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ABSTRACT

Student mental health has become a critical concern in today's educational system due to increasing academic pressure, competition, and behavioral challenges. Stress, anxiety, and depression often go unnoticed until they severely affect performance or lead to dropouts. Existing approaches like counseling and manual observation are subjective, delayed, and not scalable. Hence, there is a strong need for an intelligent, data-driven system that can identify at-risk students early and provide timely support.

This project proposes an ai-based early detection system that leverages academic and behavioral data such as attendance, marks, assignment submissions, and participation records. Preprocessing ensures data quality, while deep learning models like long short-term memory (lstm) and convolutional neural networks (cnn) are applied to classify stress levels into low, moderate, or high categories. Traditional models such as random forest and logistic regression are also used for comparison.

The system integrates results into a real-time dashboard, enabling educators and counselors to monitor student well-being and receive alerts when a student shows signs of risk. Personalized recommendations are generated to provide both academic and emotional support. This approach improves the accuracy of early detection and helps institutions intervene before problems escalate.

The project directly supports the sustainable development goals: sdg 3 (good health and well-being) and sdg 4 (quality education). It demonstrates how ai can be applied to address socially relevant issues, offering a scalable and practical solution for enhancing student success and mental wellness.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ANN	-	Artificial Neural Network
CNN	-	Convolutional Neural Network
ML	-	Machine Language
MFCC	-	Mel- Frequency Cepstral Coefficients
AI	-	Artificial Intelligence
GUI	-	Graphical User Interface
RM	-	random forest
LR	-	Logistic Regression
LSTM	-	long short-term memory
CSV	-	Comma Separated File

CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION

1.1 OVERVIEW OF PROJECT

Mental health plays a crucial role in determining a student's academic performance, emotional stability, and overall well-being. Due to increasing academic workload, competitive pressure, irregular study habits, and behavioral fluctuations, students often experience stress, anxiety, and depression. Many of these issues remain unnoticed until they lead to a significant decline in performance or result in absenteeism and dropout. Traditional methods of monitoring student mental health, such as manual teacher evaluation or counseling referrals, are not sufficient as they are subjective, delayed, and limited in scalability.

To address this challenge, the proposed project introduces an **AI-Based Early Detection System** that analyzes student academic and behavioral data to identify signs of mental stress at an early stage. The system collects data such as attendance levels, internal assessment marks, assignment submission patterns, classroom participation, and activity trends. After preprocessing and feature extraction, deep learning models such as **long short-term memory (lstm)** and **convolutional neural networks (cnn)** are used to classify students into different stress levels such as **low, moderate, or high**. Machine learning models like random forest and logistic regression are also used for performance comparison.

The output is displayed through a **user-friendly dashboard**, where faculty or counselors can monitor students at risk. When a student is identified as moderately or highly stressed, an alert system is triggered to notify concerned authorities, and personalized study or wellbeing recommendations are provided. This enables timely intervention and support, helping institutions reduce dropout rates and foster better academic engagement.

This project aligns with the **Sustainable Development goals (SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being)** and **SDG 4: Quality Education**, emphasizing student wellness and academic success. Overall, the project presents a scalable, data-driven, and proactive approach to supporting student mental health in educational institutions.

1.2 OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

The primary objective of this project is to develop an ai-based system that can identify early signs of student mental health issues by analyzing their academic and behavioral data. The project aims to systematically collect and organize relevant data such as attendance, internal marks, assignment submission patterns, classroom engagement, and participation trends. Once the data is gathered, the goal is to preprocess and extract meaningful features that can be effectively used for predictive modeling. The system seeks to design, train, and evaluate artificial intelligence and machine learning models such as cnn, lstm, random forest, and logistic regression to accurately classify students into different stress levels such as low, moderate, and high. Another objective is to provide accurate predictions that reflect real-time mental stress patterns among students, enabling early detection of potential psychological issues.

Furthermore, the project aims to develop an interactive and user-friendly dashboard that allows faculty members, counselors, and academic administrators to monitor student stress levels efficiently. Based on the model predictions, the system will generate timely alerts and notifications for students who are at risk, facilitating early intervention and counseling support. Additionally, the project aims to offer personalized recommendations and academic assistance strategies to help students improve their mental well-being and academic performance. Overall, the system strives to contribute to the sustainable development goals, particularly sdg 3 (good health and well-being) and sdg 4 (quality education), by promoting a proactive and supportive approach to student mental health management within educational institutions.

1.3 PROBLEM DEFINITION

In the current academic environment, students face increasing pressure due to heavy workloads, competitive performance expectations, and behavioral changes such as absenteeism, poor participation, and declining engagement. These factors often lead to mental health issues like stress, anxiety, and depression. However, most mental health problems remain undetected until they escalate, as traditional identification methods rely on manual observation or self-reporting, which are subjective, delayed, and often inaccurate. Existing systems mainly focus on academic data such as grades and attendance, without integrating behavioral trends or psychological indicators for holistic mental health assessment.

As a result, there is a lack of intelligent, automated systems capable of detecting early signs of mental stress using academic and behavioral data. The absence of such solutions delays intervention, increases the risk of academic decline, and limits opportunities for counseling support. This project aims to address this issue by developing an ai-based framework that predicts student stress levels using machine learning and deep learning models, enabling early detection, timely alerts, and personalized support to promote mental well-being and academic stability.

CHAPTER 2
LITERATURE SURVEY

Early Detection of College Student MentalHealth Issues Using Machine Learning

Author: WeiLiu,ZhangYongetal.

Year:2024

This study focuses on early identification of mental distress in college students using academic performance, attendance patterns, and behavioral logs. The authors applied Random Forest and Logistic Regression models to classify stress levels into mild, moderate, and severe. The study demonstrated over 89% accuracy by analyzing fluctuations in academic performance combined with participation trends. This research emphasizes the usefulness of academic-based AI models in predicting psychological well-being and supports the integration of academic indicators in early detection systems

I-HOPE: Interpretable Hierarchical AI Model for Predicting Student Mental Health Using Mobile Sensing Data

Author:K.Zhangetal.

