

## Project Process: Contact Tracing System Using Machine Learning

### 1. Data Loading:

- Loaded the **contact tracing data** from a JSON file into a pandas DataFrame for further analysis.

### 2. Initial Exploration:

- Checked for **null values** and **duplicate entries** in the dataset to ensure data quality.
- Examined the **data types** and conducted a **statistical summary** using `df.info()` and `df.describe()` to better understand the structure of the data.

### 3. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):

- **Visualized Spatial Data:** Plotted the **latitude** and **longitude** of the individuals on a map of Bangalore to get an overview of the distribution of data points.
- Used **scatter plots** and **heatmaps** to examine patterns in the geographical distribution and detect areas of high activity or contact.

### 4. Data Preprocessing:

- Checked and handled **duplicate values** and **null values** where necessary.
- **Feature Engineering:**
  - Extracted **hour** from the timestamp to analyze the data on an hourly basis.
- Checked for **data imbalance** or skewness in any features that might affect modeling, and applied necessary transformations or preprocessing steps.

### 5. Visualization and Mapping:

- Used **Folium** and **Branca** to visualize the geographical locations and contact points on a map, adjusting the size and positioning of markers and clusters.
- Added interactive features like **HeatMapWithTime** to visualize spatio-temporal data, showing how the intensity of contacts changes over time.
- **Zoomed into specific areas** of the map to analyze contacts within particular geographic regions.

## 6. Modeling and Analysis:

- Applied clustering algorithms such as **DBSCAN** to group individuals who were in close proximity during specific time intervals.
- Analyzed movement patterns, identifying potential hotspots of contact, and used these insights to recommend actions for controlling the spread of disease.
- Checked for **spatial and temporal patterns** of contact, identifying moments of potential risk.

## 7. Evaluation:

- Evaluated the performance of the contact tracing system by comparing the detected clusters and movements with ground truth (if available) or known areas of high risk.
- Analyzed the effectiveness of different clustering algorithms and geospatial techniques used to track contacts.