

Infosys Springboard Virtual Internship 6.0 Completion Report

Team Details

Batch Number: 3

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Internship Duration: 8 Weeks

1. Project Title: Forecasting Air Quality Using Historical Pollution Data

2. Project Objective: The main objective of this project is to design and develop an air quality forecasting system that predicts the Air Quality Index (AQI) and concentrations of major pollutants such as PM2.5, PM10, NO₂, SO₂, and O₃ using historical pollution and environmental data.

This project aims to empower environmental agencies, city planners, and citizens with timely and accurate insights to anticipate pollution levels, issue early warnings, and support proactive environmental decision-making. By leveraging time series forecasting models and interactive visualization tools, the system provides both predictive analytics and intuitive interfaces for exploring pollution trends and seasonal variations.

3. Project Description in Detail: Air Quality Forecasting System is a Python-based application integrated with machine learning frameworks and a Streamlit-based web dashboard. It is designed to streamline the collection, analysis, and prediction of air quality metrics, combining data science techniques with real-time visualization and alerting capabilities.

Approach Taken:

1. Requirement Analysis: The project began with an analysis of the challenges faced by environmental monitoring bodies and urban planners—such as the need for real-time air quality insights, difficulty in interpreting historical pollution data, and the lack of automated forecasting tools.

Requirements were gathered to ensure the system supports multi-city data, handles missing timestamps, and provides interpretable visual forecasts.

2. System Design and Architecture: A modular and scalable architecture was designed to separate data preprocessing, model training, forecasting, and visualization components.

The architecture includes:

- A data ingestion module for importing pollution datasets from sources like Kaggle.
- A modeling layer integrating time series models such as ARIMA, Prophet, LSTM, and XGBoost.
- A Streamlit web interface for user interaction and result visualization.
- Admin controls for dataset uploads and model retraining.

3. Development: Implemented data preprocessing pipelines to clean, resample, and normalize time series pollution data.

- Trained and compared multiple forecasting models based on metrics like RMSE and MAE to identify the best-performing one for AQI prediction.
- Developed an alert mechanism that classifies forecasted AQI values into categories (Good, Moderate, Unhealthy, etc.) and highlights days likely to exceed safe thresholds.
- Designed an interactive Streamlit dashboard featuring:
 - AQI and pollutant trend visualization
 - Forecast charts and gauge meters
 - Alert banners for hazardous levels
 - Admin panel for uploading new data and retraining models.

4. Testing and Deployment: Comprehensive testing was conducted, including:

Data validation tests to ensure clean, consistent time series inputs.

Model evaluation tests for accuracy and robustness across different cities and seasons.

Interface usability testing to confirm a smooth and intuitive dashboard experience.

Impact and Real-World Implementation

- **Public Health & Awareness:**

Helps citizens make informed decisions by predicting poor air quality and issuing timely alerts.

- **Support for Authorities:**

Assists policymakers and planners with data-driven insights for pollution control and traffic regulation.

- **Research & Analysis:**

Provides valuable data for researchers to study pollution trends and environmental factors.

- **Scalability:**

Can be expanded to multiple cities, integrated with IoT sensors, and enhanced with advanced AI models.

4. Timeline Overview

Week	Activities Planned	Activities Completed
Week 1	Project kickoff, requirement gathering, and data source identification (Kaggle).	Project initialized, datasets collected, and requirements finalized.
Week 2	Data preprocessing, cleaning missing values, and exploratory data analysis (EDA).	Data cleaned, missing timestamps handled, and EDA completed with pollutant trend visualizations.
Week 3	Feature engineering (temporal and weather-based), and preparing data for modeling.	Feature set finalized, data normalized, and ready for model training.
Week 4	Model development and training using ARIMA, Prophet, and LSTM.	Models trained and evaluated; best model selected based on RMSE and MAE metrics.
Week 5	Implement AQI calculation logic and define alert thresholds.	AQI categories implemented; alert mechanism functional for unsafe pollution levels.
Week 6	Create visual trend analysis and pollutant contribution charts.	Trend visualization module completed with clear seasonal and pollutant patterns.
Week 7	Develop Streamlit dashboard for forecast visualization and admin panel.	Streamlit dashboard built with interactive plots, AQI gauge, and admin upload feature.
Week 8	Conduct final testing, report preparation, and project presentation.	Testing completed, report documented, and final demo successfully delivered.

