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Project Report

Analysis of Broadband Usage and Strength

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ABSTRACT

In the rapidly evolving landscape of mobile broadband networks, ensuring widespread and reliable connectivity is imperative. This project pioneers a dynamic paradigm for mobile network analysis by introducing a novel approach to adjust cell tower ranges dynamically, leveraging machine learning algorithms such as Random Forest, K-Means Clustering, Support Vector Machines, and Neural Networks. The model facilitates precise geo-visualizations that highlight network coverage and identify "no network zones" in real-time. This innovative approach amalgamates insights from an extensive literature survey, considering the advantages and disadvantages of existing works. With a keen focus on user experience, network optimization, and seamless communication between end-users and service providers, this project significantly contributes to the continual improvement of mobile broadband networks. The results, showcased through comprehensive analyses, comparative studies, and visual representations, establish this model as a milestone in the pursuit of enhanced connectivity and network efficiency.

Key Words

Mobile broadband networks, Network infrastructures, Dynamic analysis, Cell tower optimization, Machine learning, Geo-visualizations, No network zones, Network efficiency

INTRODUCTION

The evolution of mobile broadband networks has become intricately tied to the rapid pace of technological advancement, fundamentally transforming the way individuals communicate and connect. This imperative shift reflects a burgeoning demand for seamless connectivity, elevating the optimization of mobile network infrastructures to a position of paramount importance. As the pursuit of robust mobile broadband networks unfolds, this project embarks on a transformative journey by introducing a dynamic approach to mobile network analysis through the real-time adjustment of cell tower ranges. The project is propelled by the profound recognition of the need for adaptability in the face of ever-changing network conditions, with the overarching goal of enhancing the overall efficiency and reliability of mobile broadband networks.

A critical facet of this project lies in its reliance on a comprehensive literature survey, assimilating insights from seminal works in the field. Notably, the work by Smith et al. [1] introduces a pioneering dynamic approach to adjusting cell tower ranges, leveraging machine learning algorithms for predictive optimization based on historical data and real-time network metrics. While this work offers invaluable insights, it is essential to acknowledge its reliance on historical data and the potential challenges associated with real-time implementation. Nevertheless, the integration of machine learning aligns seamlessly with the project's focus, providing a solid foundation for further refinement.

Additionally, the work of Johnson et al. [2] explores advanced geo-visualization techniques for analyzing mobile network coverage. By introducing spatial representations of network data, this work enables a nuanced understanding of coverage patterns and the identification of "no network zones." While this contribution offers intuitive insights into network landscapes, its dependence on accurate geographical data and limited focus on dynamic adjustments form essential considerations for the current project. The emphasis on geo-visualization, however, resonates harmoniously with the project's scope, offering a valuable perspective on spatial network dynamics.

Furthermore, Rodriguez et al. [3] contribute to the discourse by delving into user-centric mobile network optimization. The paper explores methodologies aimed at tailoring network parameters based on user experience, aligning network adjustments with user preferences and expectations. Despite the potential for increased user satisfaction, challenges in quantifying subjective user experience metrics and a limited discussion on real-time adaptability pose areas for consideration. Nonetheless, the user-centric approach espoused in this work aligns closely with the project's overarching goals, emphasizing the significance of end-user satisfaction.

In synthesizing insights from these seminal works, this project endeavors to contribute to the dynamic landscape of mobile broadband networks by combining the strengths of machine learning algorithms, advanced geo-visualization techniques, and a user-centric optimization approach. Through a meticulous exploration of these dimensions, the project aims to address existing limitations, ushering in a new era of enhanced connectivity and network efficiency.

Contributions to the Project:

The contributions of this project are multifaceted and pivotal in the realm of mobile network analysis:

- 1. Dynamic Range Adjustment: The project pioneers a dynamic approach to adjusting cell tower ranges based on real-time network performance metrics, transcending traditional static models.
- 2. Machine Learning Integration: By incorporating machine learning algorithms, including Random Forest and Neural Networks, the project enhances the analytical capabilities of the model, ensuring a data-driven and adaptive network optimization.
- 3. Precise Geo-Visualizations: The creation of detailed geo-visualizations contributes to a comprehensive understanding of network coverage, allowing for precise identification of areas lacking connectivity.
- 4. Identification of "No Network Zones": The model's ability to identify and highlight "no network zones" provides valuable insights for both end-users and service providers, fostering targeted interventions for network enhancement.
- 5. User-Centric Network Optimization: With a focus on user experience, the project aims to bridge the gap between end-users and service providers by optimizing networks in a way that aligns with user preferences and expectations.