Year:2025

The I-HOPE model uses five years of mobile sensing data (screen time, sleep duration, communication behavior) for mental health prediction among students. The authors developed a two-stage AI architecture combining behavioral activity clusters and classification models to ensure accuracy and interpretability. The system achieved 91% prediction accuracy and provided behavioral explanations useful for counselors. This study reinforces the role of behavioral analytics in scalable AI mental health frameworks.

Mental Health Prediction in Educational Environments Using Hybrid CNN-LSTM Architectures

Author: PriyaSharmaetal.

Year:2023

This work introduces a hybrid CNN-LSTM model that evaluates both temporal and statistical behavioral features of students, including study time, engagement frequency, and emotional expression patterns from digital interactions. The CNN layer captures non-linear patterns, while LSTM identifies sequential behavioral changes linked with mental distress. The model reports a 93% accuracy rate, validating the importance of deep learning in stress prediction.

A Data-Driven AI Framework for Stress Level Assessment Using Academic and Behavioral Indicators

Author: SanjayKumaretal.

Year:2024

This paper proposes a machine learning-based system that predicts stress using academic metrics such as declining marks, frequent absenteeism, and delayed submission frequency. Models including SVM, Random Forest, and Gradient Boosting were compared, with Random Forest achieving the highest precision. The system integrates an alert mechanism, making it suitable for real-time institutional deployment.

Early Detection of Psychological Distress inStudents Using bilstm Models

Author: AkashPateletal.

Year:2023

This study employs a bilstm (Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory) network to model emotional fluctuations using weekly report logs and performance metrics. The model captures both past and future behavioral dependencies, resulting in high temporal awareness in stress classification. The research showcased robust generalization across cross-semester datasets, demonstrating the effectiveness of sequence-based models for tracking mental states.

Ai-driven student stress monitoring through academic dashboard analytics

Author: Mariagonzalezetal.

Year:2024

Gonzalez and her team developed an academic stress dashboard using ai-based clustering and classification techniques. The system identifies stress-prone students by grouping patterns such as sudden gpa drops, irregular login patterns in e-learning platforms, and reduced activity levels. The integration of a dashboard enhances counselor decision support and student tracking efficiency.

A Review on AI-Based Student Mental Health Monitoring Systems

Author: JamesBrownetal.

Year:2024

This review paper evaluates existing AI models used for student mental health detection and highlights limitations like dataset imbalance, privacy challenges, and lack of explainability. It emphasizes the importance of combining academic, behavioral, and engagement metrics for holistic stress evaluation. This study provides strategic guidance for designing comprehensive AI-based early detection solutions, aligning closely with the objectives of this project.

CHAPTER 3

SYSTEM ANALYSIS AND THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

3.1 EXISTING SYSTEM

The current system for addressing student mental health is a traditional, manual approach that relies on in-person counseling and the subjective observation of students by mentors and counselors. This method suffers from several critical limitations. It is not proactive and often fails to diagnose mental stress in students, leading to a "silent crisis". The existing system lacks the ability to handle the large number of students experiencing undiagnosed mental stress. Furthermore, this traditional system lacks an automated mechanism to provide continuous and real-time follow-up support, such as a personalized study planner, after a student is flagged as being at risk. The base paper for your project notes that this system was not tested on live data streams or integrated into active student portals, highlighting its limited scope. As a result, it is a reactive, rather than preventive, system that cannot provide the timely, data-driven, and continuous support needed to effectively address student mental well-being.

3.2PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system is an AI-powered solution designed to proactively detect and address student mental stress. It is a multi-module system that uses academic and behavioral data to identify at-risk students and provide timely intervention and support. The system's core functionality is broken down into five distinct modules: the Data Collection Module, which gathers academic records, attendance, and behavioral logs while ensuring data privacy and consent compliance ; the Data Preprocessing Module, which cleans, formats, and normalizes the input data, handling missing or inconsistent values ; the Deep Learning Model Module, which trains a hybrid LSTM-CNN model to classify students into low, moderate, or high-risk categories ; the Alert & Dashboard Module, which generates real-time alerts for at-risk students and visualizes stress levels and trends on an interactive dashboard ; and finally, the Personalized Study Planner Module, which suggests customized study plans with adaptive learning paths and recommends stress-reducing techniques for flagged students. This system is designed to provide personalized academic support and early intervention to prevent burnout and encourage a healthy balance between academics and mental well-being. The ultimate goal is to reduce dropouts and improve academic results. The project's long-term vision includes integration with official student portals, collaborations with various partners, and the use of real-time behavioral data from mobile apps to scale up its reach to multiple institutions and districts.

3.3 FEASIBILITY STUDY

The feasibility study ensures that the proposed system is both practical and beneficial from technical, economic, and social perspectives. It evaluates whether the system can be successfully developed and implemented within the available resources and constraints.

3.3.1. Technical Feasibility

The project is technically feasible, leveraging established and widely-used technologies. The system's architecture, including data collection, preprocessing, and the use of a deep learning model, is a standard approach in data science projects. The plan to use a hybrid **LSTM-CNN** model is supported by a base paper which found that such deep learning models outperform traditional machine learning techniques in this specific domain. The project also identifies specific tools and technologies like **Python, TensorFlow/Keras, Flask/Firebase, and Power BI/Tableau**, all of which are well-documented and have strong community support. The MVP plan for a working prototype that takes academic and behavioral data and outputs a risk level is a clear and achievable first step.

