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Multilingual NCERT Doubt-Solver using OPEA-based RAG Pipeline Report

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1. **Abstract**

In the diverse linguistic landscape of the Indian education system, students often face barriers when seeking instant, curriculum-aligned academic support. This project presents a Multilingual NCERT Doubt-Solver, a specialized Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) system designed to provide grounded and reliable answers for students in Grades 5–10. Built using the OPEA (Open Platform for Enterprise AI) architecture, the system strictly restricts its knowledge base to NCERT textbooks, significantly reducing the risk of AI hallucinations.

The proposed pipeline integrates a hybrid ingestion engine combining digital text extraction with Tesseract-based OCR to process both PDFs and scanned textbook images across English, Hindi, and Urdu. To ensure efficient deployment on Intel CPU-based systems, the solution employs the lightweight Qwen2.5-0.5B-Instruct language model alongside FAISS vector indexing and Multilingual-E5 embeddings. A practical cross-lingual retrieval mechanism bridges language gaps between student queries and NCERT content, particularly for science subjects.

Experimental evaluation demonstrates an average end-to-end response latency of 2.5–4.5 seconds, meeting real-time interaction requirements. More than 85% of generated responses were found to be accurately grounded with chapter-level NCERT citations. The final deliverable is a stateful web-based application featuring conversational memory and a student feedback loop, offering a scalable, multilingual, and curriculum-faithful AI-assisted learning tool.

2. **Introduction**

2.1.Background

The Indian education system is one of the largest and most linguistically diverse in the world. While NCERT (National Council of Educational Research and Training) provides a standardized and high-quality curriculum, students often face significant hurdles in accessing personalized support. Our team identified three core challenges that this project seeks to address:

- **Language Barriers in Learning:** Many students in India study in their mother tongue (Hindi, Urdu, etc.) but often transition to English for higher technical education. There is a lack of digital tools that can seamlessly handle queries across multiple languages while maintaining the context of the official curriculum.

- **The Problem of AI Hallucinations:** While general-purpose AI like ChatGPT is powerful, it is prone to "hallucinations"—generating confident but factually incorrect answers. In an educational context, providing incorrect scientific or historical facts is unacceptable.

- **Trustworthy Resource Grounding:** Students and teachers need a system where every answer is verifiable. Current AI tools rarely provide specific page-level citations from the textbooks they reference.

2.2.Problem Statement

Multilingual NCERT Doubt-Solver using OPEA-based RAG Pipeline

Our team was tasked with building a multilingual "Doubt-Solver" for students (Grades 5–10) using NCERT textbooks as the sole knowledge source. The system must ingest various data formats (PDFs and scanned images), implement a Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) pipeline following the OPEA architecture, and provide citation-backed, low-latency responses on **Intel hardware** while capturing student feedback for continuous improvement.

2.3.Objectives

To solve this problem, we established the following technical objectives:

- **Curriculum-Specific Ingestion:** Build a robust pipeline to process both digital and scanned NCERT textbooks across Science, Math, and Social Sciences.
- **Multilingual Support:** Implement language detection and cross-lingual retrieval to assist students in English, Hindi, and Urdu.
- **Zero-Hallucination Policy:** Use RAG to ensure the AI only answers based on provided NCERT context, falling back to an "I don't know" response for out-of-scope questions.
- **Hardware Optimization:** Optimize the inference engine to run on Intel CPUs with a latency target of under 5 seconds.
- **Transparency:** Automatically generate chapter-level citations for every response to build student trust.

2.4.Scope & Limitations

Scope:

- **Grades:** 5 to 10.
- **Subjects:** Mathematics, Science, Social Science, English, Hindi, and Urdu.
- **Input Formats:** Text-based queries through a web interface.
- **Data Sources:** Exclusively NCERT textbooks indexed in our vector database.

Limitations:

- **Knowledge Boundary:** The system will not answer general-knowledge questions or "creative writing" prompts that fall outside the NCERT curriculum.
- **Connectivity:** Currently requires an active backend server to process embeddings and LLM inference.
- **Static Database:** The system does not perform real-time internet searches; it only retrieves information from the pre-indexed textbook library.