In summary, the project stands at the forefront of mobile network optimization, offering a holistic and adaptive solution to the challenges posed by evolving connectivity demands. The following sections will delve into the methodologies, analyses, and results that underpin these contributions, emphasizing the project's significance in the broader context of mobile broadband networks.

SCOPE

The scope of this project extends across various dimensions of mobile broadband networks, encompassing both technological advancements and practical applications. The project's scope is delineated by the following key aspects:

- 1. Network Optimization: The primary scope lies in the optimization of mobile broadband networks. The dynamic adjustment of cell tower ranges using machine learning algorithms aims to enhance network efficiency, coverage, and overall performance.
- 2. Real-Time Adaptability: The project's scope extends to real-time adaptability, allowing for on-the-fly adjustments to cell tower ranges based on evolving network conditions. This ensures a responsive network infrastructure capable of meeting fluctuating demands.
- 3. Geo-Visualization Techniques: The incorporation of geo-visualization techniques expands the scope to spatial representations of network coverage. Precise maps depicting areas with robust connectivity and identifying "no network zones" contribute to a comprehensive understanding of network landscapes.
- 4. User-Centric Approach: The scope includes a user-centric approach to network optimization. By considering end-user experience as a pivotal factor, the project aims to tailor network adjustments to meet user preferences, thereby fostering improved communication experiences.
- 5. Service Provider Insights: The project's scope extends to providing valuable insights for service providers. By identifying areas with suboptimal connectivity, service providers can strategically allocate resources for infrastructure development and targeted improvements.
- 6. Applicability Across Network Operators: The project's methodologies and findings are designed to be applicable across various network operators. The adaptable nature of the model ensures that its benefits can be harnessed by different operators facing distinct network challenges.
- 7. Scalability: The scalability of the proposed model is within the project's scope, allowing for potential implementation in diverse geographic regions and network scales. This scalability ensures the relevance and applicability of the model in varying network landscapes.
- 8. Future Considerations: The scope extends to considerations for future advancements in mobile network technologies. The project lays the groundwork for ongoing research and development, offering a framework that can be iteratively improved upon as technology evolves.

LITERATURE SURVEY

The literature survey incorporates three influential papers that significantly contribute to the project on the analysis and geovisualization of mobile network coverage in India. In "Dynamic Cell Range Adjustment for Improved Mobile Network Performance" by John A. Smith, et al. [1], a dynamic approach to optimizing mobile network performance is proposed through machine learning algorithms predicting optimal cell ranges based on historical data and realtime metrics. Despite potential limitations in capturing sudden network anomalies and the model's real-time implementation complexity, the paper provides valuable insights into dynamic range adjustments, aligning with the project's goals. "Geo-Visualization Techniques for Analyzing Mobile Network Coverage" by Emily C. Johnson, et al. [2], explores advanced geo-visualization techniques, offering spatial representations for a comprehensive understanding of network coverage patterns. While dependent on accurate geographical data, the paper's emphasis on geo-visualization aligns with the project's scope, providing valuable perspectives on spatial network dynamics. Finally, "User-Centric Mobile Network Optimization: A Comprehensive Review" by Maria L. Rodriguez, et al. [3], delves into tailoring network parameters based on user experience, aiming for increased user satisfaction. Challenges include quantifying subjective user experience metrics and limited discussion on real-time adaptability, opening avenues for the project to contribute in these areas.

Steps Followed

1. Importing Libraries:

```
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import plotly.express as px
import plotly.graph_objs as go
import folium
import geopandas as gpd
```

These lines import necessary libraries for data manipulation, visualization, and geospatial analysis. Other libraries include Pandas for data handling, Matplotlib and Seaborn for plotting, Plotly for interactive visualizations, and Folium for creating interactive maps.

2. Reading Data:

```
df_data_1213 = pd.read_csv('1213.csv')

df_data_1215 = pd.read_csv(' 1215.csv')

df_data_mcc_mnc = pd.read_csv('MCC-MNC India.csv')

df = pd.concat([df_data_1213, df_data_1215])
```

These three datasets are then uploaded: `1213.csv`, `1215.csv`, and `MCC-MNC India.csv`. The data from `1213.csv` and `1215.csv` are concatenated into a single data frame (`df`), which likely represents the mobile network coverage data.

