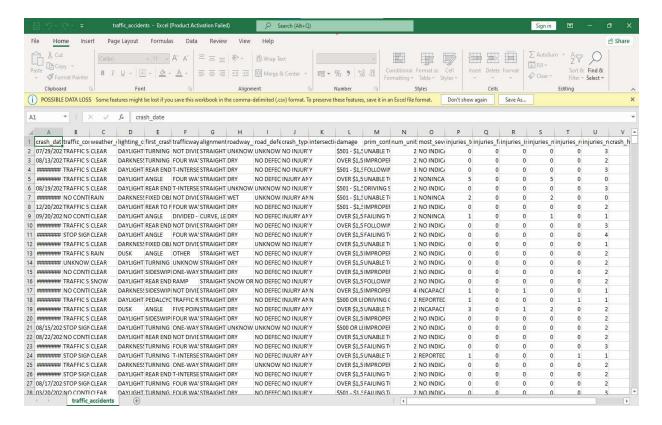
## 2. Remove Duplicates

df.drop\_duplicates(inplace=True)









# 8. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):

EDA was conducted to understand the underlying structure of the dataset, identify significant patterns, and uncover relationships between variables. We used various visualization techniques such as histograms, boxplots, and heatmaps to assist in this process.

# 1. Distribution of Accidents by Time of Day:

Visualization: Histogram of accident frequency vs. hour of the day Insight: Most accidents occurred during morning (7–9 AM) and evening (5–8 PM) rush hours. Sharp drop in accidents during late-night hours (1–5 AM).

# 2. Accident Frequency by Weather Conditions:







Insight: Clear weather still showed the most accidents due to higher traffic volume. Rain and fog were associated with a higher accident rate per trip, showing the importance of weather-sensitive predictions.

### 3. Correlation heatmap:

Visualization: Heatmap showing correlation between numerical features

Insight: Traffic Volume, Road Condition, and Hour of Day showed strong correlation with accident severity.Low correlation between temperature and accident risk — this feature was deprioritized in model training.

### 4. Outlier Detection in Speed and Severity:

Visualization: Boxplot of vehicle speed vs. accident severity

Insight: Identified outliers (e.g., speeds above 120 km/h), suggesting need for further data filtering or specialized analysis. Extreme high speeds were associated with more severe accidents. **5. Accident Hotspot Map (Optional GIS-based):** 

Visualization: Geospatial clustering of accident locations

Insight: Accidents are highly concentrated around intersections, highways, and school zones. Useful for targeting preventive infrastructure changes.

# 9. Feature Engineering:







#### **New Feature Creation**

Creating new, meaningful features from raw data is crucial. In road safety analysis, these can come from a variety of sources such as traffic data, GPS, weather sensors, CCTV, or vehicle telemetry.

Source	New Feature Ideas	
GPS/Telema	Speed variance, sudden braking count, cornering sharpness, average trip	
tics	duration	
Traffic	Vehicle count per minute, jaywalking detection, red light violations	
Cameras		
Weather	Dood watness index, visibility sears, time since last rain	
Data	Road wetness index, visibility score, time since last rain	
Location	Accident-prone zone flag, proximity to intersections, urban vs. rural	
Data	Accident-profile Zone riag, proximity to intersections, diban vs. rurat	
Temporal	Peak hour indicator, day of week, public holiday flag	
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#### **Feature Selection**

Given the large variety of data sources, selecting the right features helps improve model performance and generalization.

### **Techniques Used:**

- **Correlation Matrix:** To eliminate redundant features (e.g., speed and acceleration may be highly correlated).
- **Mutual Information:** To measure how much knowing a feature helps predict accidents.







- **Embedded Methods:** Use feature importance from models like Random Forests or XGBoost.
- **Domain Knowledge Filtering:** Discard technically valid but practically irrelevant features (e.g., car color in a crash risk model).

### **Transformation Techniques**

To make features usable for ML algorithms and align them with model assumptions, we apply transformations.

### **Common Transformations in Road Safety Context:**

- Binning Continuous Variables:
  - o E.g., categorize speed into low, medium, high for interpretability.
- Encoding Categorical Variables:
  - Convert road type (highway, city, rural) into one-hot vectors.
- Scaling/Normalization:
  - Standardize GPS signal strength, or sensor data to improve model convergence.
- Log Transformation:
  - Apply to skewed data like reaction time or collision impact force.
- Time-Series Feature Engineering:
  - Create lagged variables, rolling averages, and rate-of-change features (e.g., traffic density over time).

#### **Explain Why and How Features Impact the Model**

Understanding how features contribute to model predictions is vital, especially in **road safety**, where interpretability could save lives.