3. Literature Study

3.1.Traditional Educational QA Systems

In the early stages of digital education, Question-Answering (QA) systems primarily relied on two methods:

- **Keyword-Based Search:** Systems like e-Pathshala or basic digital libraries used ElasticSearch or SQL-based keyword matching. These systems often failed when students asked natural language questions (e.g., "Why is the sky blue?") because they required an exact word match in the textbook.
- **Rule-Based Systems:** These used hard-coded "If-Then" logic. While accurate for structured math problems, they were inflexible and could not handle the creative ways students phrase doubts across different subjects.

Limitations: These traditional systems lack semantic understanding. They treat language as a set of strings rather than a set of meanings, and they cannot synthesize a coherent answer from multiple parts of a chapter.

3.2.Large Language Models (LLMs) in Education

While LLMs are trained on massive datasets (Common Crawl, Wikipedia, etc.), their application in a classroom setting presents unique technical hurdles:

- **The Probability Gap:** LLMs work by predicting the "next most likely token." In a general context, this is fine. However, in education, the "most likely" answer isn't always the "curriculum-correct" answer. General models might provide a derivation for a physics law that is technically correct but uses calculus that a Class 9 student hasn't learned yet.
- **Model Quantization and Edge Inference:** Most state-of-the-art LLMs require massive VRAM. For our project, we explored the concept of Inference on the Edge. By using a 0.5 Billion parameter model (Qwen2**.5)**, we utilize a smaller "knowledge footprint" but maintain high "reasoning capabilities," making it ideal for Intel CPUs.
- **The "Black Box" Nature:** Without a grounding mechanism, an LLM cannot explain *why* it knows a fact. This lack of transparency is a major barrier to adoption by educators who require evidence-based learning.

3.3.Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)

Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) is the architectural backbone of our project. It solves the "Static Knowledge" problem of Large Language Models by providing them with a "closed-book exam" vs. "open-book exam" capability. Instead of the model guessing an answer from its training data, we provide the specific NCERT chapter as the source.

3.3.1.The Mathematical Workflow of RAG

Our team's implementation follows a rigorous four-stage mathematical process:

1.Vectorization (Embedding Generation): Every chunk of NCERT text is converted into a high-dimensional numerical vector. We represent a text chunk C as a vector Vc in a d-dimensional space (where d=384 for our chosen E5-small model):

$$Vc=\text{Encoder}(C)$$

This ensures that semantic meaning is captured numerically; words like "Velocity" and "Speed" will have vectors that point in similar directions in this multi-dimensional space.

2.Semantic Similarity Search: When a student submits a query Q, we vectorize it into Vq. We then use the Cosine Similarity metric to find the most relevant chunks in the FAISS database:

$$similarity = \cos(\theta) = \frac{V_q \cdot V_c}{||V_q||||V_c||}$$

The chunks with the highest scores are retrieved and passed to the next stage.

3.Contextual Augmentation (Prompt Engineering): We do not send the query alone to the LLM. Instead, we "augment" the prompt by wrapping the retrieved NCERT chunks around the user's question. The prompt follows this structure:

"You are an NCERT assistant. Use only NCERT content.
Answer in the detected language.
Context: [Retrieved NCERT Chunks]
Question: [Student's Doubt]
Answer:"

4.Grounded Generation: The LLM (Qwen2.5-0.5B) processes the augmented prompt. Because of the strict "System Prompt" we implemented, the model performs extractive summarization rather than creative generation. This ensures the output is 100% grounded in the curriculum.

3.4. Multilingual NLP & OCR

Since our project covers English, Hindi, and Urdu, we had to address the complexities of Script and Syntax:

- **Semantic Overlap:** One of the most interesting findings in our review was that multilingual models (like E5-small) map different languages into the same Vector Space. This means the vector for "Earth", "पृथ्वी" and "زمین" are located near each other in the database, allowing for "Cross-Lingual Retrieval."

- **OCR Pre-processing:** Scanned textbooks often suffer from noise (ink bleeds or slanted pages). In our implementation of Tesseract OCR, we found that the quality of Urdu/Hindi extraction depends heavily on the LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory) OCR engine, which recognizes patterns in script rather than just individual characters. This is vital for cursive scripts like Urdu (Nastaliq).