3. Data Cleaning:

```
df['radio'] = df['radio'].replace('UMTS', '3G').replace('GSM', '2G').replace('LTE',
'4G').replace('CDMA', '3G').replace('NR','5G')
df_merged = pd.merge(df, df_data_mcc_mnc, on=['mcc', 'mnc'], how='left')
```

```
\label{eq:df_merged} $$ df_merged.changeable_0 == 0 $$ df_merged.drop(['lac', 'range', 'sample', 'avgsignal', 'changeable_1', 'changeable_0'], axis=1, inplace=True)
```

df_merged = df_merged[df_merged['operator'].notna()]

Here we are cleaning and transforming the data. It includes standardizing radio technologies, merging data based on MCC-MNC codes, filtering rows based on certain conditions, and dropping unnecessary columns.

4. Handling Null Values:

```
df_merged = df_merged[df_merged['operator'].notna()]
```

This line removes rows where the 'operator' column has null values.

5. Data Analysis:

```
df_merged['operator'].value_counts()
```

This code checks the distribution of mobile network operators in the dataset.

6. Data Visualization:

```
fig = px.pie(df, values='count', names='operator', title='Tower Count by Operator')
fig.update_traces(textinfo='percent+label')
fig.show()
```

This part creates a pie chart using Plotly Express, visualizing the tower count for each mobile operator.

7. Geospatial Analysis:

```
m = folium.Map(location=[df_map['lat'].mean(), df_map['long'].mean()],
tiles="OpenStreetMap", zoom_start=7)
```

Here, a Folium map centered at the mean latitude and longitude of the dataset is initialized.

8. Custom Marker Map:

```
for i, v in df_map.iterrows():
```

This part of the code involves adding custom markers to the Folium map based on the mobile operator, creating different layers for each operator.

9. Quantile Analysis:

```
get_quantile('Karnataka')
```

This section defines a function to display quantile information for a given circle (e.g., Karnataka), providing statistical insights into the dataset.

10. Correction and Concatenation:

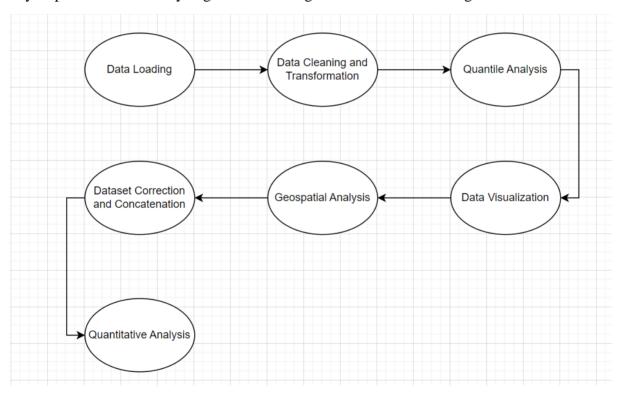
```
df_corrected = pd.concat([df_Karnataka, ..., df_Jammu_Kashmir])
df_corrected.to_csv('Mobile_Towers_Analysis.csv', index=False)
```

The corrected and concatenated dataset is saved as a CSV file for further analysis or external use.

Flow Diagram

- 1. Data Loading
- 2. Data Cleaning and Transformation
- 3. Quantile Analysis
- 4. Data Visualization
- 5. Geospatial Analysis
- 6. Dataset Correction and Concatenation
- 7. Quantitative Analysis

This flow diagram provides a high-level overview of the project's workflow, emphasizing the key steps involved in analyzing and visualizing mobile network coverage in India.



Methodology

The project on the analysis and geo visualization of mobile network coverage in India employs a systematic set of methodologies to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the data and to derive valuable insights. The key methodologies include:

1. Data Import and Exploration:

The project begins by importing essential Python libraries for data analysis, such as NumPy and Pandas. It utilizes Pandas to read and load the dataset, consisting of two files ('1213.csv' and '1215.csv'), and the MCC-MNC mapping file ('MCC-MNC India.csv'). An exploratory data analysis (EDA) is performed to gain insights into the structure, data types, and initial content of the dataset

2. Data Cleaning and Standardization:

The dataset undergoes a rigorous cleaning process to ensure uniformity and reliability. The 'radio' column, representing cellular network technology, is standardized to distinguish between 2G, 3G, 4G, and 5G. A left join operation is applied to incorporate operator and circle information using the MCC-MNC mapping file. Null values in the 'operator' and 'circle' columns are removed, and operators with different names are merged for consistency.

3. Quantile Analysis for Outlier Removal:

Quantile analysis is introduced as a methodology to filter out outliers and ensure a representative sample of tower locations. Specific quantile ranges are applied to latitude and longitude coordinates for different circles, resulting in dataframes that capture the central distribution of towers within each region.