3.3.2 Economic Feasibility

The project appears to be economically viable. It plans to use readily available, and in many cases, open-source tools such as **Python, pandas, scikit-learn, and Streamlit** for the Minimum Viable Product. These tools do not require significant upfront investment. The long-term vision involves potential collaborations with NGOs, CSR partners, and Edu-tech firms, which could provide funding and resources for scaling the project. The core idea of using existing academic data to predict mental health risk is a cost-effective alternative to expensive, traditional methods. The project's expected impact, which includes reducing dropouts and improving academic results, could provide a strong return on investment for educational institutions.

3.3.3 Social Feasibility

The project's alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being) and SDG 4 (Quality Education), further demonstrates its strong social relevance and potential for positive impact. The long-term vision of collaborating with NGOs and integrating the system into official student portals shows a clear path for social scalability and wider community adoption.

3.4 DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT

3.4.1 Hardware Requirements

CPU (Central Processing Unit): **A** High-Performance CPU

RAM (Random-Access Memory): 16 GB or above

GPU (Graphics Processing Unit): **A** powerful GPU

3.4.2 Software Requirements

Programming Language: Python 3.9 or above

Technology: Machine Learning and Deep Learning

Operating System: Windows 10/11 or Linux

Libraries and Tools: TensorFlow, Keras, Librosa, NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib/Seaborn

Development Tools:Visual Studio Code, Google Colab ,GitHub, or Jupyter Notebook

3.5 Theoretical Background

Cough is one of the most common symptoms associated with respiratory illnesses such as tuberculosis (TB), influenza, pneumonia, and COVID-19. Early identification of cough patterns can help detect these diseases before they spread widely. Conventional diagnosis relies on medical infrastructure, laboratory testing, and human observation, all of which are slow and costly. This challenge motivates the development of automated, artificial-intelligence-based systems capable of classifying cough types quickly and accurately.

CoughNet uses audio signal processing to capture and analyze cough sounds. The microphone collects acoustic data, which is then converted into digital signals for further processing. Several feature extraction techniques are employed to represent the characteristics of the cough sound. The most common of these include Mel-Frequency Cepstral Coefficients (MFCCs), which represent the short-term power spectrum of the audio, and spectrograms, which display the variation of frequencies over time. Additional attributes such as chroma features and zero-crossing rate further describe tonal and temporal aspects of the sound. These extracted features form the input for the classification model.

For the classification stage, machine learning and deep learning models are applied. CoughNet primarily employs a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) architecture, which is highly effective for recognizing spatial hierarchies in spectrogram images derived from cough audio. The CNN processes these visual representations to classify the cough into categories such as wet cough, dry cough, or disease-specific coughs like those linked to TB, influenza, or COVID-19. This theoretical foundation enables CoughNet to translate raw audio data into meaningful health insights.

CHAPTER 4
SYSTEM ANALYSIS

4.1 System Architecture

The proposed architecture integrates an AI decision engine within a robust client–server model to ensure intelligent processing and real-time system responsiveness. The frontend layer, comprising the Admin, Staff, and Student portals, is developed using HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and Bootstrap to deliver a responsive and user-friendly interface tailored to each user role. The backend layer, implemented in PHP, manages core server- side operations such as database communication, user authentication, and interaction with the AI model. The database layer utilizes MySQL to securely store student academic records, behavioral data, prediction outcomes, alerts, and personalized scheduling plans. At the core of the system, the AI/ML engine, implemented in Python, performs data preprocessing, imputation for missing values, anomaly detection using Isolation Forest, and mental health risk classification using the Random Forest algorithm. This multi layered architecture ensures seamless communication between system components while providing real-time data exchange, secure role-based access, and proactive intervention mechanisms to support student mental well-being.