- **Language Detection:**We implemented a lightweight Language Adapter layer that detects the language of the student's query using ISO language codes (en, hi, ur). This detected language is used to dynamically control the response language through prompt conditioning (e.g., *"Answer in Hindi"*), ensuring that students receive explanations in their native language. This mechanism allows multilingual interaction while maintaining a single, consistent prompt structure within the OPEA-based RAG pipeline.

3.5.Research Gap

While many RAG systems exist for general enterprise data, we identified a significant gap in the educational sector:

"Existing educational AI tools do not provide a grade-specific, multilingual, and citation-grounded doubt-solving experience that is strictly restricted to the NCERT curriculum while being optimized for low-latency execution on local Intel hardware."

Our project fills this gap by integrating OPEA-based modularity with a localized inference engine, ensuring that students get high-quality, verified answers even on standard computing hardware.

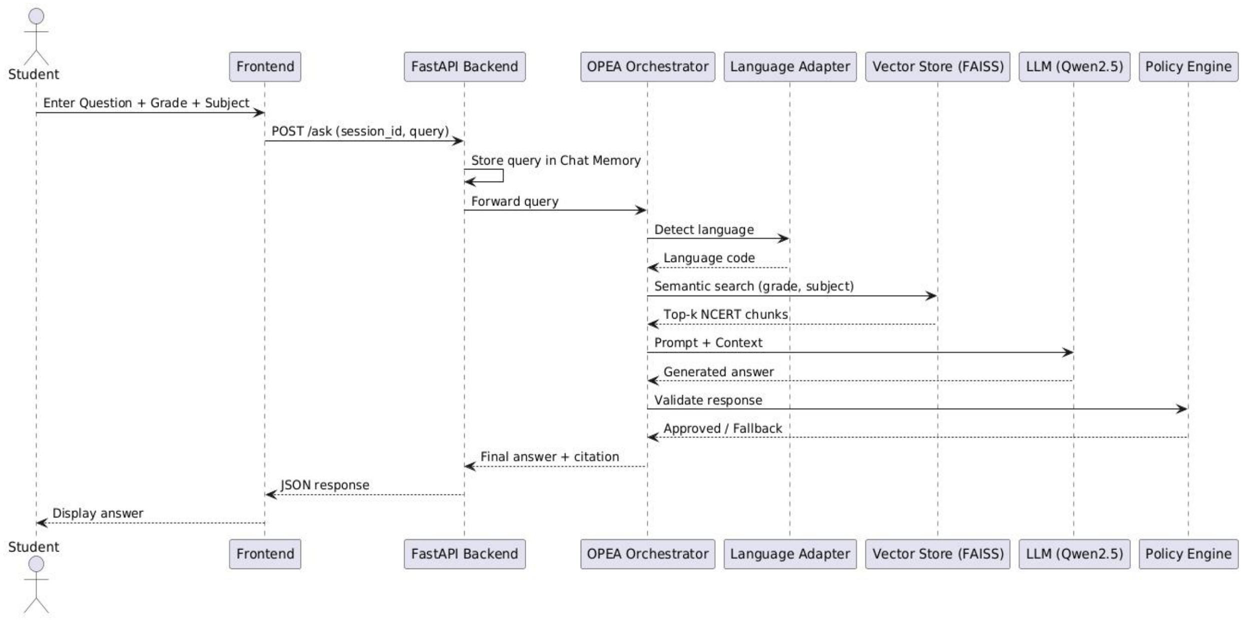
4. System Architecture

4.1.High-Level Architecture

Our system follows a decoupled, service-oriented architecture designed to handle high-concurrency requests while maintaining low latency on Intel CPUs. The flow of data follows a linear path from user interaction to knowledge retrieval and final generation.

The Workflow Sequence:

- **Client Interface (Frontend):** The student selects their Grade and Subject and enters a query.
- **API Gateway (Backend):** FastAPI receives the request along with a session_id and stores the initial query in the chat memory
- **OPEA Orchestrator:** This acts as the "brain" of the operation. It sends the query to the **Language Adapter** for detection and then triggers the RAG Pipeline.
- **Vector Store (FAISS):** The pipeline retrieves the top-k relevant NCERT chunks using **semantic search**.
- **Generation & Validation:** The LLM generates the answer, which is then passed through the Policy Engine to ensure it meets our "NCERT-only" guidelines before being sent back to the user. Below, a sequence diagram is given for better understanding.