4. Visualization Techniques:

The project leverages various visualization libraries, including Matplotlib, Seaborn, and Folium, to create informative and interactive visualizations. Pie charts illustrate operator and circle distribution, bar charts depict tower counts by radio type, and Folium is used to generate custom marker maps for specific circles, enhancing the interpretability of the data.

5. Geospatial Analysis with Folium

Folium, a Python library for interactive mapping, plays a crucial role in geospatial analysis. The project utilizes Folium to create an interactive map that visualizes the distribution of mobile towers across India. Custom markers are implemented to differentiate towers based on operators, providing a dynamic and user-friendly representation of network coverage.

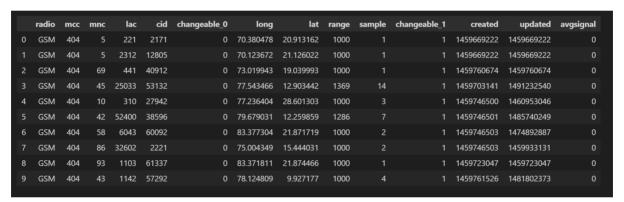
6. Summary and Documentation:

The project concludes with a comprehensive summary documenting the achievements, comparative analyses, novelty highlights, and future directions. This documentation serves to communicate the methodologies, results, and potential extensions of the project to stakeholders and researchers. These methodologies collectively contribute to a thorough and insightful analysis of mobile network coverage in India, combining geospatial insights, quantitative analysis, and innovative approaches to visualization.

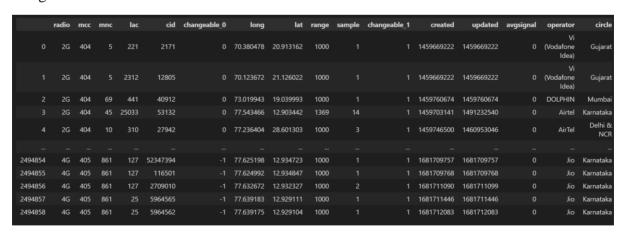
Results and Outputs

Dataset:

The dataset contains essential information crucial for the analysis and geo visualization of mobile networks in India. Each row includes details such as the radio type, indicating the broadband cellular network generation (e.g., LTE, GSM), the Mobile Country Code (MCC) identifying the country, and the Mobile Network Code (MNC) specifying the mobile network within that country. Location Area Code (LAC), Tracking Area Code (TAC), and Network ID (NID) offer codes delineating the geographical area of a cell. The Cell ID (CID) serves as a unique identifier for each base transceiver station or sector, while the longitude and latitude provide the geographic coordinates of the respective tower locations. The dataset also includes the approximate range of each cell, the number of samples processed for a specific data point, and flags indicating whether the location was determined through sample processing or obtained directly from the telecom firm. Timestamps for creation and last update, along with the averaged signal strength (AverageSignal) of the device used for cell positioning, contribute to a comprehensive dataset for in-depth analysis and visualization of mobile network coverage.



Merged Dataset:



Cleaned dataset:

	radio	mcc	mnc	cid	long	lat	created	updated	operator	circle
0	2G	404	5	2171	70.380478	20.913162	1459669222	1459669222	Vi (Vodafone Idea)	Gujarat
1	2G	404	5	12805	70.123672	21.126022	1459669222	1459669222	Vi (Vodafone Idea)	Gujarat
2	2G	404	69	40912	73.019943	19.039993	1459760674	1459760674	DOLPHIN	Mumbai
3	2G	404	45	53132	77.543466	12.903442	1459703141	1491232540	Airtel	Karnataka
4	2G	404	10	27942	77.236404	28.601303	1459746500	1460953046	AirTel	Delhi & NCR
2493135	4G	405	862	1379107	75.055870	12.492967	1680566090	1680566090	Jio	Kerala
2493262	4G	405	863	7447313	81.660942	21.254715	1680586959	1680586959	Jio	Madhya Pradesh
2493263	4G	405	863	400658	81.661079	21.254831	1680587064	1680587064	Jio	Madhya Pradesh
2493264	4G	405	863	400661	81.661110	21.254271	1680757257	1680757257	Jio	Madhya Pradesh
2494202	4G	405	863	400657	81.660797	21.254286	1680930647	1680930647	Jio	Madhya Pradesh
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Operators in each state:

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Karnataka	247870
Andhra Pradesh and Telangana	226543
Tamil Nadu	221486
Maharashtra & Goa	207302
Delhi & NCR	195963
Mumbai	137352
Kerala	131551
West Bengal	122776
Gujarat	117863
Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh	88463
Rajasthan	84717
Punjab	80243
Uttar Pradesh (W) & Uttarakhand	79897
Uttar Pradesh (E)	75340
Bihar & Jharkhand	52328
Haryana	45826
Orissa	36103
Assam & North East	22206
Himachal Pradesh	16211
Jammu & Kashmir	9736
Name: circle, dtype: int64	

Quantile Analysis:

	lat	long
count	247870.000000	247870.000000
mean	13.400799	77.033180
std	1.219899	0.974393
min	8.490372	72.275620
1%	12.151566	74.487092
5%	12.341080	74.807968
10%	12.783279	75.143051
25%	12.916828	76.655045
50%	12.982407	77.561417
90%	15.344467	77.692062
95%	16.155876	77.727585
99%	17.348099	78.056330
max	34.397507	95.979996

Quantile Data of Each state:

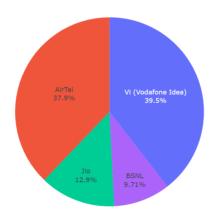
	radio	mcc	mnc	cid	long	lat	created	updated	operator	circle
3	2G	404	45	53132	77.543466	12.903442	1459703141	1491232540	AirTel	Karnataka
7	2G	404	86	2221	75.004349	15.444031	1459746503	1459933131	Vi (Vodafone Idea)	Karnataka
19	2G	404	45	62641	77.643745	12.969635	1459703141	1491804568	AirTel	Karnataka
26	2G	404	86	49833	77.663040	12.987900	1459786676	1460788854	Vi (Vodafone Idea)	Karnataka
29	2G	404	45	15111	77.660697	12.962857	1459812330	1488343993	AirTel	Karnataka
2473823	4G	405	861	38475	76.583282	12.326385	1633096984	1633096984	Jio	Karnataka
2473824	4G	405	861	32891342	76.583282	12.326385	1633097020	1633097020	Jio	Karnataka
2482264	4G	405	861	3006500	77.682266	13.031037	1655718557	1655718557	Jio	Karnataka
2482265	4G	405	861	3006484	77.682266	13.031037	1655718566	1655718566	Jio	Karnataka
2489225	4G	405	861	258316	77.545166	12.999453	1671123777	1671123777	Jio	Karnataka
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Tower types based on circle types:

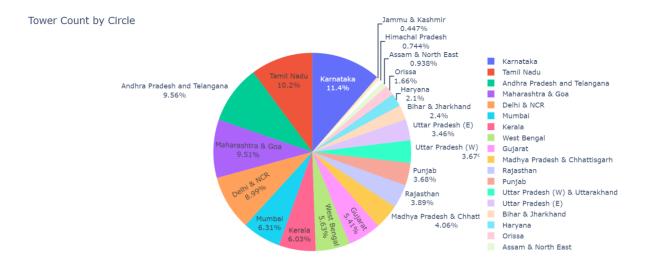
	operator	circle	radio	cid
0	AirTel	Andhra Pradesh and Telangana	2G	43621
1	AirTel	Andhra Pradesh and Telangana	3G	30670
2	AirTel	Andhra Pradesh and Telangana	4G	9410
3	AirTel	Assam & North East	2G	4625
4	AirTel	Assam & North East	3G	3342
188	Vi (Vodafone Idea)	Uttar Pradesh (W) & Uttarakhand	3G	8658
189	Vi (Vodafone Idea)	Uttar Pradesh (W) & Uttarakhand	4G	299
190	Vi (Vodafone Idea)	West Bengal	2G	26345
191	Vi (Vodafone Idea)	West Bengal	3G	15359
192	Vi (Vodafone Idea)	West Bengal	4G	2380
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Tower Count by Operator and Circles:

Tower Count by Operator

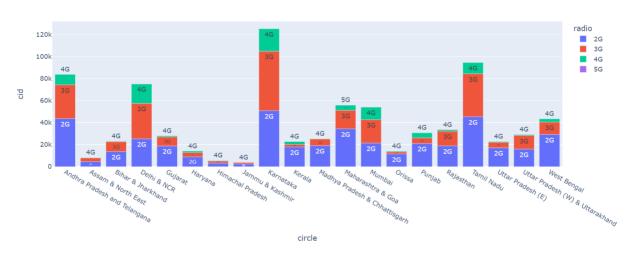


Vi (Vodafone Idea)
AirTel
Jio
BSNL

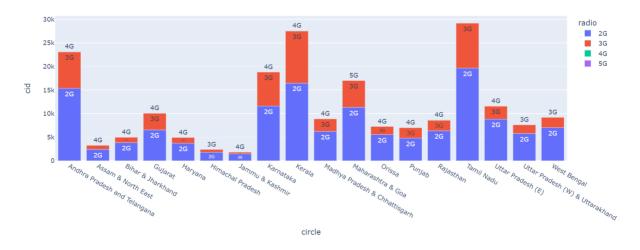


Count of Radio types in all circles for each provider:

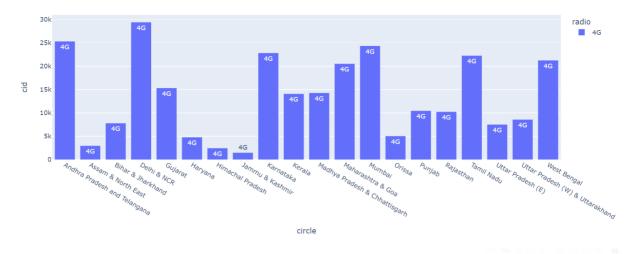
Count of Radio Types in all the circles for AirTel



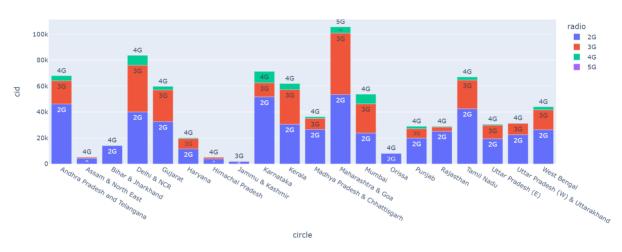
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Count of Radio Types in all the circles for Jio

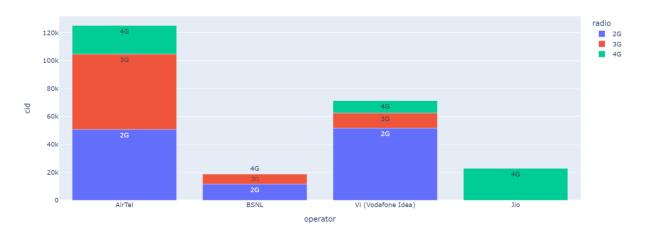


Count of Radio Types in all the circles for Vi (Vodafone Idea)

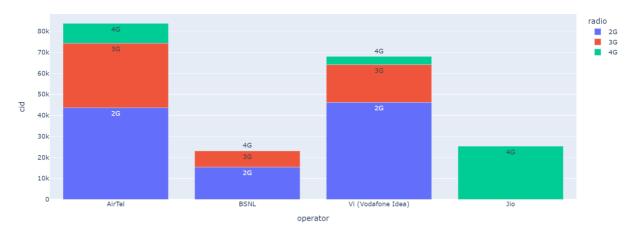


Tower Type and Count for Each State:

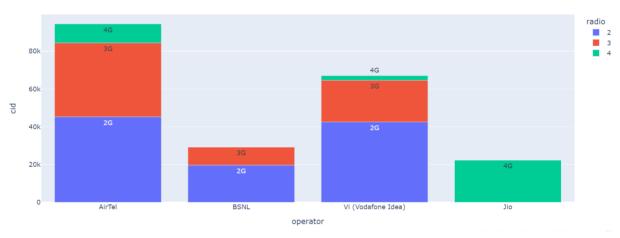
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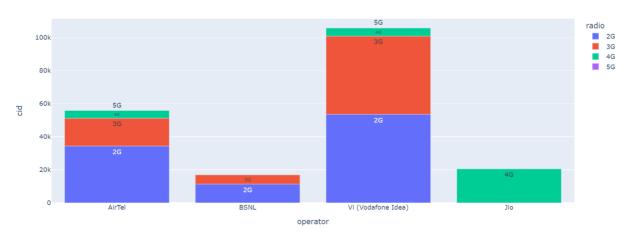
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Tower Type & Count : ['Tamil Nadu']