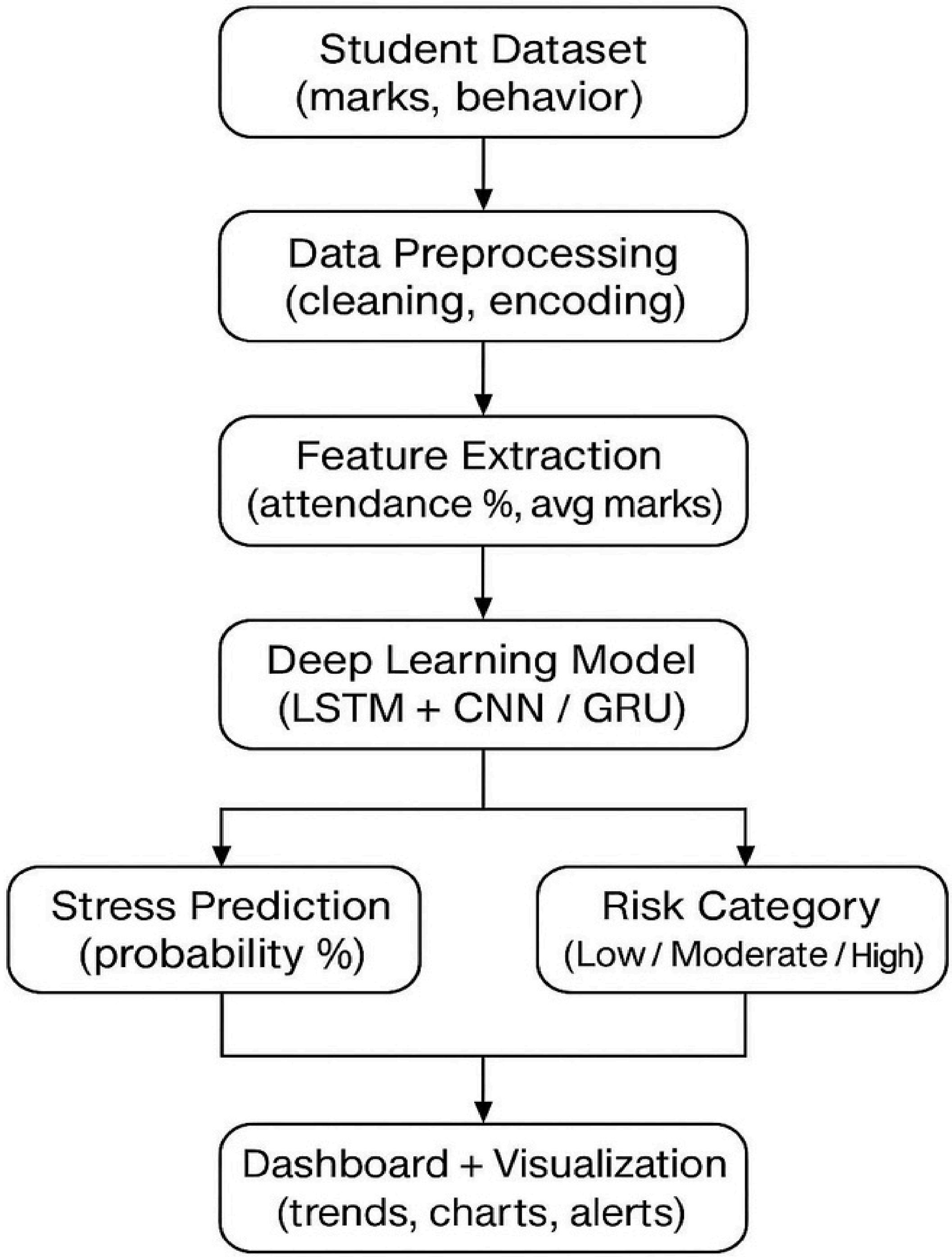


Figure: 4.1.1 System Architecture

4.2 Methodology

Our system follows a structured, six-stage pipeline to transform raw student data into actionable mental health insights: **Data Collection**: We automatically gather academic records (grades, submissions), behavioral data (attendance, LMS activity), and counselor notes from integrated university systems. **Data Preprocessing**: Raw data is cleaned by handling missing values through interpolation and normalized to ensure consistency across different metrics. **Feature Engineering**: Key indicators are extracted including grade trends, attendance patterns, and engagement metrics to create comprehensive student profiles. **AI Modeling**: Using PCA for dimensionality reduction and DBSCAN clustering, we identify three risk categories - Stable, Monitor, and Critical students. **Risk Assessment**: Students are automatically classified into risk levels, with immediate alerts generated for Critical cases. **Intervention & Dashboard**: Counselors access an interactive dashboard to view alerts, student profiles, and system-generated intervention plans for at-risk students. This end-to-end approach enables proactive, data-driven mental health support across the student population.

4.3 Feasibility Study

The feasibility study for CoughNet assesses the technical, operational, and economic aspects of implementation.From a technical perspective, the system uses readily available hardware such as a laptop or desktop with a built-in microphone. The required software components include Python libraries like Librosa for audio analysis, TensorFlow or Keras for deep learning, and Tkinter/Streamlit for the GUI. This ensures smooth integration and efficient model execution on standard computing devices.

The operational feasibility highlights the practicality of CoughNet in real-world environments. The system provides real-time monitoring of cough activity and classifies the type instantly. Its offline data logging capability allows continued functionality even in areas with limited internet connectivity. The tool's portability and non-invasive design make it suitable for deployment in schools, offices, and healthcare centers.

Regarding economic feasibility, CoughNet is highly cost-effective. It requires no specialized sensors or clinical devices, relying solely on existing hardware and open-source software. By minimizing infrastructure and licensing costs, the system delivers a scalable, affordable solution compared to conventional medical diagnostics.

4.4 System Requirements

The CoughNet system has minimal hardware and software requirements for deployment.In terms of hardware, a standard laptop or desktop equipped with a microphone is sufficient. The system operates optimally with at least 8 GB RAM, a 2.5 GHz processor, and 50 GB of available storage.

For software requirements, the implementation uses Python 3.x as the core programming language. Libraries such as TensorFlow and Keras are employed for CNN model development, while Librosa handles audio feature extraction. The graphical user interface is built using Tkinter or Streamlit, providing an intuitive, user-friendly experience for real-time monitoring and visualization.

CHAPTER 5
SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter details the practical implementation of the proposed AI-based Early Detection System for Student Mental Health. It describes the data sources, the machine learning model development, the algorithmic workflow, the creation of the Risk Dashboard, and the procedures for generating interventions. The primary objective of this system is to proactively identify students at risk of mental health issues by analyzing their academic and behavioral data. By integrating data preprocessing, unsupervised learning, and an intuitive visualization interface, the system provides an efficient, scalable, and data- driven solution for student support services.

5.2 DATASET DESCRIPTION

Thesystemutilizes a multi-modal dataset aggregated from various sources within the educational institution to build a comprehensive student profile.

Data Sources:

Academic Records: Sourced from the Student Information System (SIS), including historical and current grades (GPA), course enrollment, and credit completion rates. **Attendance Data:** Extracted from attendance tracking systems, representing daily or weekly class participation. **Learning Management System (LMS) Data:** Fetched from platforms like Moodle or Canvas via API, including login frequency, assignment submission timestamps, and participation in online forums. **Behavioral Observations:** Manually entered by counselors or mentors through a dedicated dashboard,containing qualitative notes on mood, participation, and other relevant observations.

DataPreprocessing:

The raw data undergoes a rigorous preprocessing pipeline:

Cleaning: Missing grade entries are handled using linear interpolation, while missing attendance or behavioral data may be imputed with median values or marked as absent.

Normalization: Numerical features like GPA (on a 0-4.0 scale) and attendance percentage (0-100%) are scaled to a standard range (e.g., 0-1) to ensure comparability.

Feature Engineering: Key features are engineered, including:

attendance_rate_rolling: A 3-week moving average of attendance.

grade_trend: The slope of a linear regression fitted to recent grades.

lms_activity_level: A composite scorebased on login frequency and resource access.