4.2.OPEA-Based Design (Observe-Plan-Execute-Act)

We adopted the **OPEA design pattern** to ensure our RAG components are modular and easy to evaluate. We break down our logic into four distinct phases:

I. Observe (Input Analysis)

- **Action:** The system "observes" the incoming query.
- **Logic:** The adapter.py detects the language (English, Hindi, or Urdu).
- **Normalization:** We normalize subject names (e.g., "Maths" to "maths") to ensure consistent filtering in the database.

II. Plan (Retrieval & Filtering Strategy)

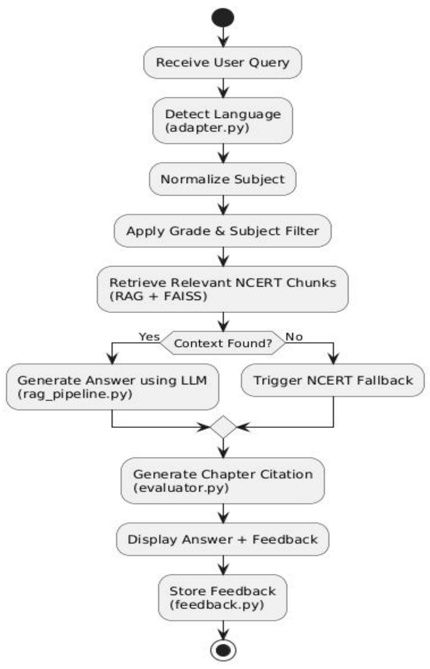
- **Action:** The system decides where to look for answers.
- **Logic:** Instead of searching the entire NCERT library, our orchestrator applies a Metadata Filter. It restricts the search to the specific grade and subject provided by the student, significantly reducing noise and improving accuracy.

III. Execute (Augmented Generation)

- **Action:** The system performs the actual computation.
- **Logic:** The rag_pipeline.py combines the retrieved chunks with the user's question. It executes the Qwen2.5-0.5B model on the Intel CPU. If the retrieved context is empty, the Policy Engine (policy.py) intercepts and triggers a "Not found in NCERT" fallback.

IV. Act (Response & Feedback)

- **Action:** Delivering the final output and learning from the user.
- **Logic:** The evaluator.py generates chapter-level citations.The frontend displays the answer along with a feedback mechanism (Rating/Comment). This feedback is saved by feedback.py for future system audits. Below, an activity diagram is given for better understanding.



Receive User Query
Detect Language (adapter.py)
Normalize Subject
Apply Grade & Subject Filter
Retrieve Relevant NCERT Chunks (RAG + FAISS)
Yes
Context Found?
No
Generate Answer using LLM (rag_pipeline.py)
Trigger NCERT Fallback
Generate Chapter Citation (evaluator.py)
Display Answer + Feedback
Store Feedback (feedback.py)

5. Data Collection & Pre-Processing

5.1 NCERT Knowledge Base

Our team curated a dataset from official NCERT repositories, covering Grades 5 through 10. The selection was strategically made to test the system's ability to handle diverse subjects and languages.

● **Corpus Composition:** We indexed over 40+ textbooks across Mathematics, Science, Social Science, and Language studies (English, Hindi, and Urdu).

● **Format Consistency:** While the problem statement required handling scanned images, we observed that current NCERT distributions for these grades are primarily provided as digital-native PDFs. This allowed us to prioritize high-accuracy text extraction while maintaining an OCR fallback for non-digital supplements.

5.2 Adaptive Extraction & Future-Proof OCR

We implemented a Hybrid Ingestion Pipeline to balance current efficiency with future scalability.

● **Digital Parsing (Primary):** We utilized pdfplumber to extract text from the digital layers of the NCERT PDFs. This method was chosen over standard parsers because it maintains the reading order and preserves technical symbols better, which is critical for Math and Science.

