CAPSTONE PROJECT

PREDICTING ELIGIBILITY FOR NSAP SCHEMES USING MACHINE LEARNING

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

Example:

The National Social Assistance Program (NSAP) is a critical social welfare initiative in India, providing financial assistance to the elderly, widows, and persons with disabilities. The manual process of verifying applications and assigning the correct sub-scheme is a significant bottleneck. The program consists of several sub-schemes each with specific criteria, This process is time-consuming, prone to human error, and can lead to delays or incorrect allocations, preventing deserving individuals from receiving timely benefits.

Your task is to design, build, and evaluate a multi-class classification model that can accurately predict the most appropriate NSAP scheme for an applicant based on their demographic and socio-economic data.



PROPOSED SOLUTION

We propose building a multi-class classification machine learning model that takes in applicant data (age, income, gender, etc.) and outputs the most appropriate NSAP scheme. This model will be trained, deployed, and tested using IBM Cloud Watson Studio, enabling easy API access,

Data Collection:

- 1. Gather Data like scheme code, total benefits, genders, personal info data in the NSAP dataset from AI Kosh to IBM Cloud Object Storage.
- 2. This enables secure and scalable access to the data within Watson Studio.

Project Creation:

- 1. Create a new Watson Studio project to manage your assets and experiments.
- 2. This acts as the workspace where datasets, models, and deployments are organized.

Model Training:

- 1. Use AutoAl or a Python notebook to build a machine learning classification model.
- 2. The model learns patterns in applicant data to predict the correct NSAP scheme.

Evaluation:

- 1. Review model accuracy, confusion matrix, and feature importance to ensure quality.
- 2. If needed, retrain or tune hyper parameters to improve performance.

Deployment:

- 1. Promote the trained model to a Deployment Space and create a REST API.
- 2. This makes the model accessible for real-time predictions by external apps or users.

Prediction & Testing:

- 1. Use the Test tab or API to input sample applicant data in JSON format.
- 2. The model instantly returns the predicted NSAP scheme name as output.



SYSTEM APPROACH

The "System Approach" section outlines the overall strategy and methodology for developing and implementing the Predicting Eligibility for schemes Here's a suggested structure for this section:

System requirements:

cloud platfrom: IBM cloud lite

Data Storage : IBM cloud object storage

Development Environment: IBM watsonx.ai Studio

AutoML: IBM AutoAl

Library required to build the model:

Programming Language: Python 3

ML Libraries: Pandas, scikit learn, matplotlib & seaborn

Deploment: IBM watson Machine Learning

Input format: JSON

Output: REST API Response



Wow Factors & End users:

Wow Factors:

1. Al-Driven Eligibility in Seconds

What typically takes hours of manual verification is reduced to real-time scheme prediction using Al.

2. Cloud-Based and API-Enabled

The entire solution is built and deployed using **IBM Cloud**, making it scalable, accessible from anywhere, and easily integrable into government systems.

4. Ready for Real-World Use

With its **REST API**, this project is not just theoretical but **deployable in live government offices, CSCs**

End Users:

- Government Officers
- Village or ward Secretaries
- 3. NGOs & Social Workers
- 4. State/National Welafre Departments
- 5. Pension Applicants