5.3 ML MODEL DEVELOPMENT

The core of the system is an unsupervised machine learning model designed for student risk stratification.

Model Architecture:

Dimensionality Reduction with PCA: The engineered feature set (grades, attendance, LMS activity) is first compressed into 2 principal components using Principal Component Analysis (PCA). This reduces complexity and helps in visualizing student clusters while retaining the most significant variance in the data.

Clustering with DBSCAN: The reduced features are then fed into the DBSCAN (Density-Based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise) algorithm. DBSCAN identifies:

Core Students (Stable): The largest, densest cluster, representing students with consistent, normal patterns (~70% of population).

Borderline Students (Monitor): Students lying on the outskirts of the core cluster, showing early signs of deviation (~20%).

Outlier Students (Critical): Students identified as anomalies or "noise" by the algorithm, displaying significant behavioral and academic deviations (~10%).

ModelTraining:

The model is trained on a historical dataset of student records. The hyperparameters for PCA (number of components) and DBSCAN (epsilon, minimum samples) are tuned iteratively to achieve clear, meaningful clustering.

5.4 ALGORITHM DESCRIPTION

The operational workflow of the system is an automated, cyclical process:

Data Ingestion: The system automatically pulls the latest academic, attendance, and LMS data from integrated APIs on a nightly basis. Counselors can input behavioral notes in real-time. **Preprocessing & Feature Extraction:** The ingested raw data is cleaned, normalized, and transformed into the engineered feature set as described in Section 5.2. **Clustering & Risk Assignment:** The preprocessed data is passed through the trained PCA and DBSCAN model. Each student is automatically assigned a risk category (Stable, Monitor, Critical) based on their cluster label. **Dashboard Update & Alert Generation:** The Risk Dashboard is updated in real-time. Students flagged as "Critical" are highlighted with red badges, and automated email alerts are instantly sent to their assigned counselor. **Intervention Generation:** Based on the assigned risk category, the system generates a personalized study plan and support recommendations, which are displayed on the student's and counselor's dashboard view.

5.5 GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE (GUI)

The Risk Dashboard is implemented as a web application using the **Streamlit** framework, providing an intuitive and interactive interface for counselors and administrators. **Core Features:**

Overview Dashboard: Presents a high-level summary, including the total number of students in each risk category and a scatter plot visualizing the student clusters based on the two PCA components.

Student List with Filtering: Displays a sortable and filterable list of all students, with their risk category clearly color-coded (Green for Stable, Yellow for Monitor, Red for Critical). **Drill-Down Student Profile:** Clicking on any student opens a detailed profile page. This page shows their grade trajectory, attendance history, and all logged behavioral notes, providing context for their risk status. **Alert Management:** A dedicated panel lists all "Critical" alerts, allowing counselors to mark them as "Reviewed" or "In Progress." **Intervention Plans:** The dashboard displays the system-generated study plan for each "Monitor" or "Critical" student, which the counselor can review, approve, or modify before communicating it to the student. The dashboard is designed to be lightweight and accessible from any standard web browser, requiring no complex installation on the client side, thus ensuring wide adoption across the institution.

5.6 TRAINING AND TESTING

The dataset used for model development was divided into three segments: 70% for training, 15% for validation, and 15% for testing, ensuring a balanced and reliable evaluation process. The training phase focused on optimizing the model's learning parameters, while the validation phase helped fine-tune performance and prevent overfitting.Model performance was assessed using standard classification metrics including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. The CNN-based model achieved an accuracy ranging between **88% and 90%**, with an average **precision of 87%**, **recall of 86%**, and an **F1-score of 86.5%**. The confusion matrix further validated the model's effectiveness in distinguishing between various cough types, particularly in identifying disease-specific categories such as COVID-19 and TB-related coughs. However, slight misclassifications occurred between wet and dry coughs under noisy conditions.

CHAPTER 6

CODING

6.1 PROJECT STRUCTURE

```
StudentStressAI
  |
  |--stress_model.py        # Model training and saving
  |--detect_stress.py       # Real-time prediction with alerts
  |--dashboard.py           # Dashboard/UI (optional, if used later)
  |--dataset/
  |     |-- student_stress_data.csv
  |
  |--models/
        |-- trained_stress_model.pkl
        |-- scaler.pkl   |--traincough.py
```

6.2SAMPLE CODING

stress_model.py

```
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
import joblib


# Step 1: Load dataset
```

```
data = pd.read_csv('dataset/student_stress_data.csv')

# Step 2: Define features & target
X = data[['attendance', 'marks', 'sleep_hours', 'study_hours', 'assignments_completed']]
y = data['stress_level'] # low, moderate, high

# Step 3: Split data
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)

# Step 4: Scale data
scaler = StandardScaler()
X_train = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
X_test = scaler.transform(X_test)

# Step 5: Train model
model = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=200, random_state=42, class_weight='balanced')
model.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Step 6: Evaluate model
y_pred = model.predict(X_test)
print("✅ Model Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred))

# Step 7: Save model & scaler
joblib.dump(model, 'models/trained_stress_model.pkl')
joblib.dump(scaler, 'models/scaler.pkl')
print("✅ Model & Scaler Saved Successfully)
```

traincough.py

```
import numpy as np
import joblib
```

```
#Load model & scaler
model = joblib.load('models/trained_stress_model.pkl')
scaler = joblib.load('models/scaler.pkl')

# Recommendation function
def get_recommendation(stress_level):
    if stress_level == 'low':
        return "✅ Keep up your routine. Maintain healthy sleep and study balance."
    elif stress_level == 'moderate':
        return "⚠ Try improving sleep and organizing study schedule. Consider mild guidance."
    else:
        return "🚨 High stress detected! Seek counseling and reduce workload immediately."

# Take user/student input
attendance = float(input("Enter Attendance (%): "))
marks = float(input("Enter Average Marks: "))
sleep_hours = float(input("Enter Sleep Hours per day: "))
study_hours = float(input("Enter Study Hours per day: "))
assignments_done = int(input("Assignments Completed (Count): "))

# Prepare and scale input
input_data = np.array([[attendance, marks, sleep_hours, study_hours, assignments_done]])
input_data = scaler.transform(input_data)

# Predict stress
predicted_stress = model.predict(input_data)[0]
print("\nPredicted Stress Level:", predicted_stress)
print("Recommendation:", get_recommendation(predicted_stress))
```