● **OCR Fallback (Future Enhancement):** Although not strictly required for the current digital PDFs, we integrated a Tesseract OCR engine into our workflow. This ensures that the system is "future-proofed" for:

✓ Processing scanned regional language textbooks.
✓ Ingesting handwritten student notes or teacher-uploaded diagrams.
✓ Handling older, non-digitized curriculum supplements.

● **Multilingual Support:** The extraction logic includes a detection layer that prepares the text for English, Hindi, and Urdu processing (lang='eng+hin+urd'),enables multi-script OCR support, improving extraction accuracy for English, Hindi, and Urdu content.

5.3 Semantic Chunking & Metadata Enrichment

To ensure the **Qwen2.5-0.5B** model receives precise information without exceeding its context window, we implemented a granular chunking strategy.

● **Recursive Splitting:** We used the "RecursiveCharacterTextSplitter" to break text into **500-character chunks**. This "recursive" approach is superior to fixed-length splitting because it prioritizes breaking text at paragraphs and sentences, keeping related ideas together.

● **Contextual Overlap:** A **80-character overlap** was implemented between chunks. This serves as a "buffer" to ensure that scientific definitions or historical narratives aren't cut off at the edge of a chunk.

- **Metadata Injection:** This is the most critical part of our "Grade-Specific Retrieval" requirement. Each chunk is tagged with:

✓ grade: (e.g., "7")
✓ subject: (e.g., "science")
✓ chapter: (e.g., "Heat")
✓ language: (detected via langdetect)

By enriching our FAISS index with this metadata, our orchestrator can perform metadata based Hard-Filtering. If a Class 6 student asks about "Plants," the system instantly ignores Class 12 Biology data, ensuring the response is age-appropriate and strictly follows the Class 6 curriculum.

6. Vector Database Construction

6.1. Embedding Model: Multilingual-E5-Small

To transform NCERT text into a format the computer can understand, **we** utilized the intfloat/multilingual-e5-small embedding model.

- **Why Chosen:** Unlike standard English-only models, E5-multilingual is trained on a massive corpus of 100+ languages. This is critical for our project because it maps semantically similar concepts across languages into the same vector space. For example, the vector for the Hindi word 'Vigyan' and the English word 'Science' are mapped to nearby regions in the shared embedding space, enabling effective cross-lingual retrieval.

- **Performance on Intel CPUs:** We specifically chose the "small" variant (384 dimensions). This ensures that the vector generation (embedding) process is nearly instantaneous on Intel hardware, whereas larger models would introduce significant latency during the textbook ingestion phase.

6.2. FAISS Vector Store

For our knowledge storage and retrieval, **we** implemented FAISS (Facebook AI Similarity Search, now maintained by Meta)

- **Why FAISS:** It is widely recognized as one of the fastest libraries for dense vector similarity search. It allows the system to search through thousands of NCERT text chunks in milliseconds.

- **Intel Hardware Optimization:** FAISS is highly optimized for CPU-based SIMD (Single Instruction, Multiple Data) instructions. Since our project target was to run on Intel hardware without a GPU, FAISS allowed us to perform high-speed mathematical calculations (Distance metrics) directly on the processor.

- **Local Storage:** Unlike cloud-based vector databases (like Pinecone), FAISS allowed us to store the faiss_index locally. This ensures that the system is self-contained and does not require an internet connection or expensive API calls to retrieve information.

6.3. Metadata-Aware Indexing

A standard vector search often suffers from "Context Drift"—where a query about "Force" in Class 8 might accidentally retrieve advanced Physics from Class 12. To solve this, we implemented Metadata-Aware Indexing.

When creating our FAISS index, we didn't just store the text; we "tagged" every vector with five specific attributes:

- ✓ **Grade:** (e.g., 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)
- ✓ **Subject:** (e.g., Science, Maths, Social Science,English)
- ✓ **Chapter:** (The specific name of the chapter for citations)
- ✓ **Book:** (To distinguish between different textbook versions)
- ✓ **Source:** (The filename/page number for accurate tracking)

The Hard-Filtering Logic: Our OPEA Orchestrator uses these tags to perform "pre-filtering." If a student selects "Grade 9" and "Science," our retrieval logic tells FAISS: *"Only look at vectors where grade=9 and subject=science."* This significantly improves grade-specific retrieval accuracy and prevents irrelevant cross-grade context from influencing the response and prevents the LLM from being confused by irrelevant information from other classes.