5a. Key Milestones

Milestone	Description	Date Achieved
Project Kickoff	Defined project objectives, scope, and collected initial datasets from source like Kaggle.	Sep 22, 2025
Prototype / First Draft	Developed the initial data preprocessing and EDA modules; visualized pollutant trends and AQI variations.	Oct 6, 2025
Mid-Term Review	Presented progress on model training (ARIMA, Prophet, LSTM), discussed forecasting accuracy, and received mentor feedback.	Oct 20, 2025
Final Submission	Completed full system development including alert logic, dashboard integration, and final report.	Nov 4, 2025
Presentation	Demonstrated the complete forecasting system, showcasing AQI predictions, visual dashboard, and alert functionality.	Nov 10, 2025

5b. Project execution details

The AI-Driven Air Quality Forecasting System uses machine learning to predict AQI and pollutant levels from historical data. It provides an interactive dashboard for visualization and alerts.

- 1. Planning & Design:** Collected datasets, defined objectives, designed architecture, and selected Python with Streamlit for development.
- 2. Development & Integration:** Preprocessed data, engineered features, and trained multiple forecasting models (ARIMA, Prophet, LSTM, XG Boost). Implemented AQI logic and alert thresholds.
- 3. Dashboard & Visualization:** Built a Streamlit dashboard for AQI forecasts, pollutant trends, and admin data upload.
- 4. Testing & Deployment:** Conducted testing for accuracy and performance; deployed final dashboard for demonstration.
- 5. Enhancements:** Added trend comparison, alert notifications, and documentation for final submission.

6. Snapshots / Screenshots

Fig-1: Home Page

Forecasting Air Quality Using Historical Pollution Data

Click a button to run a Dashboards:

Dashboard 1

Dashboard 2

Dashboard 3

Dashboard 4

Fig-2: Air Quality Data Explorer

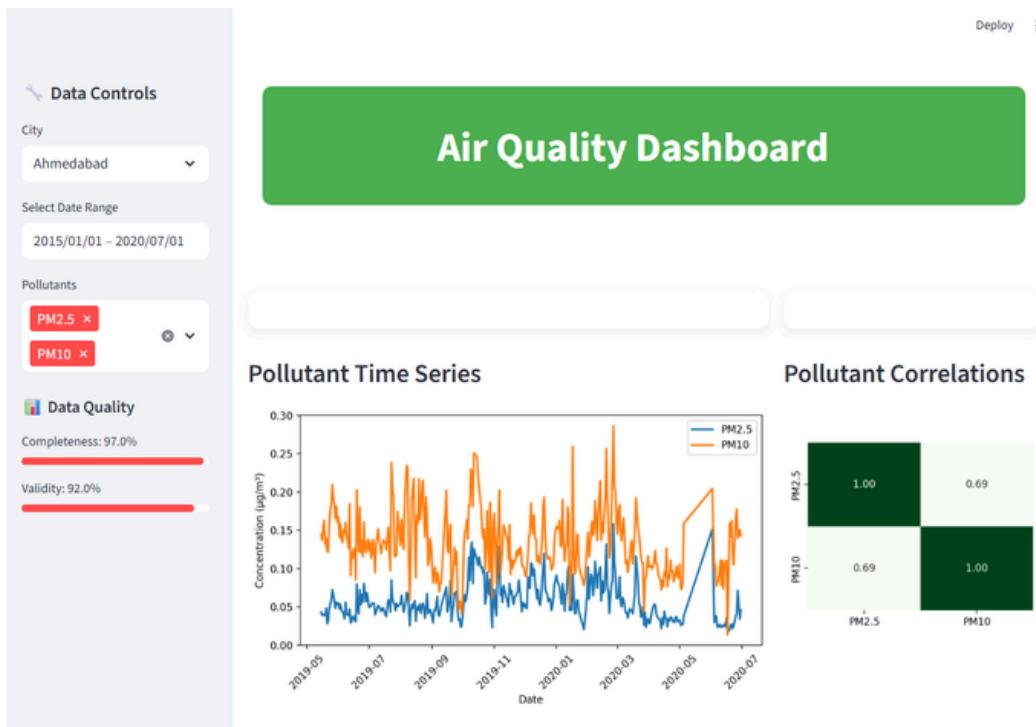


Fig-3: Statistical Summary and Distribution Analysis

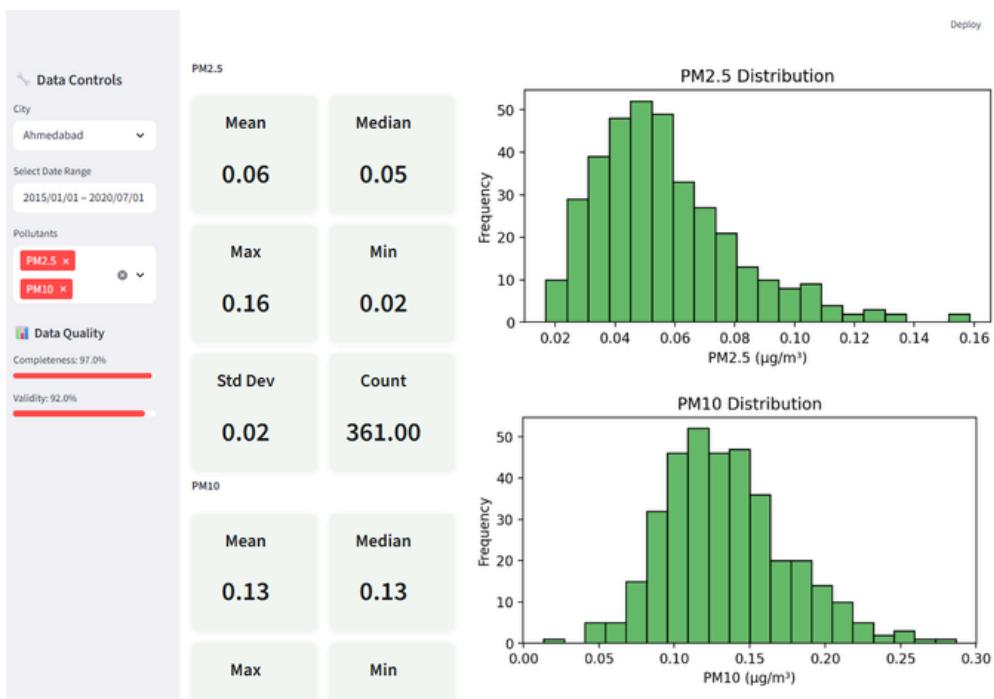