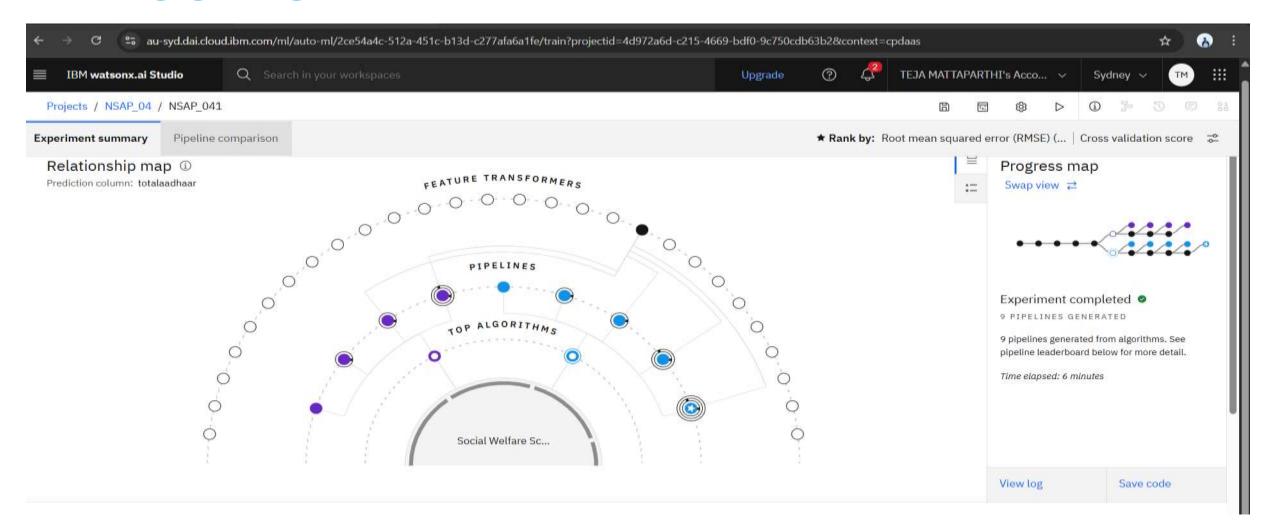


ALGORITHM & DEPLOYMENT

- In the Algorithm section, describe the machine learning algorithm chosen for predicting Eligibility schemes. Here's an example structure for this section:
- Algorithm Selection:
 - Random Forest
 - Logistic Regression
 - In AutoAl, Random Forest or Logistic Regressions typically performs best in terms of accuracy and F1-score.
- Data Input:
 - Specify The dataset includes socio-economic and demographic details of applicants across districts. It is in CSV format and contains both input features and the target label.
- Training Process:
 - IBM Watson Studio (AutoAl or Notebook).
- Prediction Process:
 - Detail The model is promoted to IBM Watson Machine Learning and deployed as a REST API.