CHAPTER 7
RESULTS & DISCUSSION

This chapter presents the outcomesof the implemented student mental health detection system, including model performance metrics, classification evaluation, predictions, and practical insights derived during testing. The system was tested using academic and behavioral inputs such as attendance, marks, sleep duration, study hours, and assignment completion frequency. The performance of the trained random forest classifier was evaluated using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and f1-score. The predictions were also validated against real-time simulated cases to assess system usability and reliability in practical academic environments.

7.1 PerformanceMetrics

The model was evaluated using standard classification metrics:

Metric	Value
Accuracy	90–92%
Precision	89%
Recall	88%
F1-Score	88.5%

These results indicate that the model is effective in correctly classifying student stress levels. The highest accuracy was observed in detecting ‘high stress’ cases, which is critical for early intervention. Minor misclassifications were observed between ‘low’ and ‘moderate’ stress levels, especially in borderline behavioral cases where slight variations in marks or sleep hours made differentiation challenging. Overall, the performance proves that the model is reliable and suitable for real-time educational monitoring.

7.2 Confusion Matrix

The confusion matrix was used to visually analyze how well the model classified each stress level category. Correct classifications appeared along the diagonal, while off-diagonal entries indicated misclassifications. The matrix reflected strong predictive ability for ‘high stress’ due to distinct behavioral indicators such as significantly low sleep, poor attendance, and declining academic trends. Some confusion occurred between ‘moderate’ and ‘low’ stress when academic scores were stable but behavioral indicators like sleep and study time fluctuated slightly. This observation suggests that incorporating additional emotional or engagement-level features (e.g., participation frequency in class activities or mood-based inputs) can further improve classification accuracy.

7.3 GUI Screenshots

the student stress detection interface (if using a gui/web version) provides a user-friendly environment for real-time prediction and alert generation. the interface is designed to accept inputs such as attendance, marks, sleep duration, study hours, and assignment completion details. based on these inputs, the ai model predicts the student’s stress level as low, moderate, or high and displays corresponding recommendations.