Fig-4: Air Quality Forecast Engine

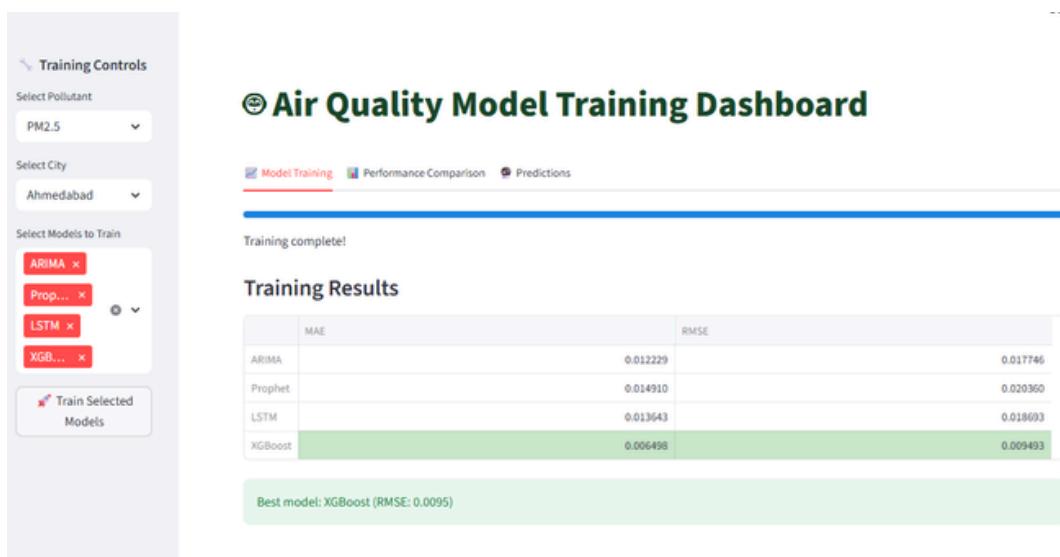


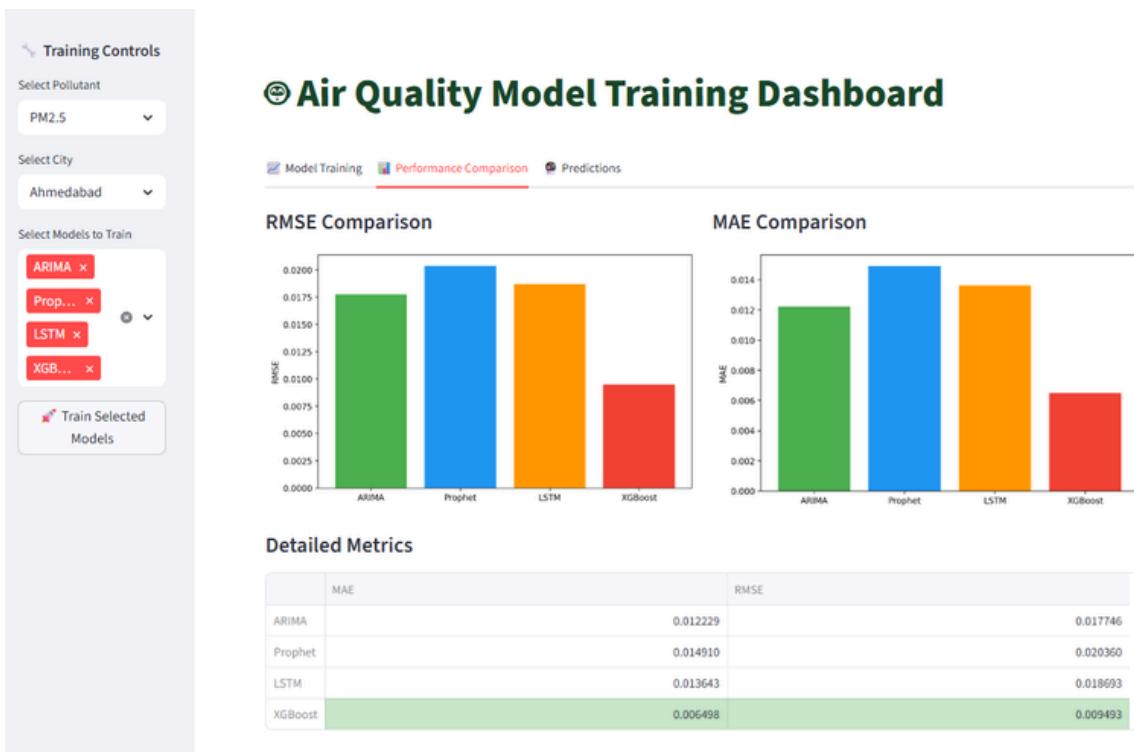
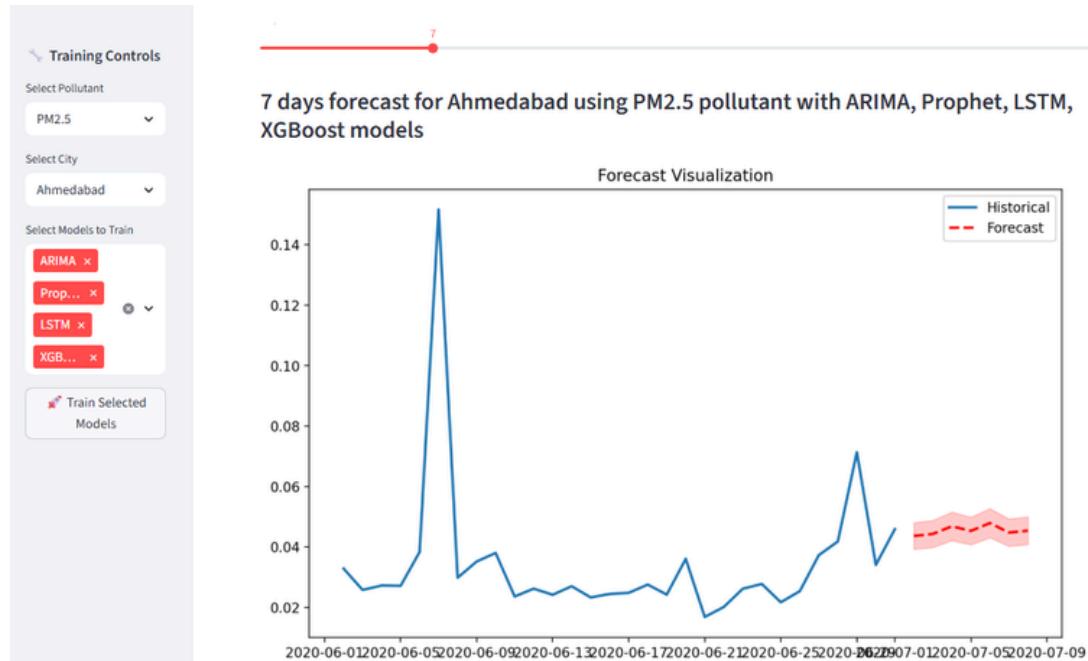
Fig-5: RMSE AND MAE Comparison**Fig-6: Forecast Visualization**

