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Opening a new shopping mall in Visakhapatnam, INDIA

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Business Problem:
- Location of the shopping mall is one of the most important decisions that will determine whether the mall will be a success or a failure
- Objective: To analyze and select the best locations in the city of Visakhapatnam, INDIA to open a new shopping mall
- This project is timely as the city is currently suffering from oversupply of shopping malls
- Business question In the city of Visakhapatnam, INDIA, if a property developer is looking to open a new shopping mall, where would you recommend that they open it?

Data:

Data required :

- List of neighborhoods in Visakhapatnam.
- Latitude and longitude coordinates of the neighborhoods.
- Venue data, particularly data related to shopping malls

Sources of data:

- Wikipedia page for neighborhoods (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Neighbourhoods_in_Visakhapatnam)
- Geocoder package for latitude and longitude coordinates , Foursquare API for venue data.

Methodology:
- Web scraping Wikipedia page for neighborhood's list.
- Get latitude and longitude coordinates using Geocoder.
- Use Foursquare API to get venue data Group data by neighborhood and taking the mean of the frequency of occurrence of each venue category.
- Filter venue category by Shopping Mall Perform clustering on the data by using k-means clustering.
- Visualize the clusters in a map using Folium.

Results:

- **Categorized the neighborhood's into 3 clusters:**

- Cluster 0: Neighborhood's with moderate number of shopping malls

- Cluster 1: Neighborhood's with low number to no existence of shopping malls

- Cluster 2: Neighborhood's with high concentration of shopping malls
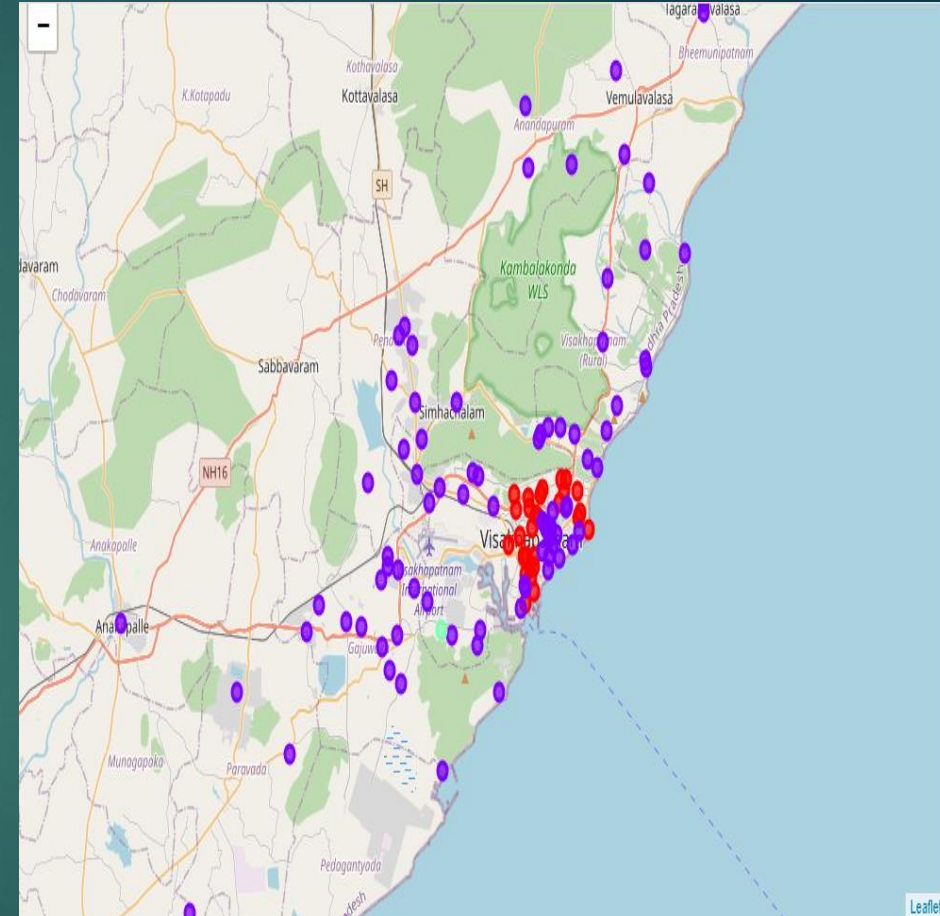
Discussion:

- Most of the shopping malls are concentrated in the central area of the city.
- Highest number in cluster 2 and moderate number in cluster 0.
- Cluster 1 has very low number to no shopping mall in the neighborhood's.
- Oversupply of shopping malls mostly happened in the central area of the city, with the suburb area still have very few shopping malls.

Recommendations:
- Open new shopping malls in neighborhoods in cluster 1, with little to no competition.
- Can also open in neighborhoods in cluster 0, with moderate competition if have unique selling propositions to stand out from the competition.
- Avoid neighborhoods in cluster 2, already high concentration of shopping malls and intense competition.

Conclusion:

- Answer to business question: The neighborhoods in cluster 1 are the most preferred locations to open a new shopping mall
- Findings of this project will help the relevant stakeholders to capitalize on the opportunities on high potential locations while avoiding overcrowded areas in their decisions to open a new shopping mall.

THANK YOU!