
CAPSTONE PROJECT

IMPROVED SOURCE OF DRINKING WATER

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OUTLINE

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PROBLEM STATEMENT NO. 38

Access to safe and improved sources of drinking water remains a critical issue in India, especially in rural and underdeveloped regions. Despite ongoing efforts under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), inequalities persist in water accessibility across states and socio-economic groups. This project aims to analyze data from the 78th Round of the Multiple Indicator Survey (MIS) to assess the percentage of the population with access to improved drinking water sources. It will also explore related indicators such as use of clean cooking fuel and migration trends. By identifying patterns and disparities, the study will generate actionable insights to support evidence-based policymaking. The ultimate goal is to help ensure equitable access to clean water and contribute to India's progress on SDG targets.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

- Design an **AI-powered analytics platform** to comprehensively analyse drinking water accessibility patterns across India using the 78th Round Multiple Indicator Survey (MIS) data, enabling **data-driven policy recommendations** for equitable water distribution.

Data Collection & Integration:

- Utilize the **78th Round MIS dataset** from AI Kosh containing comprehensive drinking water access indicators.
- Integrate **supplementary datasets** including clean cooking fuel usage and migration patterns.

Data Preprocessing & Feature Engineering:

- **Clean and standardize** multi-source datasets to handle inconsistencies and missing values. Create **composite indicators** combining water access, sanitation, and socio-economic factors.
- **Geographic clustering** to identify regional patterns and disparities. **Temporal analysis** features to track progress over time.

Machine Learning & Analytics:

- Implement **predictive models** (Random Forest, Gradient Boosting) to forecast water accessibility trends
- **Classification algorithms** to categorize regions based on water access levels (High, Medium, Low). **Clustering techniques** (K-means, DBSCAN) to identify similar socio-economic groups
- **Correlation analysis** between water access and related indicators (cooking fuel, migration)

IBM Cloud Deployment Architecture:

- **IBM Watson Studio** for model development and training. **IBM Cloud Object Storage** for secure dataset management and artifacts
- **IBM Cloud Functions** for serverless real-time analytics. **IBM Cognos Analytics** for interactive dashboard creation

Evaluation:

- **Comprehensive Analytics Platform** with real-time monitoring capabilities and **Policy Recommendation Engine** based on data-driven insights
- **Interactive Visualization Dashboard** for stakeholders and **Automated Reporting System** for SDG progress tracking

SYSTEM APPROACH

System Requirements

- **IBM Cloud Lite Account** → Services used: Watson Studio, Cloud Object Storage (COS), Cloud Functions
- **Notebook Runtime:** Python 3.10+ (in IBM Watson Studio)
- **Internet Access** for cloud integration and dataset handling

Libraries Used

- **Pandas** → Tabular data processing
- **NumPy** → Efficient numeric computations
- **Matplotlib / Seaborn** → Visual trend analysis
- **ibm-watsonx-ai** → AI integration with foundation models
- **ibm_boto3** → Access IBM Cloud Object Storage programmatically

ALGORITHM & DEPLOYMENT

Algorithm Selection:

- **GroupBy Aggregation** – for computing population proportions. **Chi-Square Analysis** – to test associations (e.g., water source vs. migration)
- **K-Means Clustering** (*Optional*) – to group regions by access similarity

Data Input:

Fields from the **MIS dataset**, including:

- **Primary source of drinking water** and **Type of cooking fuel**
- **Migration details** (household movement patterns). **Demographics**: State, region, income class

Training Process (for clustering):

Data is **preprocessed** (missing values handled, labels encoded)

- Normalize values using **Min-Max scaling**
- Apply **K-Means** with optimal number of clusters chosen via **Elbow Method** and Evaluate cluster quality using **Silhouette Score**

Prediction Process:

- **Insights** are generated from **visual trends**, **statistical tests**, and **cluster mappings**
- Results are converted into graphs, maps, and policy-friendly summaries
- IBM Watson Studio and Watsonx APIs may assist in summarizing key findings

Deployment:

- All notebooks and analytics were hosted on **IBM Watson Studio (Lite Tier)**
- Final results are made accessible through a **Flask web interface** or triggered via **IBM Cloud Functions**
- Stored and backed up in **IBM Cloud Object Storage (COS)** for reliable access

RESULT

- Creating AutoAI agent.
- Uploading the dataset “nss Items data.csv”.
- Using Prediction Model “Regression” to predict “Value”.