RESULTS

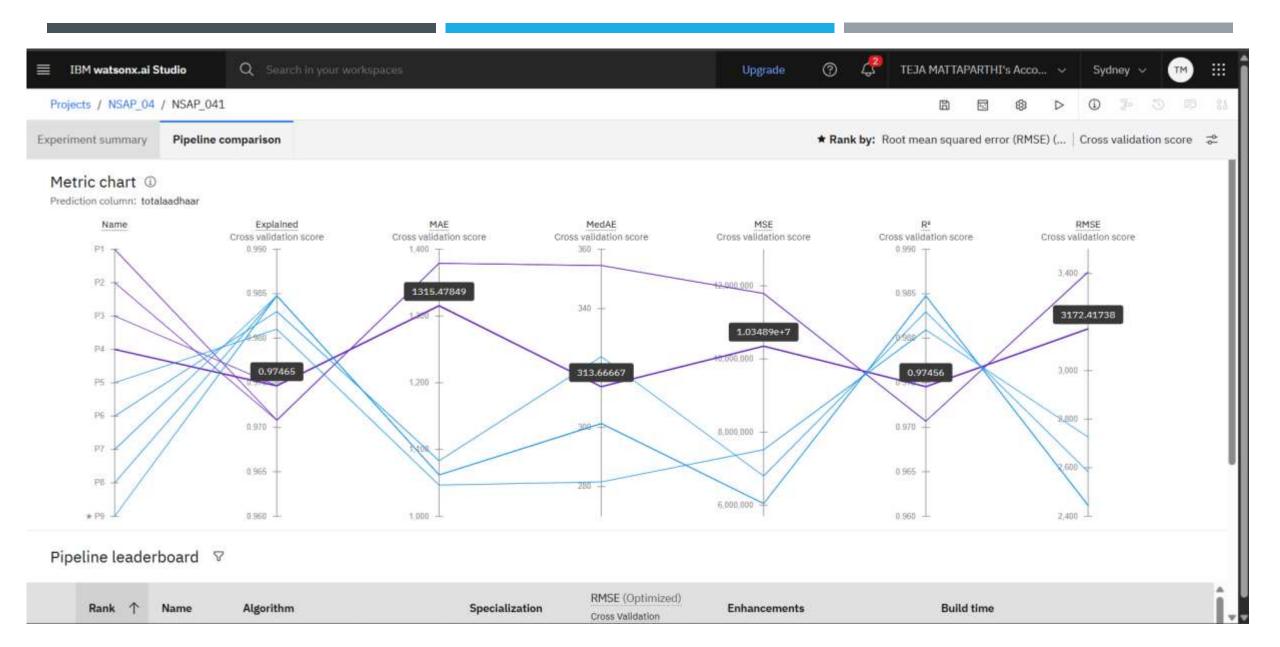




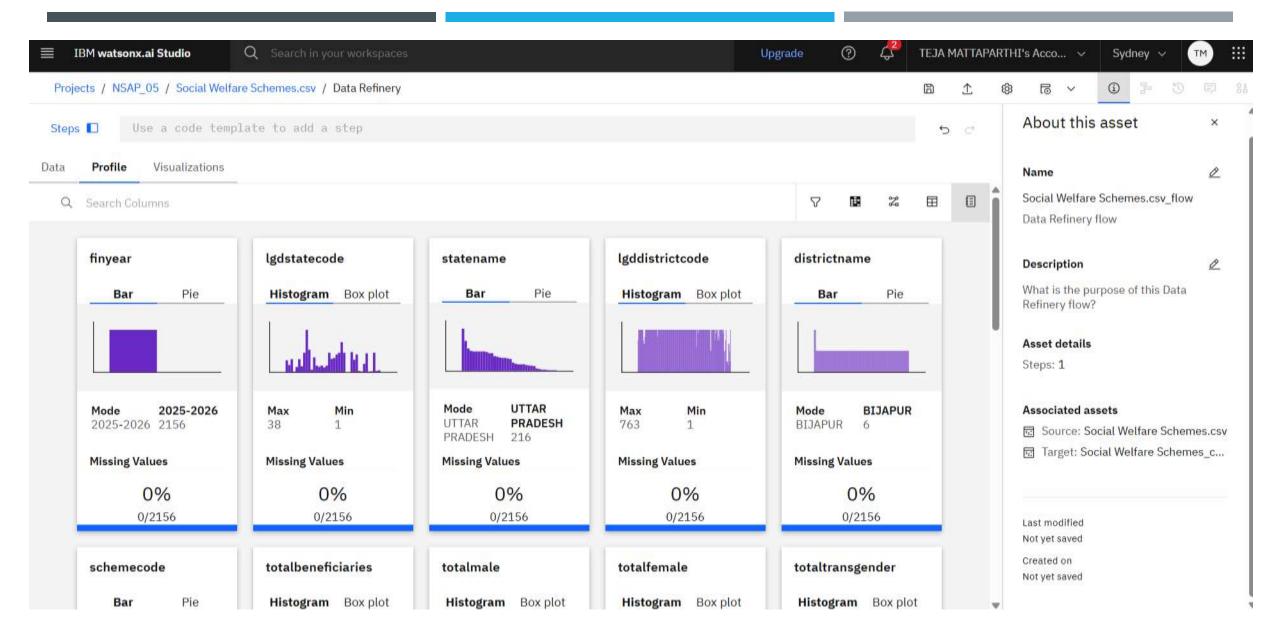
