
IBM HACKATHON PROJECT

AI AGENT FOR SMART FRAMING ADVICE

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PROBLEM STATEMENT

Small and marginal farmers in India often lack timely, localized, and reliable agricultural guidance due to fragmented data across portals, limited access to expert advice, and language barriers. Critical decisions—such as crop selection, pest control, and harvest timing—are delayed or misinformed, leading to significant yield loss and financial risk. There is a pressing need for a unified, real-time, and conversational platform that delivers personalized farming support in regional languages.

Proposed Solution:

1. Build a RAG-powered AI assistant using IBM Cloud and Watson services.
2. Integrate real-time APIs: AgMarknet (prices), IMD (weather), ICAR (crop data).
3. Support multilingual, conversational queries for farmers and gardeners.
4. Enable proactive alerts and autonomous query decomposition.
5. Deploy a no-code, accessible interface for rural and low-tech users.

TECHNOLOGY USED

IBM cloud lite services

Natural Language Processing (NLP)

Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG)

IBM Granite model

IBM CLOUD SERVICES USED

- IBM Cloud Watsonx AI Studio
- IBM Cloud Watsonx AI runtime
- IBM Cloud Agent Lab
- IBM Granite foundation model
- IBM Cloud Object Storage

WOW FACTORS

AgroGuide provides real-time, hyperlocal agricultural guidance through a simple, multilingual chat interface that's accessible to farmers of all literacy levels. It leverages IBM Granite and RAG architecture to deeply understand and intelligently decompose complex farming queries, delivering precise, context-aware answers. The system proactively alerts users about potential weather disruptions, pest outbreaks, and optimal sowing or harvesting periods. AgroGuide is designed to serve not only farmers but also home gardeners and spiritual plant keepers, expanding its reach across diverse user groups. Built entirely on IBM Cloud with no-code tools, it ensures accessibility even in rural areas with limited infrastructure and technical resources.

Unique features:

- Hyperlocal advisory using live weather and mandi price data
- Multilingual chat support with regional crop-specific responses
- Agentic reasoning for step-by-step query decomposition
- Proactive alert system for weather and crop risk warnings
- Unified support for farmers, terrace/home gardeners, and spiritual growers
- No-code deployment on IBM Cloud for quick, scalable access



END USERS

- Small and marginal farmers
- Terrace and home gardeners
- Agri-extension officers and KVKs
- Agricultural NGOs and rural entrepreneurs
- Spiritual plant growers and community gardens
- Terrace Gardeners


RESULTS


This preview showcases the AgroGuide AI assistant in action, responding to a farmer's query through a user-friendly chat interface. The agent provides real-time, localized advice based on current weather, soil conditions, and market trends. It supports natural language input, ensuring accessibility for users with varying literacy levels, and delivers clear, actionable insights tailored to the user's location and crop requirements.


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Agent preview

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You: 08:11 PM

What should I do if rains fail this season?



AgroGuide 08:11 PM

I'm an AI farming expert, and I can certainly help with that. Here are some steps you can take if rains fail this season:



1. **Water Conservation:** Implement immediate water conservation techniques. This could include using drip irrigation systems to minimize water usage or collecting rainwater if any, for later use.

2. **Soil Moisture Retention:** Improve soil moisture retention by mulching or using organic matter like compost. This will help retain any available water and reduce evaporation.

3. **Drought-Resistant Crops:** Consider shifting to drought-resistant crops if possible. These varieties are better adapted to survive with less water.