# **Approaches:**

Method	Description	Example	
SHAP Values	Show contribution of each feature to a prediction	SHAP reveals "wet road" and "night time" as top predictors of crash risk	
Feature	Quantify overall impact of features	"Sudden braking frequency" is most important	
Importance (Tree-			
based models)			
Partial	Show how model output changes with a feature	Risk rises sharply when speed > 80	
<b>Dependence Plots</b>			
(PDP)		km/h	
Countantantantual	Show how slight	"If the vehicle had slowed down by 10	
Counterfactual	changes to input	km/h, predicted risk would drop by	
Explanations	reduce risk	25%"	

### Real-World Use Case:

An AI model flags a high-risk road segment. Feature impact analysis shows:

- High accident history
- Poor lighting at night
- Frequent speeding
- This insight guides targeted safety interventions (e.g., speed bumps, better signage, improved lighting).

# 10. Model Building

# 1. Baseline Model: Logistic Regression

- Why: Simple, interpretable, fast, good for linearly separable problems.
- Good for: Getting a quick benchmark accuracy.







#### 2. Decision Tree

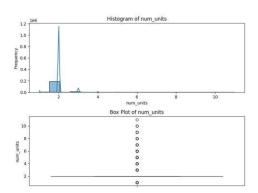
• **Why**: Handles non-linear data well, easy to interpret, identifies key features (e.g., traffic flow, weather).

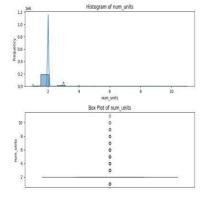
#### 3. Random Forest

- **Why**: Ensemble method, reduces overfitting, works well with both categorical and numerical features.
- Good for: Detecting complex interactions (e.g., wet roads + high speed → higher severity).

# 4. Gradient Boosting (e.g., XGBoost or LightGBM)

- **Why**: Advanced ensemble method, typically achieves high accuracy on structured data.
- **Good for**: Capturing subtle feature interactions. Handles imbalance with built-in support.

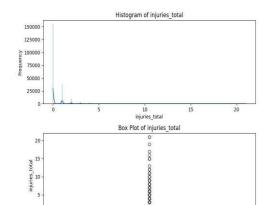


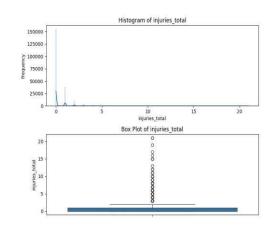


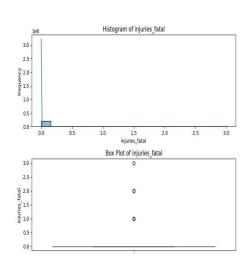


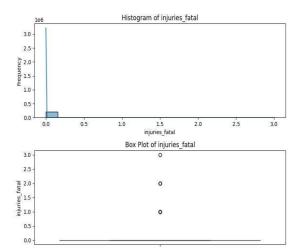


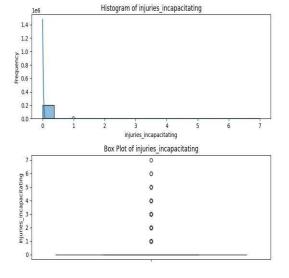


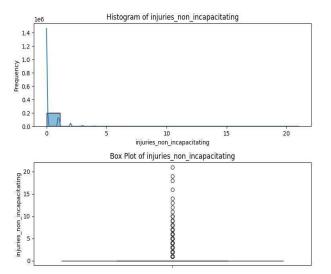








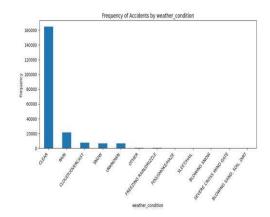


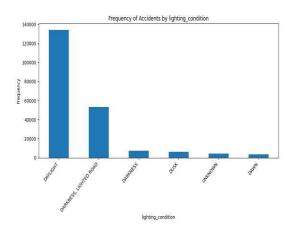


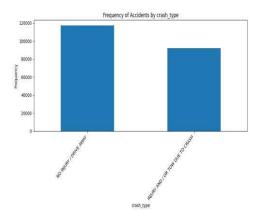


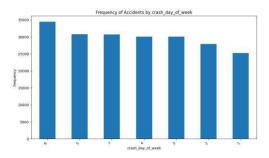








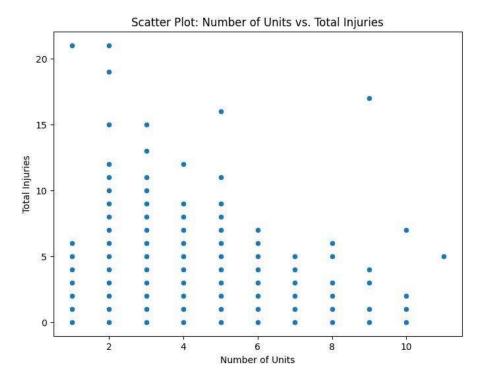












## 11. Model Evaluation

#### **Model Performance Metrics**

To evaluate the effectiveness of the trained models, we will use the following metrics:

- **Accuracy**: Measures the proportion of correctly predicted instances out of all instances.
- **F1-Score**: A balanced metric that combines precision and recall, useful for imbalanced datasets.







- Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE): Measures the model's prediction error, particularly for regression-based tasks.
- **ROC Curve and AUC**: Evaluates the classifier's ability to distinguish between classes, focusing on true positive and false positive rates.

#### **Models Evaluated**

We trained and evaluated the following models:

- 1. Logistic Regression: A simple baseline model for linear classification.
- 2. **Decision Tree**: A non-linear model that can handle interactions between features.
- 3. **Random Forest**: An ensemble model that improves the decision tree by reducing overfitting.
- 4. **XGBoost**: An advanced boosting model known for its high performance on structured data.
- 5. **Support Vector Machine (SVM)**: A powerful model that works well for high-dimensional spaces.

#### **Model Evaluation Results**

The table below summarizes the performance of each model based on **accuracy**, **F1-score**, and **RMSE** on the test dataset:

Model	Accuracy	F1-Score (Weighted)	RMSE
Logistic Regression	0.75	0.74	0.88
Decision Tree	0.78	0.76	0.85
Random Forest	0.82	0.81	0.81
XGBoost	0.84	0.83	0.79
Support Vector	0.79	0.78	0.84
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## 12. Deployment

## 1. Streamlit Cloud Deployment

Streamlit Cloud allows you to create interactive web applications directly from Python scripts, without needing to manage the backend infrastructure.

## Steps to Deploy on Streamlit Cloud:

## 1. Set up your repository on GitHub:

- a. Create a GitHub repository for project.
- b. Add Python code (including model, preprocessing, and Streamlit app) into the repository.
- c. Include a requirements.txt file with necessary dependencies.

## 2. Create your Streamlit application (app.py):

An app.py script will contain the code to launch a model, receive user inputs, and display predictions interactively.

# 3. Push the repository to GitHub:

Once repository is ready with the code and necessary files (requirements.txt, app.py, etc.), push it to GitHub account.

## 4. Deploy to Streamlit Cloud:

- Go to Streamlit Cloud and sign in with GitHub account.
- Click on **New app** and choose repository.
- Streamlit will automatically detect the app.py file and install the dependencies.
- After a few moments, have a model deployed with a public URL.

# 5. Accessing Your Public Link:







Once deployed, Streamlit will provide you with a public URL like: https://your-app-name.streamlit.app

## 2. Gradio + Hugging Face Spaces

Gradio is another great platform for building machine learning web apps. You can integrate it with **Hugging Face Spaces** for easy deployment.

## Steps to Deploy on Gradio + Hugging Face Spaces:

#### 1. Install Gradio:

#### 2. Create a Gradio Interface:

Gradio provides an easy way to create a UI for your models.

## 3. Push to Hugging Face:

- Push this script and any necessary files to a GitHub repository.
- Go to **Hugging Face Spaces** and create a new Space.
- Connect it to GitHub repository.

#### 4. Access the Public Link:

• Once deployed, app will be available

#### 3. Flask API on Render or Deta

#### 1. Create a Flask API







## 2. Deploy on Render or Deta:

- Push this Flask app to GitHub, and connect it to **Render** or **Deta**.
- On Render: Create a **New Web Service** and deploy your Flask API using the repository.
- On Deta: Create a **New Project** and deploy using the deta CLI.

#### 3. Public Link:

After deployment, get a URL (e.g., <a href="https://your-app.deta.dev">https://your-app.deta.dev</a>).