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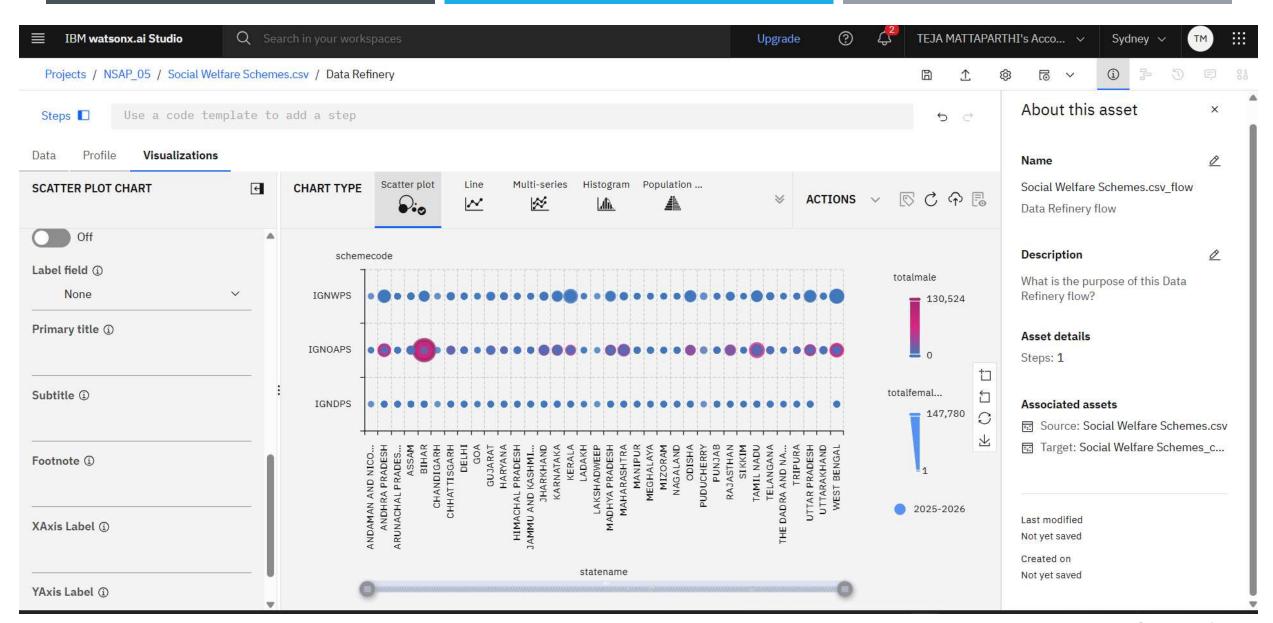