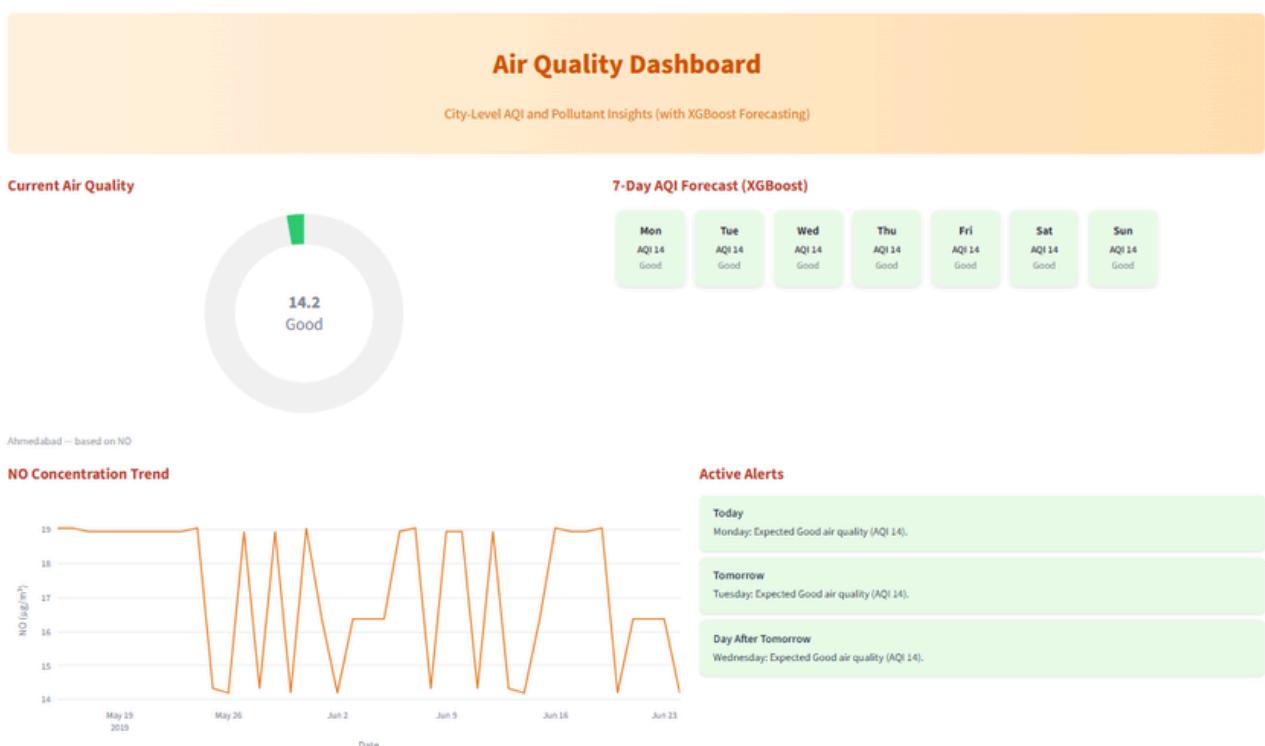
Fig-7: Air Quality Alert System**Fig-8: Active alerts and Visual trend report**