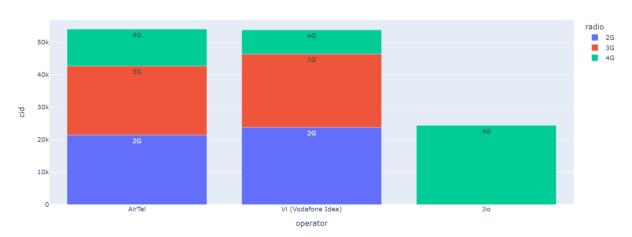
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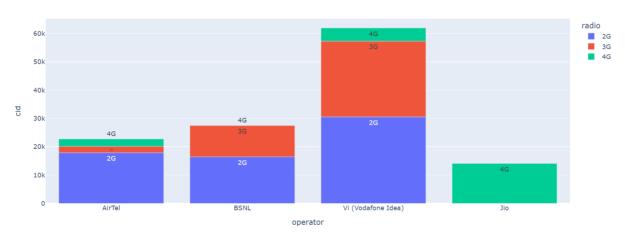
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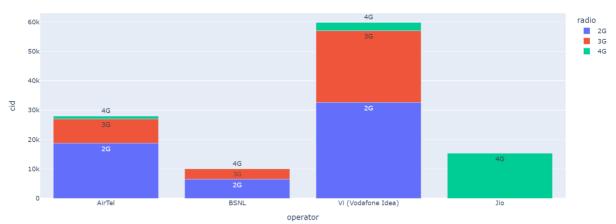
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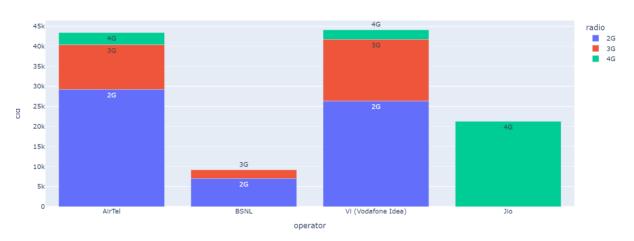
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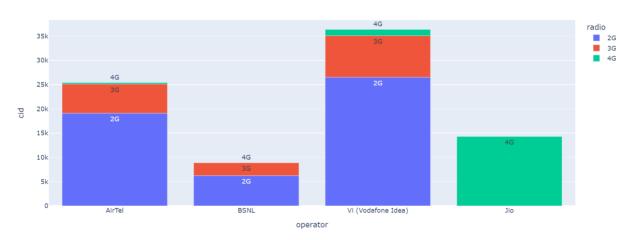
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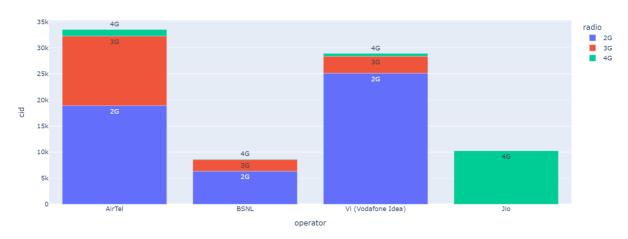
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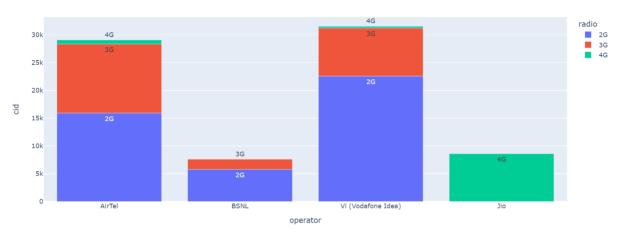
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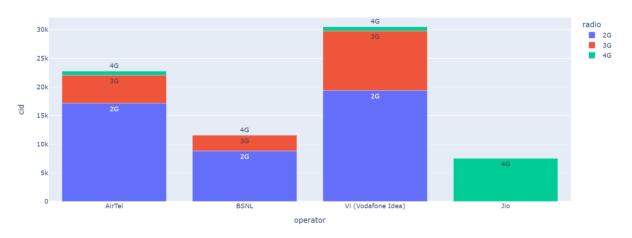
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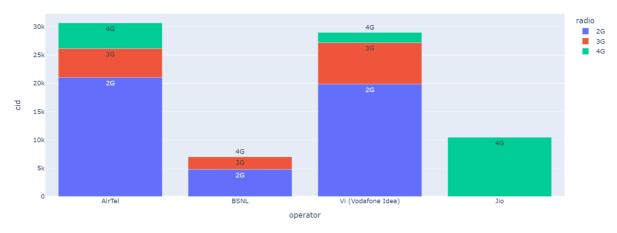
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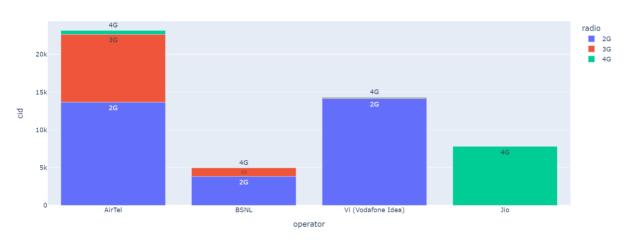
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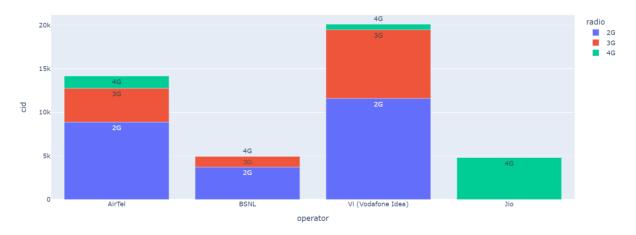
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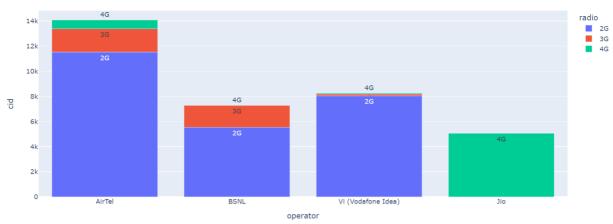
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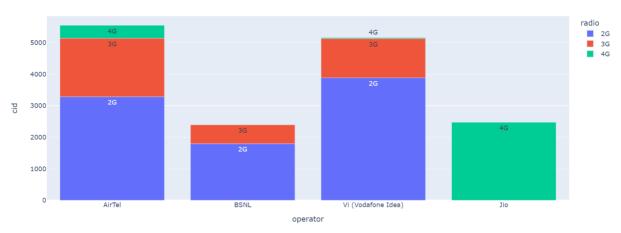
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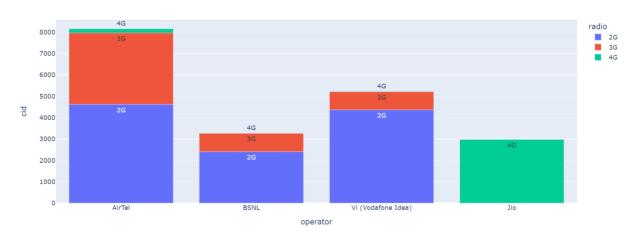
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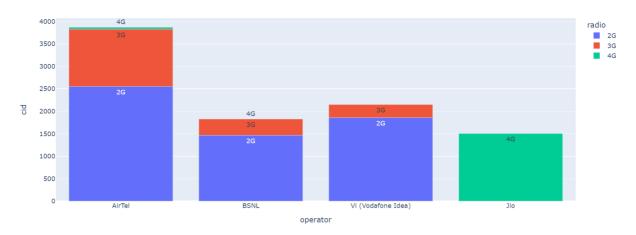