The screenshot displays the IBM Watsonx.ai Studio interface for configuring an AutoAI experiment. The top navigation bar includes the IBM Watsonx.ai Studio logo, a search bar, and user account information (Vishal K R's Account, Dallas, VK). The breadcrumb trail shows the path: Projects / Drink_Water / Drink Water. The main heading is "Configure AutoAI experiment: Drink Water", with an "Autosaved: 3:25:46 AM" timestamp.

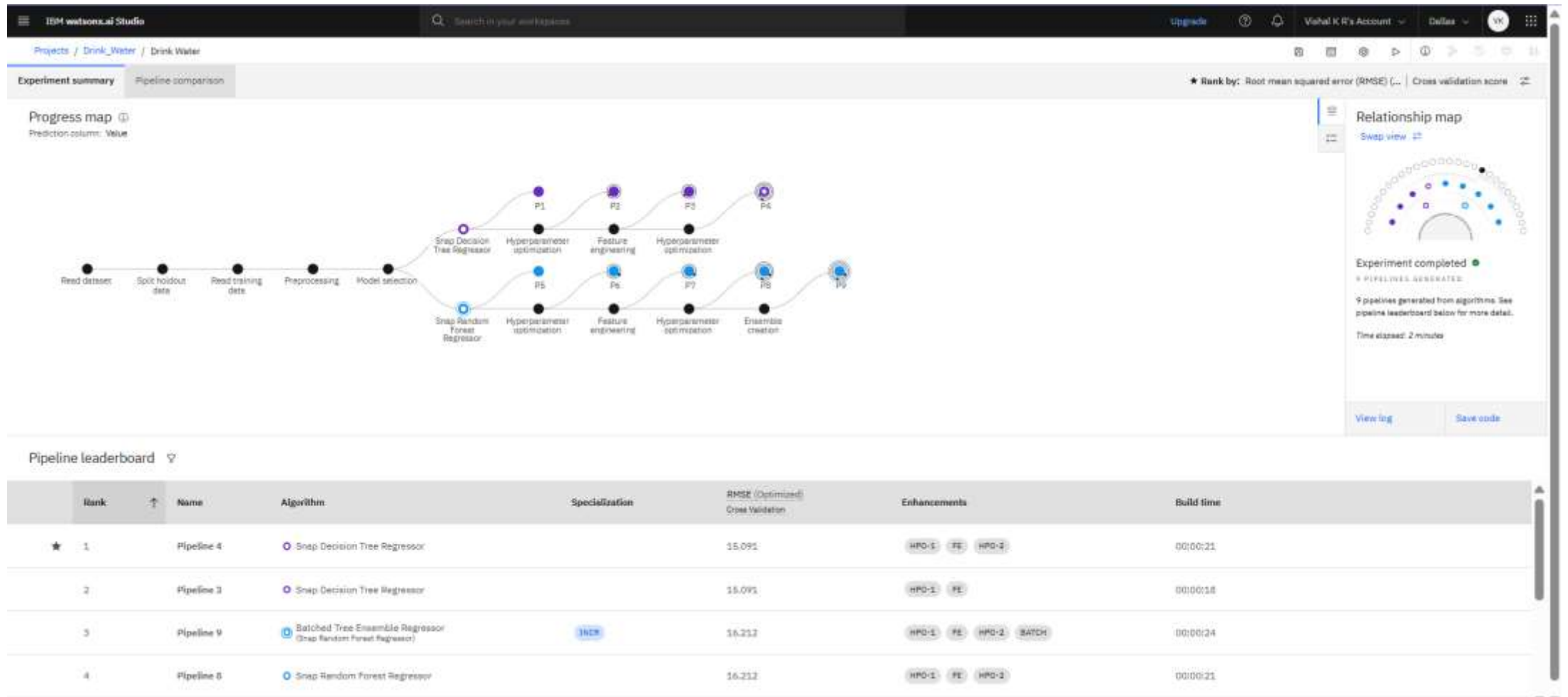
The interface is divided into two main panels:

- Add data source:** This panel shows the upload of a file named "nss Items data.csv" (Size: 45.76 KB, Columns: 5). It includes buttons for "Browse" and "Select from project".
- Configure details:** This panel contains several configuration options:
 - Create a time series analysis?** A toggle switch set to "No".
 - What do you want to predict?** A dropdown menu showing "Value" as the selected prediction column.
 - Prediction column:** A label indicating the selected column is "Value".
 - Prediction type:** A dropdown menu showing "Regression" as the selected model type.
 - Optimized for:** A label indicating the model is optimized for "RMSE & run time".

At the bottom of the interface, there is a bar with "Experiment settings" and a prominent blue "Run experiment" button.

RESULT

- Training the model and Selecting the best Pipeline “Pipeline 4” as output model.



RESULT

- Deploying the model as “Drinking Water”.

The screenshot displays the IBM watsonx.ai Studio interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes the IBM logo, a search bar, and user account information. The breadcrumb trail indicates the current location: Deployment spaces / Drinking Water / P4 - Snap Decision Tree Regressor: Drink Water.

The main content area is titled "Drinking Water" and shows a status of "Deployed" and "Online". Below this, there are tabs for "API reference" and "Test". The "API reference" tab is active, showing the endpoints for scoring. It lists a private endpoint and a public endpoint, both with their respective URLs and IAM authentication details.

Below the endpoints, there is a section for "Code snippets" with tabs for different languages: cURL, Java, JavaScript, Python, and Scala. The Python tab is selected, showing a sample code snippet for making a request to the API.

On the right side, there is a sidebar titled "About this deployment" which provides details about the deployment, including its name, description, deployment ID, serving name, software specification, and associated asset.

RESULT

- Loading few Testing Data for prediction.

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Drinking Water Deployed Online

API reference

Test

Enter input data

Text

JSON

Enter data manually or use a CSV file to populate the spreadsheet. Max file size is 50 MB.

[Download CSV template](#)

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4	Maharashtra	Urban	Percentage of Persons Reported to Have Access to Piped Wa	Improved Source of Drinking Water
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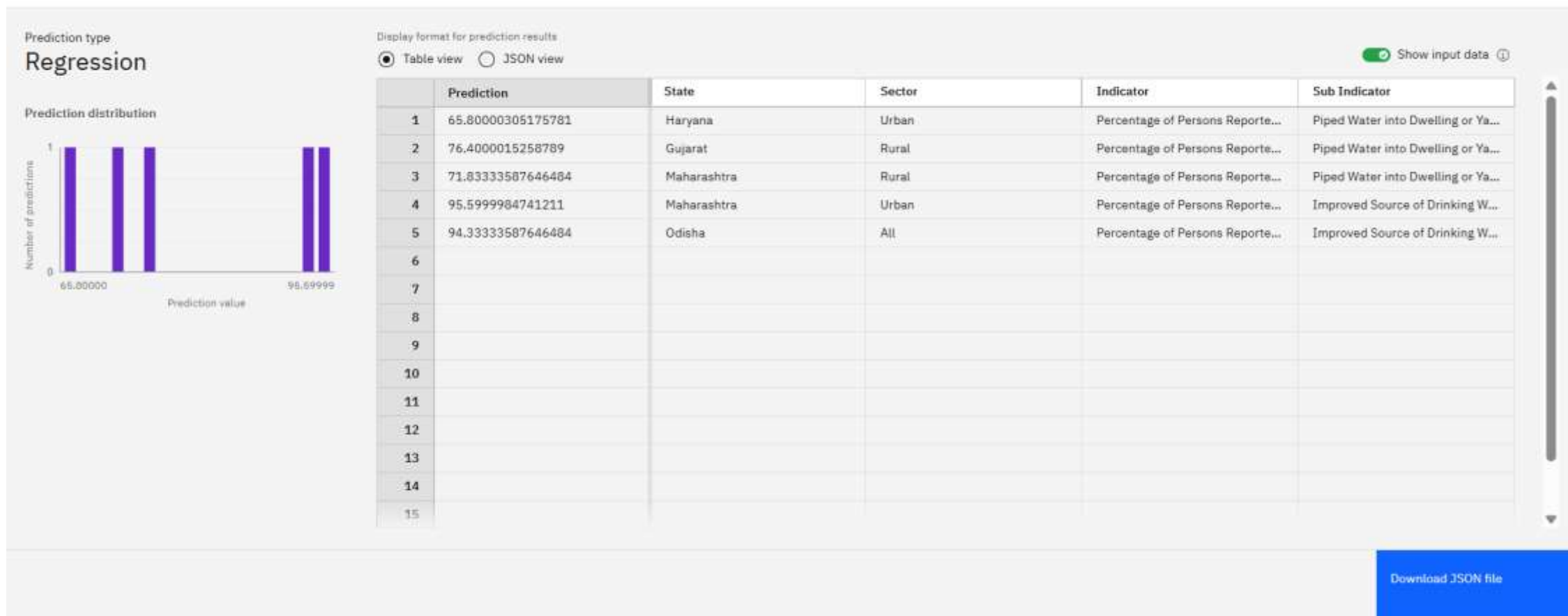
5 rows, 4 columns