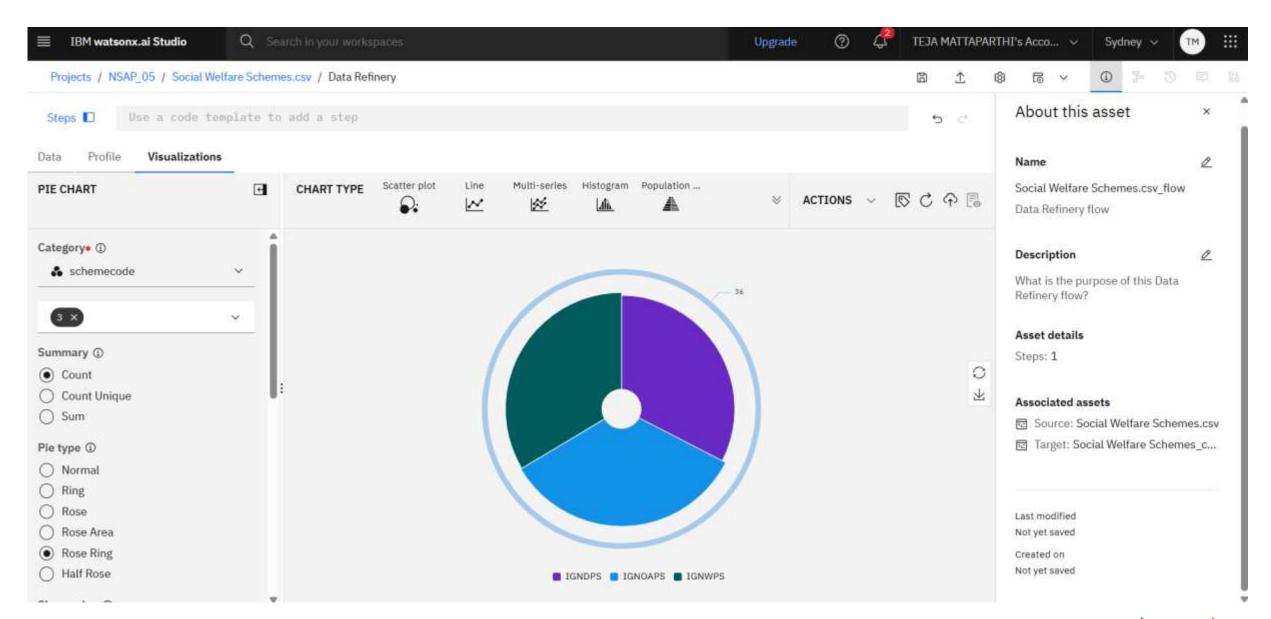




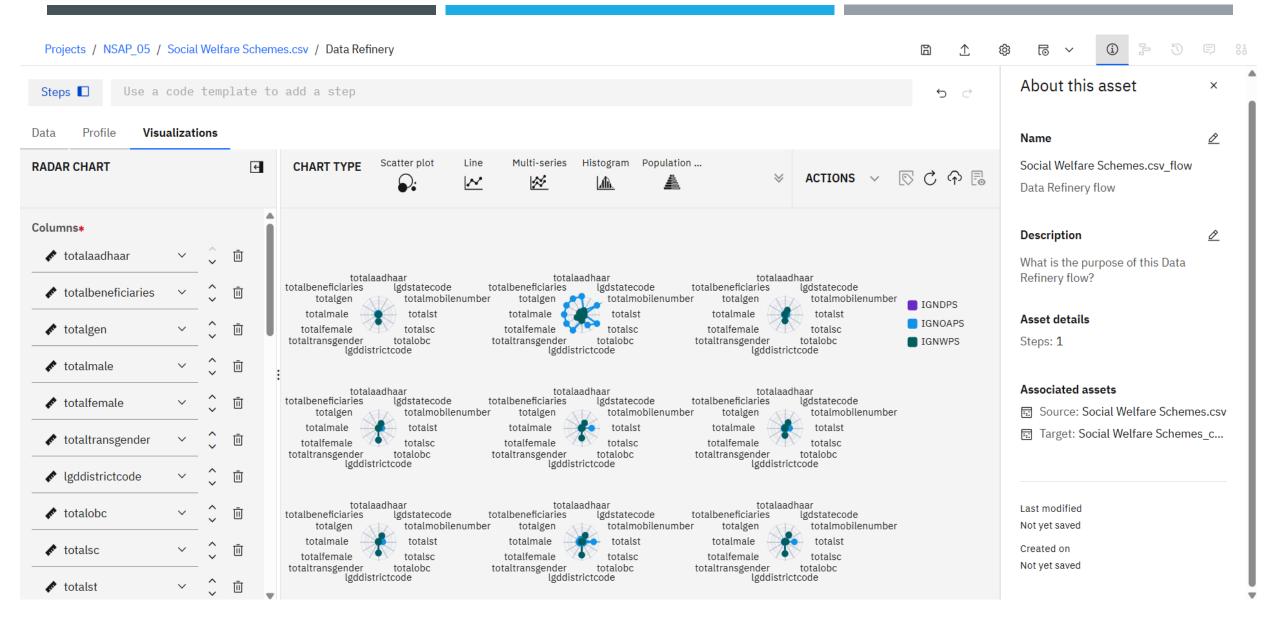




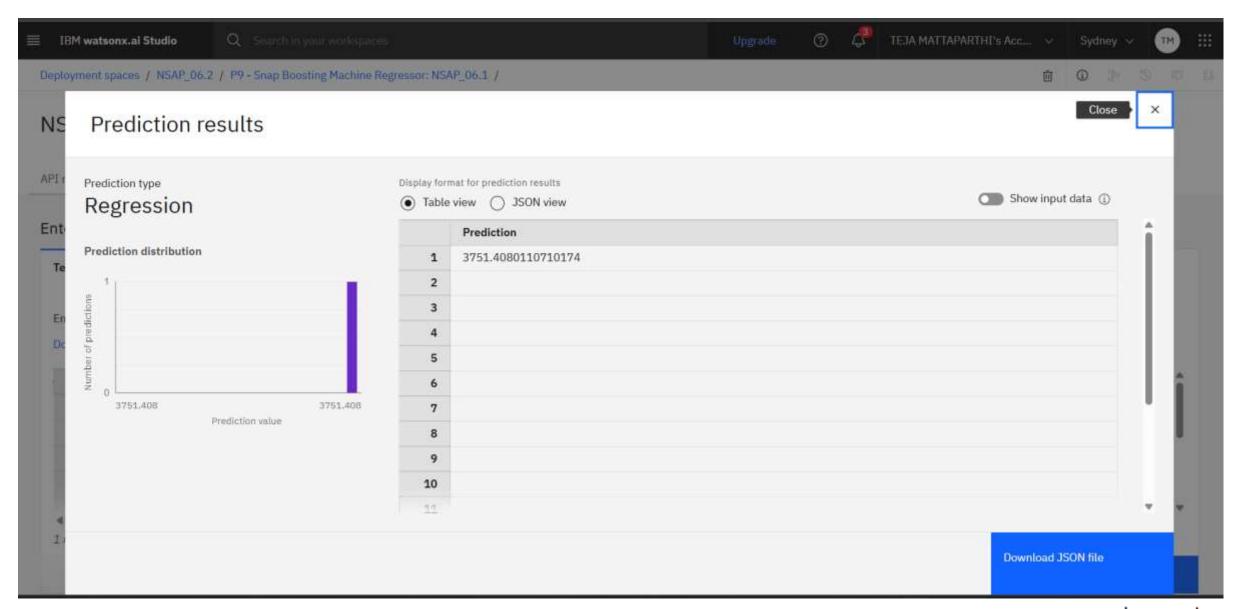




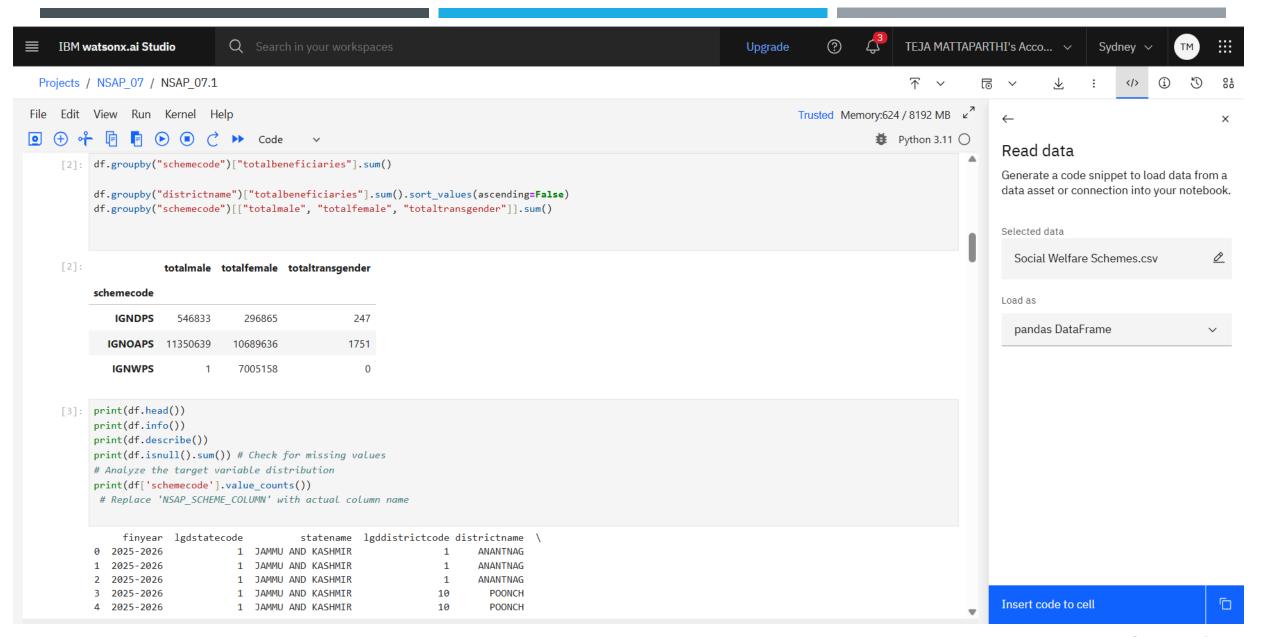








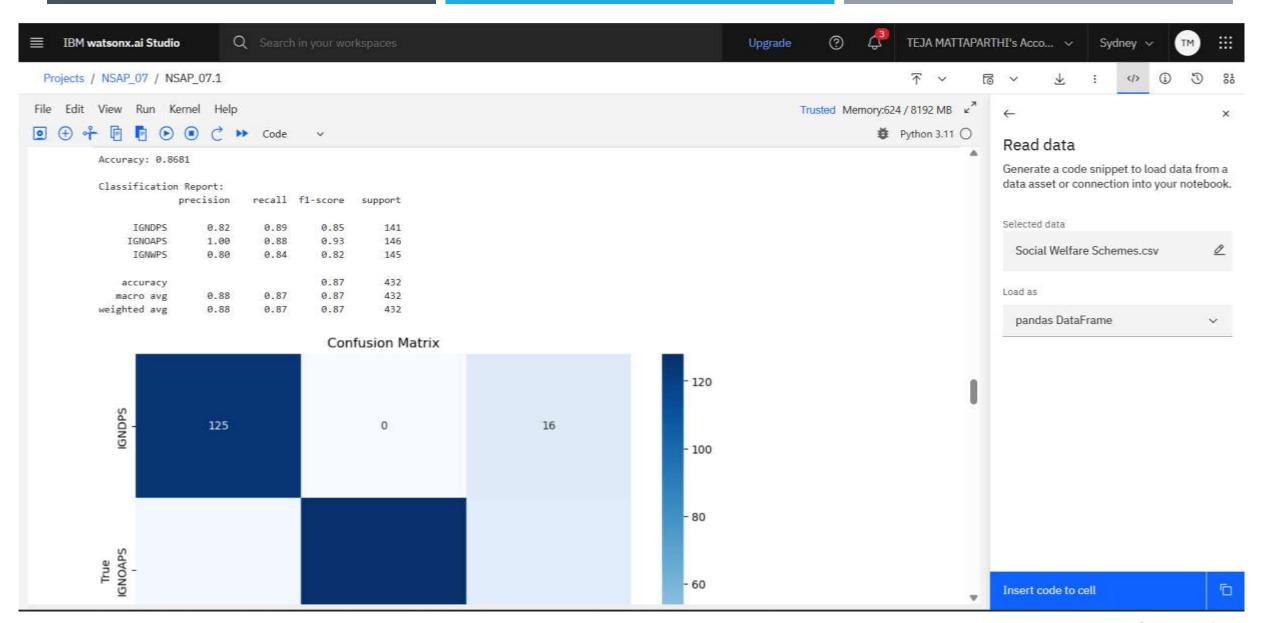




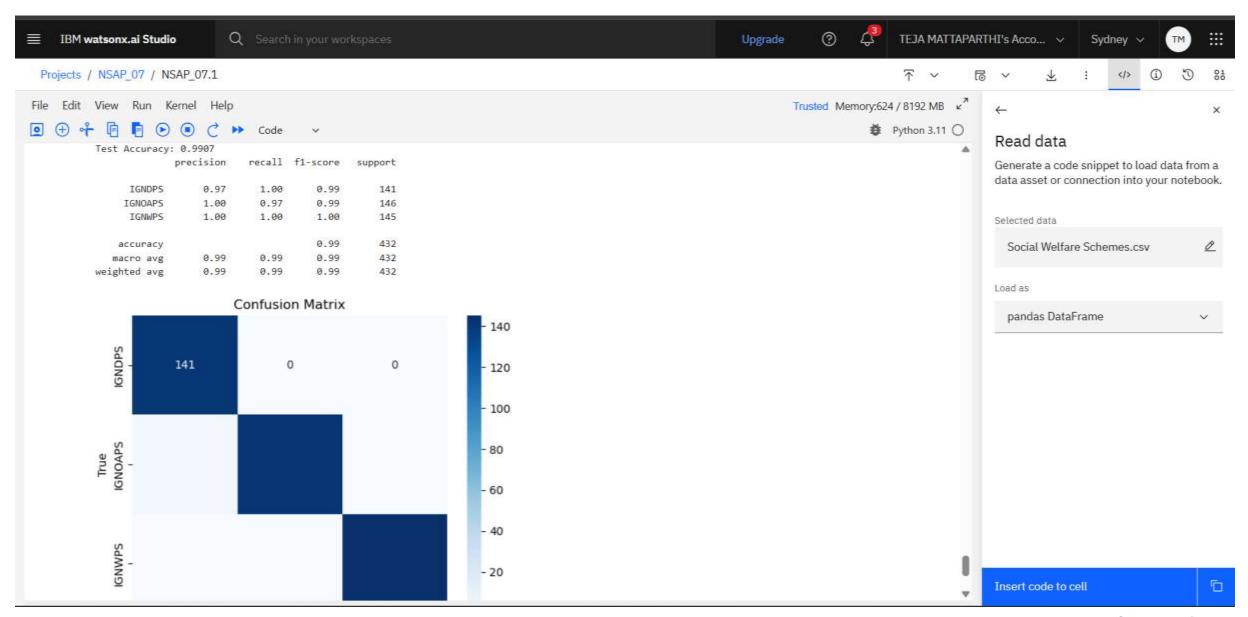


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CONCLUSION

Summarize This project successfully demonstrates how Al and IBM Cloud can automate the eligibility prediction process for NSAP schemes, replacing manual verification with fast, accurate, and reliable classification. By training a machine learning model on real-world socio-economic data, we ensure that deserving individuals receive the right scheme on time.