Fig-9: Streamlit Web Dashboard

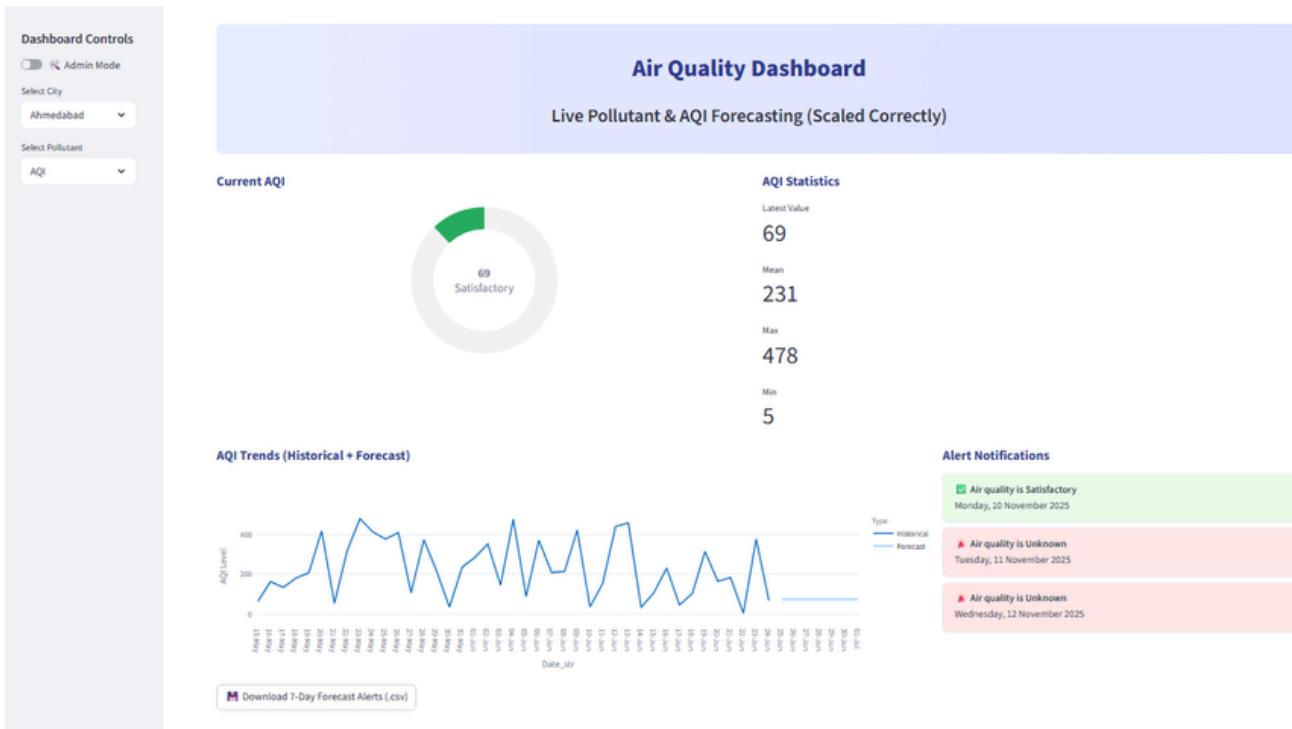
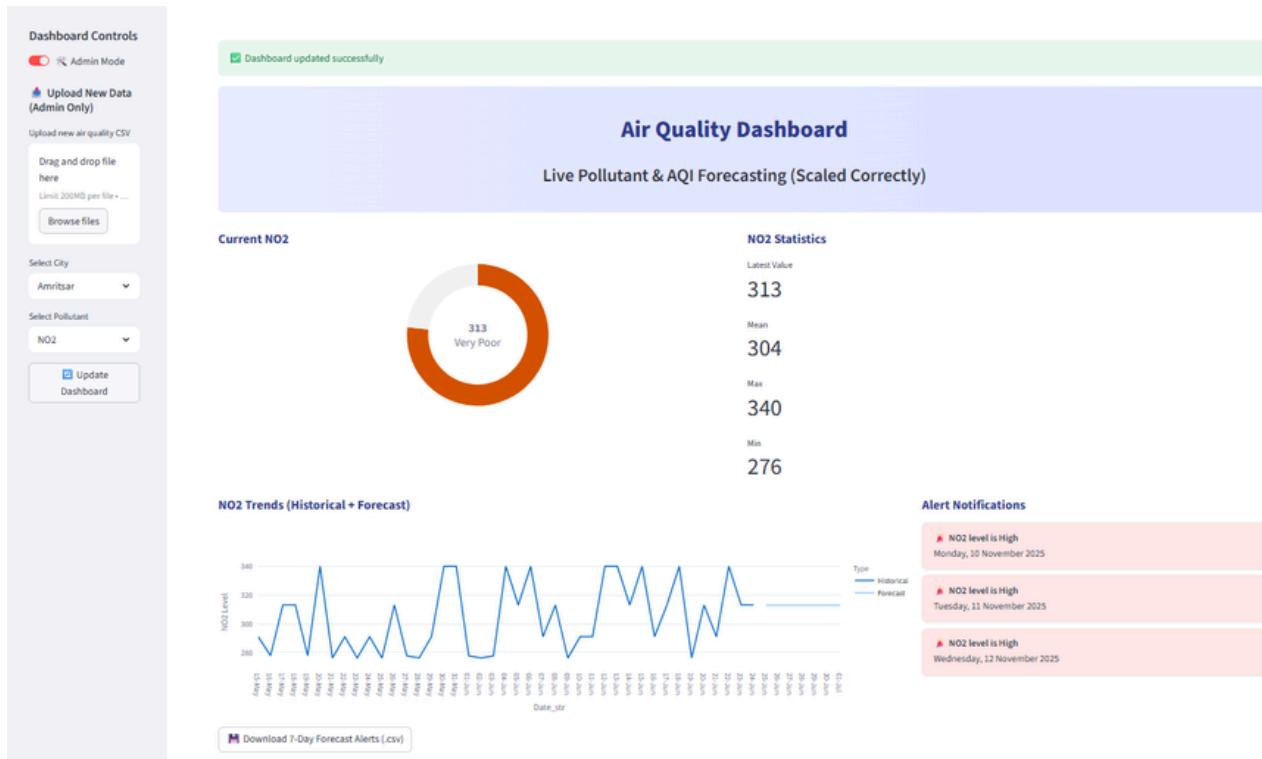