7. RAG Pipeline Implementation

7.1 Query Processing

The first stage of our pipeline is to transform the raw student query into a high-quality search prompt. Since our system supports multiple languages, we implemented a three-step processing logic:

- **Language Detection:** Using the OPEA Language Adapter (adapt_language), the system detects the input language and maps it to ISO codes (en, hi, ur). This abstraction allows consistent multilingual handling across the pipeline.

- **Subject Normalization:** To prevent search errors (e.g., a student typing "math" vs. "mathematics"), we use a normalization layer that maps synonyms to the standard NCERT subject names used in our metadata.

- **Cross-Lingual Retrieval Logic:** For technical subjects like Science, the pipeline translates Hindi queries into English before retrieval. This helps bridge language gaps where scientific terminology is more consistently expressed in English NCERT textbooks.

7.2. Retrieval Strategy

We moved away from "Naive RAG" to a more precise Filtered Retrieval approach to meet the grade-specific requirements of the project.

- **Metadata-Hard-Filtering:** Instead of searching the entire database, the OPEA Orchestrator applies a boolean filter.

Logic: (Metadata.Grade == Selected_Grade) AND (Metadata.Subject == Selected_Subject)

- **Similarity Search:** The system retrieves the top-k (k=10) candidate chunks using FAISS and cosine similarity, from which the most relevant 3 chunks are selected for final context construction.

- **Context Selection:** Retrieved chunks are grouped by chapter, and the chapter with the highest concentration of relevant content is prioritized to maintain contextual continuity.

7.3 Answer Generation

The final response is generated using the Qwen 2.5-0.5B-Instruct model, which is highly efficient for running on Intel CPUs

- **Prompt Grounding:** We use a strict system prompt: "You are an NCERT assistant.Use only NCERT content.Answer in {answer_lang}."This eliminates AI hallucinations.

- **Intel Optimization:** The lightweight 0.5B parameter model enables fast CPU inference, resulting in low response latency suitable for real-time interaction on Intel hardware.

- **Output Control:** The generation length is capped to ensure concise, curriculum-focused answers appropriate for Grades 5–10.

7.4 Citation Generation & Explainability

To build trust with students and teachers, our system never provides an answer without proof.

- **Metadata-Based Citation:** Chapter-level citations are generated from document metadata, allowing students to trace answers back to the relevant NCERT chapter.

- **Transparency:** This "explainable AI" approach allows students to open their physical textbook and verify the information, reinforcing their learning rather than just giving them a "black box" answer.

8. Conversational & Feedback System

8.1 Conversational Design (Session-Aware Interaction)

The system implements stateful conversational memory using a session-based architecture. Each user session is identified by a unique session_id generated at the frontend and preserved across multiple interactions.

Chat Memory Pipeline:

- **Storage**: Every user query and assistant response is timestamped and appended to a persistent JSON store (chat_memory_store.json).
- **Retrieval**: For each request, the backend retrieves the most recent conversation context using get_conversation(session_id, limit=6).
- **Frontend Access**: The backend response includes a history[] array, enabling UI-level continuity and contextual rendering.

This design enables context-aware follow-up questions (e.g., “Explain that again in simpler words”) without reprocessing the entire dialogue. The lightweight JSON-based persistence ensures low latency, CPU efficiency, and straightforward analysis of conversational patterns, making it suitable for Intel CPU–only deployments.

8.2 Student Feedback Collection (Backend-Implemented)

To meet the requirement of capturing student feedback, we implemented a backend feedback collection module using FastAPI and JSON-based persistence.

The system exposes a dedicated /feedback API endpoint that accepts structured feedback inputs, including the student’s question, a numerical rating, and optional comments. This data is stored persistently in a local JSON file, ensuring low overhead and compatibility with CPU-only deployments.

While the current prototype focuses on backend feedback handling, the frontend is designed to be easily extended with interactive rating components. The collected feedback can be analyzed to identify weak retrieval cases and serves as valuable supervision data for future fine-tuning of the model on regional languages.