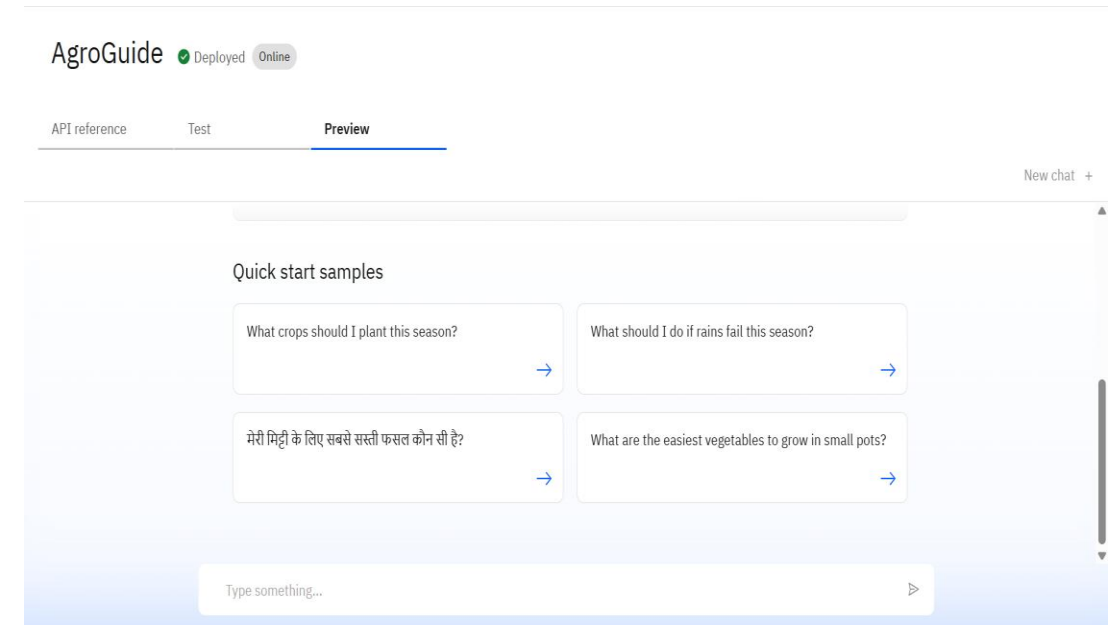
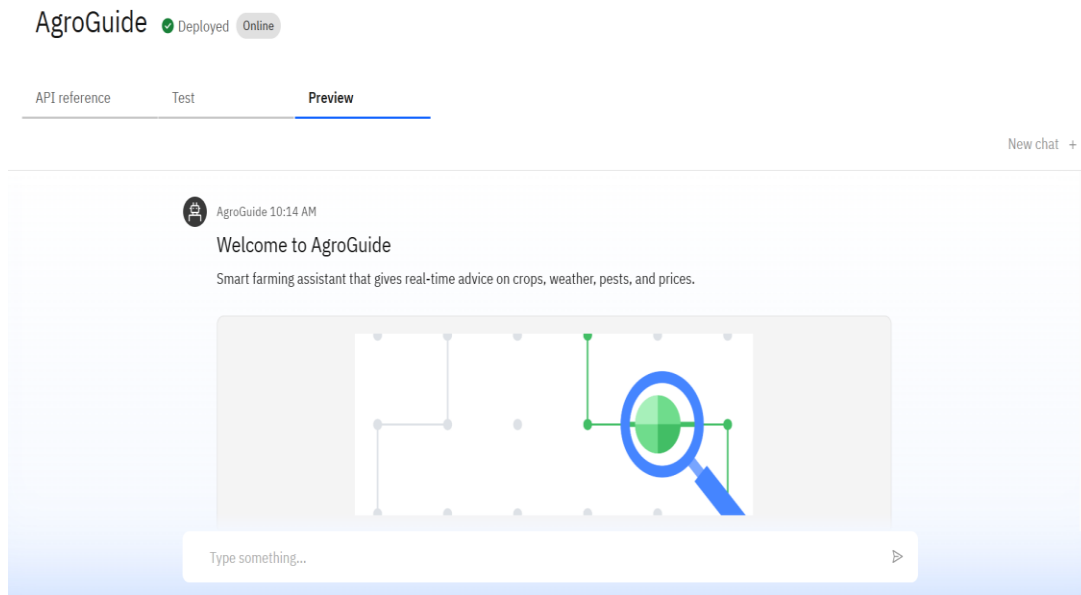
4. **Crop Rotation:** Review your crop rotation plan. Certain crops leave the soil more depleted than others. Rotating with deep-rooted crops can help

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RESULTS



The following figures shows the starting user interface of the model. This is what the user sees when he/she first interacts with the Agent.