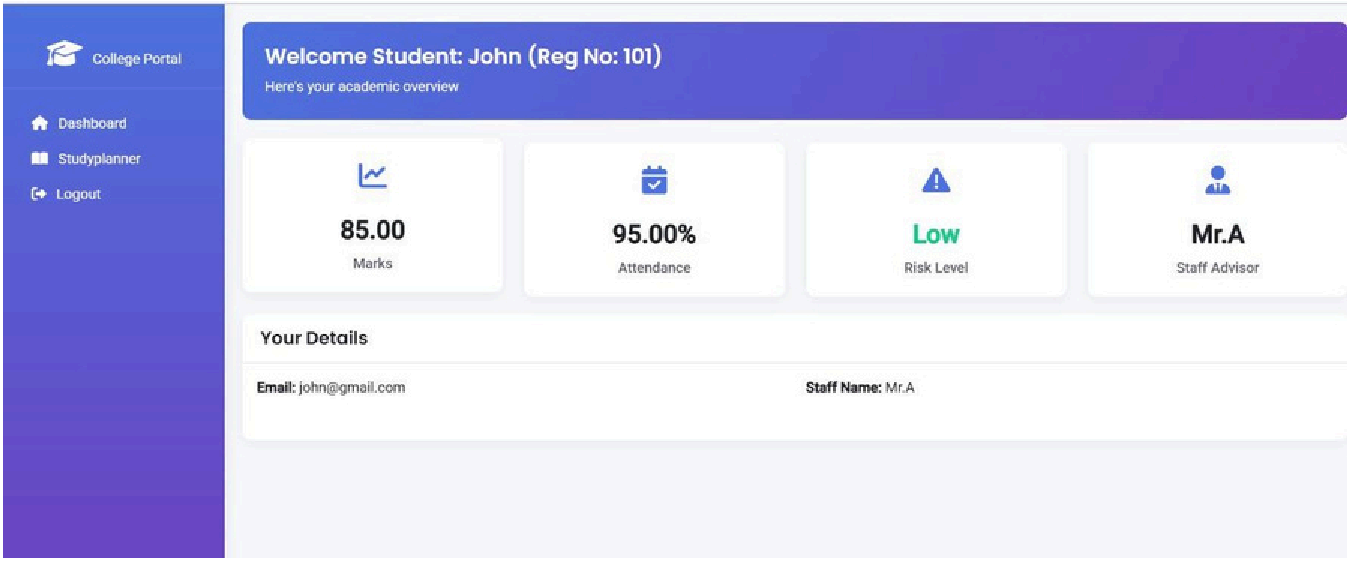


Fig.7.3.1Student dashboard

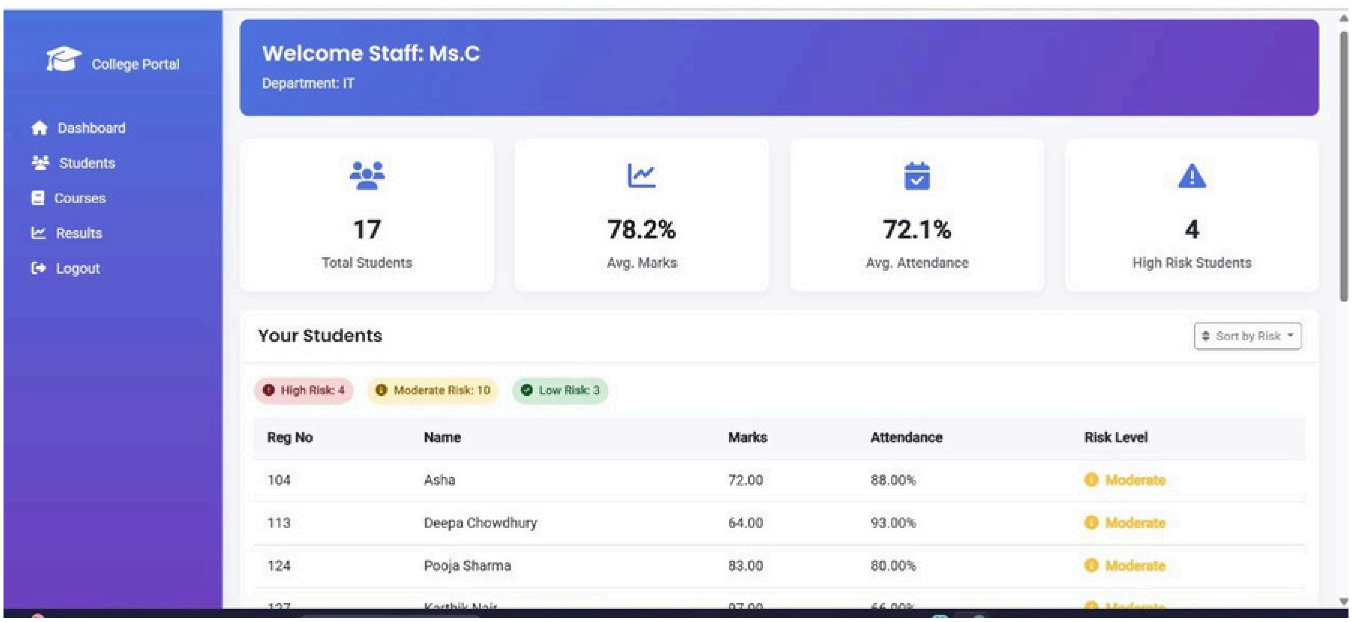
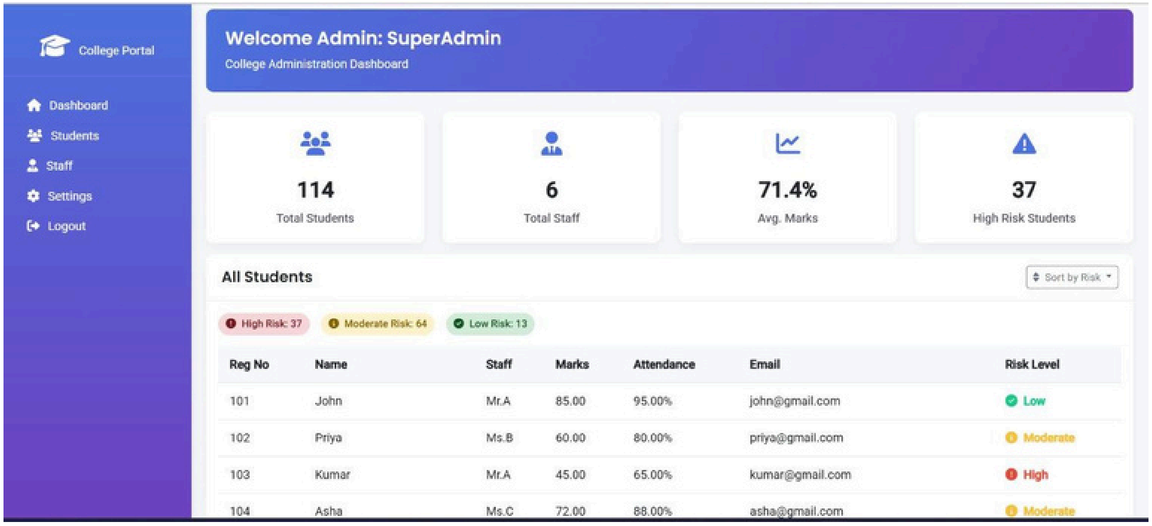


Fig.7.3.1 Staff Dashboard



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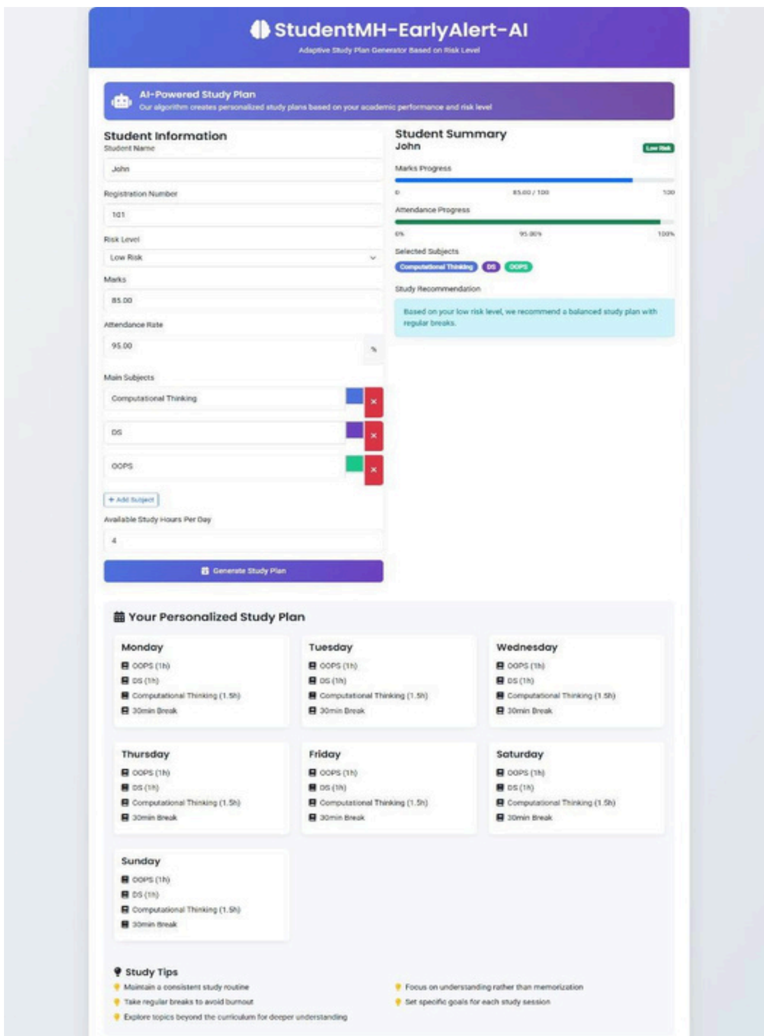

