

# Smart Grid Loss & Theft Detector

## 1. The Problem (Why we are doing this?)

India loses 20–25% of electricity during distribution.

Two main reasons:

- Technical losses → wires heating, old equipment (normal, can't avoid fully).
- Non-technical losses → power theft (illegal connections, tampering meters, bypassing lines).

This theft costs billions every year and causes blackouts.

## 2. Our Idea (What we are building)

We are making a web-based system that:

- Monitors electricity usage from meters in different areas.
- Detects abnormal usage patterns that could mean theft.
- Shows the exact suspicious location on a map (GIS dashboard).

Example: "Red Alert – Possible Theft in Area 12, House 45".

## 3. How It Works (Flow)

1. **Data Collection** → Smart meters send readings (we will simulate data for 100+ houses).
2. **Backend Processing** → Store data in database, run anomaly detection rules.
3. **Frontend Dashboard** → Show graphs, alerts, and map view (red = suspicious).
4. **Demo Example** → Judges see live theft detection (green = normal, red = suspicious).

## 4. Tech Stack (What we'll use?)

- Frontend → React.js (charts, tables, maps)
- Backend → Node.js or Django (API + logic)
- Database → MySQL/PostgreSQL
- Data → Simulated consumption values
- Maps → Leaflet.js / Mapbox

## 5. Why It's Good (Impact)

- Helps Ministry of Power reduce electricity losses.
- Saves money + energy.
- Works in both urban and rural areas.
- Judges will like it because it's visual (map, alerts and realistic).