The deployed model, accessible via a REST API, offers a **practical**, **scalable**, **and ethical solution** that can be integrated into government platforms. It improves efficiency, transparency, and fairness in welfare delivery — marking a meaningful step toward **digitally empowered public service**.



FUTURE SCOPE

- Real time data streams: Integrate the model from government databases or application portals
- **Explainable AI:** Incorporate tools like LIME or SHAP to provide a clear rationale for each prediction
- Unstructured Data Analysis: Expand the model's capabilities to include unstructured data from applicant forms
- Continuous Learning: Implement a system for model retraining and performance monitoring
- Integration with Government Portals: The deployed REST API endpoint is the key to integration
- Mobile Application Development: A mobile application could be developed for field workers
- Fraud Detection: The model could be re-purposed or enhanced to identify anomalies
- **Examples:** Mobile integration, multilingual input, periodic model retraining, expansion to other welfare schemes, fraud detection ad-on



GITHUB LINK & REFERENCES

GITHUB LINK:

https://github.com/Teja1123-alt/Predict_Eligibility_For_NSAP_Schemes

References:

IBM Cloud Lite

Cloud platform used for hosting, ML development, and deployment
https://cloud.ibm.com/

IBM Watson Studio

Machine Learning and Data Science platform used to build and train the model https://dataplatform.cloud.ibm.com

Scikit-learn

Python machine learning library (used in manual modeling)

https://scikit-learn.org/

National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP)

Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India
https://nsap.nic.in/



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