# PRAKASH DURA

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#### **EDUCATION**

#### Tennessee State University(TSU)

Nashville, TN

MS in Computer Science with Data Science Concentration | GPA 4.0

January 2022- May 2025

Relevant Coursework: Intro to Data Science, Machine Learning, Hybrid and Relational Database, Advanced Algorithms and Data Analysis, Software Engineering, Data Visualization.

### Asian School of Management and Technology (ASMT)

Kathmandu, Nepal

Bachelor of Computer Science and Information Technology (CSIT) / GPA 3.5/4

January 2016 - December 2021

#### **ACADEMIC PROJECTS**

# **US Household Income Analysis** | MySQL Project |

March 2025- March 2025

- Conducted data cleaning and exploratory data analysis (EDA) on a dataset of 32,000 US household income records.
- · Removed duplicates, standardized state names, and fixed inconsistencies in the datasets.
- Derived insights on income distribution, GDP correlation, and regional disparities.

## HR Analytics Dashboard | Power BI Project |

February 2025- March 2025

- Developed a Power BI dashboard analyzing employee attrition by salary, education, department, and gender using 1,480 records.
- Used Power Query for data transformation, and DAX to create custom KPIs such as attrition rate, average salary, and average tenure.
- Visualized insights with slicers, bar charts, pie charts, and line graphs to support drill-down analysis across departments and demographics.
- Identified trends in high attrition segments (e.g., low salary, early tenure), enabling strategic workforce planning recommendations.

## NYC Bus Breakdown and Delays Analysis | Excel Project

January 2024- February 2025

- Analyzed and cleaned a dataset downloaded from the NYC Open Data Portal with 1.8 million rows on NYC bus breakdowns and delays.
- Structured data by handling missing values, duplicates, and inconsistencies to improve accuracy.
- · Identified common delay causes and trends based on the day of the week, bus companies, and borough.
- Developed dashboards and reports using Excel (PivotTables, VLOOKUP) for trend visualization.
- Derived actionable insights to enhance service efficiency and reduce bus delays.

#### Rice Image Classification using CNN | Tennessee State University

April 2024 - May 2024

- Implemented and optimized a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) using TensorFlow/Keras.
- Executed a pre-trained model from GitHub/Kaggle, analyzed the source code, and evaluated its performance.
- Modified the model by changing the optimizer, adjusting the batch size and learning rate, and retraining it to improve performance.
- Compared the results of the modified model with the original, focusing on accuracy and loss metrics.

# World Happiness Report Data Analysis | Tennessee State University |

May 2023 - June 2023

- Analyzed global happiness scores (2015-2019) using Python and used a Jupyter Notebook for the visualization.
- Cleaned data, removed missing values, and detected outliers with Z-scores. Applied PCA(Principal component analysis)
  for dimensionality reduction (95.73% variance retention).
- Aggregated and visualized the data by using NumPy, pandas, matplotlib, and seaborn

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

# **Sales Manager**

Red Spirits and Wine | Nashville, TN

December 2022 - Present

- Ordered, received, and reconciled inventory using **Excel**, improving stock accuracy.
- · Created customer satisfaction surveys on Qualtrics, enhancing feedback and communication for better service.
- Managed merchandise pricing in NCR Counterpoint, ensuring accurate and up-to-date product listings.

#### **Data Analyst Intern**

IT Training Nepal | Kathmandu, Nepal

September 2021 – December 2021

- · Collaborated with the analytics team to perform ETL using SQL and Python for internal student performance and engagement datasets.
- Conducted exploratory data analysis (EDA) to identify learning trends, dropout patterns, and feedback sentiment, enabling data-driven improvements to train programs.
- Utilized **Power BI and Excel** to design dynamic dashboards and visual reports.
- Automated weekly reporting processes using Excel formulas, PivotTables, and Python scripts, reducing manual workload by 40%.

### **SKILLS**

Languages: Python, SQL Database: MySQL

Analytical Tools: Advanced MS-Excel, Tableau, Microsoft Power BI, Jupyter Notebook

Libraries/Frameworks: NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Seaborn, SQL Alchemy, Scikit-Learn, Apache, TensorFlow

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

Excel For Data Analytics Pandas for Data Analytics MySQL for Data Analytics Tableau for Data Visualization Pandas For Data Analysis

Microsoft Power BI Desktop