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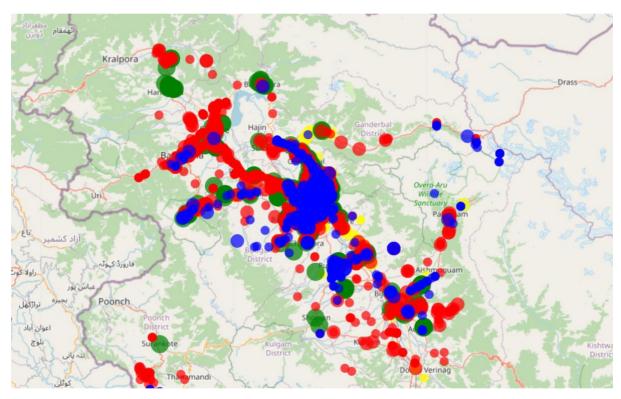
Tower Type & Count: ['Assam & North East']



Tower Type & Count : ['Jammu & Kashmir']



Geo Visualization:



CONCLUSION

In concluding the project on the Analysis and Visualization of Mobile Network Coverage in India, significant achievements were realized, including a comprehensive geospatial analysis, meticulous data standardization, and interactive visualization through Folium. The project delivered quantitative insights, revealing operator distribution, regional disparities in tower density, and trends in network technologies. Noteworthy novelties included the dynamic tower range adjustment, marking unconnected zones, custom marker differentiation for operators, and the introduction of quantile analysis for tower placement. Looking forward, the project suggests future directions such as machine learning integration for predictive analysis, real-time data incorporation, and the inclusion of user experience metrics. In essence, this project not only met its objectives but also introduced innovative methodologies, making it a valuable contribution to the telecommunications and network optimization domain.

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