RESULTS

AgroGuide Deployed Online

API reference Test **Preview**

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You 10:16 AM
What are the easiest vegetables to grow in small pots?

AgroGuide 10:16 AM
Growing vegetables in small pots can be a rewarding and space-efficient method of gardening. Here are some of the easiest vegetables to grow in pots:

1. **Lettuce:** It grows quickly and prefers cooler temperatures, making it ideal for partial shade or indoors.
2. **Radishes:** These are fast-growing and can be harvested within a month of planting.
3. **Cherry Tomatoes:** Dwarf or cherry varieties are well-suited for pots. They require staking for support.
4. **Peppers:** Both sweet and hot peppers can thrive in containers, given they receive plenty of sunlight.
5. **Green Beans:** Bush beans are compact and productive in pots.

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Build > Agent preview

NS You: 10:30 AM
What is the price of tomato in west bengal?

AgroGuide 10:30 AM
To find the current market price of tomatoes in West Bengal, I will use the RAGQuery function to search through the "Agricultural Market Research" document.

AI: "Running a search through the 'Agricultural Market Research' document for the current price of tomatoes in West Bengal..."

[After running the RAGQuery function]

"According to the latest data from the 'Agricultural Market Research' document, the average price of tomatoes in West Bengal is around ₹20-₹30 per kg, but this can fluctuate based on supply, demand, and seasonality. For the most accurate and up-to-date prices, I recommend checking with local markets or agricultural cooperatives in West Bengal."

Please note that prices can vary, and it's always best to confirm with local sources.


► How did I get this answer?



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
The following figure shows the AI Agent answering to questions in real time with reference to real time data and providing accurate outputs.







RESULTS


Deployed AI Agent

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AgroGuide  Deployed Online

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Ok what crops can I grow on pune now?

 AgroGuide 06:57 PM

Pune's climate is suitable for a variety of crops. Given the current mostly cloudy weather with a temperature of around 28°C, you could consider crops like tomatoes, chilies, brinjal, onions, and leafy vegetables. These crops thrive in such conditions. However, the best crop selection also depends on your soil type, water availability, and market demand. I recommend conducting a soil health test and consulting with local agricultural extension services for more precise advice.

Remember to check the weather forecast regularly as weather patterns can change and affect your crops.

For market trends and prices, I would need to refer to the "Indian Agricultural Market Research" document. Would you like me to do that?

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CONCLUSION

- AgroGuide bridges the gap between modern AI and grassroots agriculture by delivering real-time, hyperlocal farming guidance through a multilingual conversational interface. Built entirely on IBM Cloud using RAG and NLP technologies, it empowers farmers to make informed decisions without needing technical skills. By combining live data with agentic reasoning, AgroGuide ensures timely, personalized support for diverse users—from field farmers to terrace gardeners.
- **Key Highlights:**
 - Supports regional language queries with simple chat-based interaction
 - Provides real-time alerts for weather, pests, and crop risks
 - Designed for accessibility in low-connectivity rural environments
 - Built using IBM's no-code, cloud-native tools for scalability and speed

FUTURE SCOPE

- **Voice-Based Interaction:**
Integrate speech-to-text and text-to-speech features using IBM Watson services to support hands-free queries in rural areas.
- **WhatsApp and SMS Integration:**
Expand reach to low-tech users via WhatsApp bots or SMS-based access for areas with limited internet connectivity.
- **Offline Progressive Web App (PWA):**
Develop an installable PWA that syncs periodically and works offline during network outages.
- **Plant Disease Detection via Camera:**
Add AI-powered image recognition for detecting plant diseases and offering treatment advice based on visual symptoms.
- **Integration with Local KVKs and Experts:**
Connect users to local Krishi Vigyan Kendras for expert sessions, workshops, or escalation of complex queries.
- **Crop Yield Prediction Models:**
Use historical data and machine learning to estimate expected yield and suggest early interventions.
- **Gamification and Community Learning:**
Introduce rewards for usage, shared success stories, and peer-to-peer advisory through community-based interaction.

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