

## **Project Title :** Global Food Wastage Analysis & Prediction Using Machine Learning..

### **Objective:**

To analyse and visualize global food wastage patterns across countries, food categories, and years, and build a machine learning model that predicts total food waste in tons based on economic, demographic, and categorical features.

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### **Dataset Overview:**

- Source: Global Food Wastage Dataset (CSV format)
  - Total Records: 5,000
  - Features:
    - Country, Year, Food Category, Total Waste (Tons)
    - Economic Loss (Million \$), Avg Waste per Capita (Kg)
    - Population (Million), Household Waste (%)
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### **Tech Stack:**

- Language: Python
  - Libraries: Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, Seaborn, Scikit-learn
  - Tools: Jupyter Notebook, VS Code
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### **Data Cleaning & Preprocessing:**

- Handled missing values and duplicates
  - Label-encoded categorical features (Country, Food Category)
  - Scaled numeric features using StandardScaler for ML modeling
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### **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):**

- Correlation Heatmap: Identified relationships among numeric features
- Pairplot: Visual insights between population, waste, and loss
- Line Chart: Economic loss trends over years for top countries
- Key Insight: Household waste % and population have strong influence on total food waste

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### **Machine Learning:**

- Model Used: Random Forest Regressor
- Target Variable: Total Waste (Tons)
- Model Accuracy: Achieved ~90%  $R^2$  Score on test data
- Feature Importance: Economic loss and population were top predictors

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### **Outcome:**

- Built an interpretable and highly accurate model to forecast food waste
- Generated valuable insights on economic and environmental impact
- Visualized key trends to support policy and sustainability decision-making

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### **Summary:**

This end-to-end data science project covers EDA, preprocessing, modeling, and visualization, making it an excellent showcase of real-world analytical and machine learning skills with a practical sustainability focus.