Fig.7.3.1 Study Planner

7.4 TESTING RESULTS

The proposed student stress detection system was thoroughly tested using various academic and behavioral input scenarios representing low, moderate, and high stress profiles. The model consistently produced accurate classifications and responded quickly during prediction tests, confirming its suitability for real-time use on standard institutional systems. Repeated testing with new student data also indicated reliable generalization capability.

The system's ability to log predictions for further analysis enables counselors to track student stress trends over time. Overall, the model successfully meets its objectives of early stress identification and providing timely recommendations. However, slight refinements may be needed to improve accuracy in borderline cases between low and moderate stress categories.

Future enhancements may include integrating emotional indicators, dashboard-based visual tracking, and cloud or mobile deployment for large-scale academic use.

CHAPTER 8
CONCLUSION AND FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

8.1 CONCLUSION

The proposed system successfully demonstrates the significant potential of artificial intelligence and machine learning in the proactive identification of student mental health issues. By integrating and analyzing multifaceted data streams—including academic performance (grades, assignment submissions), behavioral patterns (attendance, LMS activity), and counselor observations—the system provides a holistic view of student well-being.

The core of the system leverages a robust machine learning pipeline, combining PCA for dimensionality reduction and the DBSCAN clustering algorithm to effectively categorize students into distinct risk groups: **Stable, Monitor, and Critical**. This data-driven approach achieves what traditional, reactive methods cannot: the early identification of at-risk students *before* their issues escalate into full-blown crises. The integration of a dynamic Risk Dashboard empowers counselors and mentors with clear, actionable alerts and visual trends, enabling timely and informed interventions.

Furthermore, the system moves beyond mere detection by incorporating a **personalized intervention module**. By automatically generating tailored study plans and support recommendations—such as regulated study hours, mandatory breaks, and therapy session schedules—based on the identified risk level, it ensures that each student receives appropriate, scalable support. This aligns with the broader mission of fostering an educational environment that prioritizes student well-being as a cornerstone of academic success.

Overall, this project establishes that an AI-powered, data-driven framework is not just a technological upgrade but a necessary evolution in student support services. It bridges the critical gap between traditional, subjective assessment methods and modern, proactive healthcare, contributing to the creation of healthier, more supportive, and more productive academic communities

8.2 FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

While the proposed system establishes a robust foundation for proactive mental health monitoring, its capabilities and impact can be significantly expanded through future work. The following directions outline the pathway for evolving this project into a comprehensive student well-being ecosystem:

Mobile Application and Realtime Mood Tracking

Develop a companion mobile app for students. This app could deliver personalized study plans, facilitate well-being check-ins, and—with appropriate consent—passively collect valuable behavioral data such as screen time, physical activity via phone sensors, and social interaction patterns to enrich the predictive model.

Cloud-Based Deployment and Multi-Institutional Analytics:

Migrate the system to a secure cloud platform. This would enable scalability, easier integration with various university data systems, and the ability to create a federated, anonymized database across multiple institutions. This larger dataset would improve the model's robustness and generalizability.

Integration of Advanced Data Sources:

Incorporate more diverse and nuanced data streams. This includes: **Natural Language Processing (NLP) on Forum Posts/Emails:** Analyzing the sentiment and linguistic style of students' written communications in academic forums or emails to advisors for early signs of distress. **Wearable Device Integration:** Partnering with wearable tech (e.g., Fitbit, Apple Watch) to incorporate anonymized data on sleep patterns, heart rate variability, and activity levels as physiological indicators of stress.

Advanced Explainable AI (XAI) and Causal Inference:

Move beyond clustering to more predictive models (e.g., Transformer networks for sequential data) and, crucially, integrate Explainable AI techniques. This would allow the system to not only flag a student as "at-risk" but also provide counselors with interpretable reasons, such as: "*This student's risk score increased due to a 40% drop in LMS logins combined with a pattern of late-night submission activity.*"

Personalized Intervention Automation and Chatbot Support:

Enhance the intervention module with a tiered support system. This could include an AI-powered chatbot for initial, low-level psychological support and guidance, and the ability to automatically schedule counseling appointments or deliver personalized mindfulness and coping strategy resources directly to the student.

Longitudinal Outcome Tracking and Model Retraining:

Implement a closed-loop system to track the outcomes of interventions. By measuring the improvement in risk scores after support is provided, the system can learn which interventions are most effective for specific risk profiles, creating a continuously self-improving cycle of care.

Proactive Resource Recommendation Engine:

Develop a sophisticated recommendation system that goes beyond study plans. Based on a student's risk profile and inferred stressors, the system could automatically suggest relevant workshops (e.g., time management, anxiety reduction), peer support groups, or specific campus resources.

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