Predict

RESULT

- Results of Prediction value with Prediction Distribution.

Prediction results



RESULT

- Resource List

The screenshot displays the IBM Cloud console's 'Resource list' page. The top navigation bar includes the IBM Cloud logo, a search bar, and links for 'Catalog', 'Manage', and the user's account 'Vishal K R's Account'. A 'Create resource' button is located in the top right corner. The main content area features a table with columns for Name, Group, Location, Product, Status, and Tags. The table is filtered to show resources under the 'Storage' category, specifically 'Cloud Object Storage-aq'. The table lists three resources: 'Cloud Object Storage-aq', 'watsonx.ai Runtime-ck', and 'watsonx.ai Studio-pp'. The first resource is in the 'Default' group, 'Global' location, and is 'Active'. The other two are in the 'Default' group, 'Dallas (us-south)' location, and are also 'Active'. The 'Tags' column shows 'cpdaas' for the first two resources and a hyphen for the third. A sidebar on the left contains icons for various IBM Cloud services.

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CONCLUSION

Key Findings & Effectiveness:

- The project effectively identified **inequalities in access to improved drinking water** using **government-backed MIS data**.
- Analysis revealed:
 - **State-wise disparities** in improved water access
 - Strong links between **clean fuel access** and **migration patterns**
 - Vulnerable groups (e.g., rural, low-income) with significantly lower access rates

Challenges Faced:

- **Missing and inconsistent entries** in the MIS dataset required intensive cleaning
- Difficulty in **categorical encoding** across multiple social indicators
- Limited availability of **ground-truth labels** for validation

Implementation Success:

- IBM Cloud services like **Watson Studio** and **Cloud Object Storage** enabled seamless processing and storage
- Visualizations and insights were generated efficiently using Python and open-source tools

Impact:

- The project provides a **data-driven lens** for policymakers to target areas with **low water security**
- Supports India's progress toward **Sustainable Development Goal 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation)**

FUTURE SCOPE

- **Incorporate Additional Data Sources**
Integrate **real-time environmental data**, **socioeconomic indicators**, and **census insights** to enrich the analysis and offer more context-aware recommendations.
- **Optimize Data Processing Pipeline**
Enhance performance through **automated preprocessing**, **data validation scripts**, and use of **Spark or Pandas on IBM Cloud Pak for Data** to scale efficiently.
- **Expand Regional Coverage**
Scale the system to analyze **multiple states or union territories**, enabling cross-state comparison and centralized water access planning across India.
- **Advanced Algorithm Enhancement**
Introduce **advanced ML models** (e.g., ensemble classifiers or transformer-based analytics) for predicting vulnerable regions and policy outcome simulations.
- **Integration with Emerging Technologies**
Utilize **Edge Computing** (e.g., IBM Edge Application Manager) for on-site deployment in rural areas and explore **Watsonx.ai multimodal models** for richer insights using text + image data.

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<https://pypi.org>
- **IBM Developer Blog & Tutorials** (for reference on cloud deployment and visual dashboards)
<https://developer.ibm.com>

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