Fig-10: Admin interface to upload new data and retrain models



7. Challenges Faced

During the internship, several challenges were encountered in technical and operational areas. Each obstacle offered valuable learning opportunities and was overcome through systematic approaches.

1. Technical Challenges

- **Data Quality Issues:** Inconsistent and missing data in pollution datasets affected initial model accuracy.
- **Resolution:** Applied data cleaning, interpolation, and normalization techniques to ensure consistency.
- **Model Optimization:** Tuning parameters for LSTM and Prophet models to reduce forecast errors was challenging.
- **Dashboard Integration:** Integrating dynamic plots into the Streamlit dashboard initially caused performance lags.
- **Resolution:** Optimized rendering and used caching to improve dashboard responsiveness.

2. Operational Challenges

- **Time Management:** Balancing data preparation, model development, and dashboard design within weekly milestones.
- **Resolution:** Created a structured weekly task plan and prioritized key modules first.
- **Testing & Debugging:** Ensuring accurate forecasts and functional alerts required extensive testing.
- **Resolution:** Used systematic testing methods and visual validation with sample forecasts.

3. Communication Challenges

- **Scope Clarity:** Early confusion about feature depth and model type selection.
- **Resolution:** Regular mentor discussions helped refine project objectives and deliverables.

8. Learnings & Skills Acquired

- **Technical Skills:** Hands-on experience with Python, Streamlit, Pandas, Prophet, ARIMA, and LSTM models for time series forecasting.
- **Data Science & AI:** Improved understanding of preprocessing, feature engineering, and evaluation metrics (MAE, RMSE).
- **Project Management:** Strengthened planning, scheduling, and milestone tracking skills.
- **Soft Skills:** Enhanced problem-solving, communication, and teamwork through regular reviews and feedback sessions.

9. Testimonials from Experience

Working on this project was a highly valuable learning experience. It allowed me to apply data science and AI techniques to real-world environmental challenges.

Key achievements include:

- Successfully developing a functional AQI forecasting system with interactive visualization and alerts.
- Gaining practical exposure to time series modeling and dashboard development.
- Improving analytical and technical problem-solving abilities.
- Learning the importance of structured communication and feedback during project development.

Overall, this internship strengthened my confidence in applying machine learning to impactful, real-world problems.

10. Conclusion

The internship was an enriching experience that bridged the gap between theory and practice. Developing the AI-based Air Quality Forecasting System enhanced my technical expertise in data analysis, forecasting models, and web deployment.

It improved my project management and teamwork skills while deepening my understanding of how AI can contribute to sustainable environmental solutions. This project has been a key step toward my goal of becoming a proficient data scientist and AI practitioner.

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