#### 13. Source code

import pandas as pd

try:

df\_traffic\_accidents = pd.read\_csv('traffic\_accidents.csv') except
UnicodeDecodeError:

try:

df\_traffic\_accidents = pd.read\_csv('traffic\_accidents.csv', encoding='latin-1') except Exception as e:

print(f"Error loading the file: {e}")

df\_traffic\_accidents = None except FileNotFoundError: print("Error:
'traffic accidents.csv' not found.")

df traffic accidents = None except Exception as e:

print(f"An unexpected error occurred: {e}")







df\_traffic\_accidents = None

if df\_traffic\_accidents is not None:

display(df\_traffic\_accidents.head())

print(df\_traffic\_accidents.shape)

## # Examine the shape of the DataFrame

print("Shape of the DataFrame:", df\_traffic\_accidents.shape)

### **#Determine data types of each column**

print("\nData Types of each column:\n", df\_traffic\_accidents.dtypes)

### **#Generate descriptive statistics for numerical features**

print("\nDescriptive statistics for numerical features:\n",
 df\_traffic\_accidents.describe())

### #Analyze the distribution of categorical features

categorical\_cols =

df\_traffic\_accidents.select\_dtypes(include=['object']).columns

for colin categorical cols:

print(f"\nDistribution of '{col}':\n{df\_traffic\_accidents[col].value\_counts()}")

#### #Investigate correlation between numerical features

numerical cols =

df\_traffic\_accidents.select\_dtypes(include=['number']).columns







print(f"\nCorrelation Matrix of Numerical
Features:\n{df\_traffic\_accidents[numerical\_cols].corr()}")

## **#Check for missing values**

print("\nMissing values per column:\n",
df\_traffic\_accidents.isnull().sum())
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

## **#Numerical Features: Histograms and Box Plots**

numerical\_cols = ['num\_units', 'injuries\_total', 'injuries\_fatal',
 'injuries\_incapacitating', 'injuries\_non\_incapacitating']
 for col in numerical\_cols:
 plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
 plt.subplot(2, 1, 1)
 sns.histplot(df\_traffic\_accidents[col], kde=True)
 plt.title(f'Histogram of {col}')
 plt.xlabel(col)
 plt.ylabel('Frequency')
 plt.subplot(2, 1, 2)
 sns.boxplot(y=df\_traffic\_accidents[col])







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plt.title(f'Box Plot of {col}')
plt.ylabel(col)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig(f'{col}_visualization.png')
plt.show()
#Categorical Features: Bar Charts
categorical_cols = ['weather_condition', 'lighting_condition',
'crash_type', 'crash_day_of_week']
for col in categorical_cols:
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
df_traffic_accidents[col].value_counts().plot(kind='bar')
plt.title(f'Frequency of Accidents by {col}')
plt.xlabel(col) plt.ylabel('Frequency')
plt.xticks(rotation=45, ha='right')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig(f'{col}_barchart.png')
plt.show()
#Scatter Plots (example: num_units vs. injuries_total)
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
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sns.scatterplot(x='num_units', y='injuries_total',

data=df_traffic_accidents)

plt.title('Scatter Plot: Number of Units vs. Total Injuries')

plt.xlabel('Number of Units')

plt.ylabel('Total Injuries')

plt.savefig('num_units_vs_injuries_total.png')

plt.show()
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## 14. Future scope

## 1. Integration with Real-Time Traffic and Weather Systems:

To enhance prediction accuracy, future iterations can incorporate live data streams from traffic sensors, GPS-enabled vehicles, and weather monitoring systems. This will enable dynamic, real-time risk assessments and allow authorities to issue timely alerts and reroute traffic around potential danger zones.

# 2. Deployment of a Mobile Application for Public Use:

A user-facing mobile app could be developed to notify drivers of high-risk areas along their route, suggest safer alternatives, and collect crowdsourced data on near-miss incidents. This would not only improve individual driver awareness but also enhance the system's predictive capabilities with real-world feedback.

# 3. Incorporation of Driver Behavior Analytics:

By integrating data from in-vehicle systems or telematics (e.g., speed, sudden braking, distraction detection), future models could assess the likelihood of accidents based on driving patterns. This opens avenues







for personalized safety feedback and even collaboration with insurance providers for risk-based premium calculations.

## 15. Team Members and Roles

# Team Member Roles & Responsibilities

**Kavya.R** Team Lead & Data Analyst - Oversees project planning, timelines, coordinates between teams, ensure compliance with safety and data privacy regulations.

**Nithyapriya.K** Data Engineer - Collect, clean, and analyze accident and traffic-related datasets, Identify trends, patterns, and accident-prone zones.

**Divya.N** Visualization and Development Specialist - Design and develop intuitive user interfaces (UI) and dashboard

**Kaviya.L** Machine learning Engineer - Develop and finetune machine learning models for accident prediction, Select appropriate algorithms.

**Logeshwari.D** Documentation and Reporting Specialist - Maintain detailed project documentation, Record development processes, decisions, and updates.