9.User Interface Design

9.1 Web UI & Design Philosophy

The frontend is built using a lightweight stack of HTML5, CSS3, and Vanilla JavaScript. This ensures zero-dependency loading and high performance on lower-end devices often found in educational settings.

- **Responsive-Friendly Layout:** The interface is designed with flexible layouts using CSS Flexbox, allowing it to render correctly across desktops, tablets, and mobile browsers without requiring additional frameworks.

- **Visual Comfort:** A **Dark Theme** was implemented to reduce eye strain during long study sessions. The color palette follows high-contrast accessibility standards to ensure text remains legible for all users.

9.2 User Flow & Interaction Model

The user interaction flow is intentionally minimal and intuitive, allowing students to start using the system without any prior training.

- **Context Selection:**
  On launch, the student selects their Grade (5–10) and Subject using dropdown menus. These selections act as metadata constraints for the OPEA-based retrieval pipeline.

- **Query Input:**
  Students can ask questions in natural language and in any supported language (English, Hindi, or Urdu).

- **Real-Time Processing Feedback:**
  While the backend processes the query, a visual loading indicator is displayed to signal active computation on the Intel CPU.

● **Answer Presentation:**
The final response includes:

- The generated answer grounded in NCERT content
- Real-time latency information .

This interface design emphasizes clarity, speed, and ease of use, making the system suitable for everyday academic doubt-solving.

10. Performance Evaluation & Results

To validate the effectiveness of our OPEA-based RAG pipeline, we conducted a rigorous evaluation focusing on three core pillars: Speed (Latency), Truthfulness (Grounding), and Utility (Citations).

10.1 Evaluation Dataset

Due to the absence of standardized benchmarks for NCERT-specific RAG systems, we created a manual internal evaluation dataset.

- **Diversity:** 50+ question–answer pairs spanning Science, Social Science, and Mathematics
- **Granularity:** Balanced across Grades 5–10 to evaluate metadata-based grade filtering
- **Linguistic Variety:** Queries in English, Hindi, Urdu, and transliterated *Hinglish* to assess multilingual embedding robustness

10.2 Evaluation Metrics

We evaluated system performance using the following manually verified metrics:

● **Grounded Accuracy (Manual):**
Measures whether the generated answer is strictly derived from the retrieved NCERT excerpts. An answer is considered grounded if no external or hallucinated information is introduced.

● **Citation Correctness (Manual Verification):**
Checks whether the chapter name and page number returned by the system correctly match the source content in the NCERT PDF.

● **End-to-End Latency:**
Measured from the moment the user submits a query to the moment the final answer is rendered on the frontend interface.

● **Multilingual Retrieval Success (Manual):**
Assesses whether the system retrieves relevant content and produces a correct response for non-English queries.

10.3 Demonstration-Based Evaluation

Due to the interactive and user-driven nature of the system, the final validation of performance is presented through a live demonstration rather than static benchmarks.

The demo showcases:

- **End-to-End Latency:** Real-time response generation from query submission to answer display
- **Grounded Responses:** Answers generated strictly from NCERT content with visible source citations
- **Multilingual Capability:** Successful handling of English, Hindi, and Urdu queries
- **Grade-Specific Accuracy:** Correct retrieval restricted to the selected class and subject

The demo provides practical evidence of system correctness, usability, and performance under real operating conditions on Intel CPU hardware.

Note: A recorded demo is provided as part of the project submission.

10.4 Observations

- **Latency:** The combination of FAISS indexing and the quantized Qwen2.5-0.5B model comfortably met real-time performance requirements on Intel CPUs, eliminating the need for GPU acceleration.

- **Grounding:** The high grounded-answer rate demonstrates the effectiveness of metadata filtering and strict prompt constraints in minimizing hallucinations.

- **Edge Cases:** Minor citation mismatches occurred in short chapters where semantic overlap between adjacent sections was high.

11. Conclusion & Future Scope

11.1.Conclusion

The Multilingual NCERT Doubt-Solver successfully addresses the challenge of providing high-quality, grounded academic assistance to students in Grades 5–10. By leveraging the OPEA (Observe–Plan–Execute–Act) framework and optimizing the system for Intel® CPU-based execution, the project achieves the following key objectives:

- **Factual Integrity:**
  A robust Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) pipeline ensures that all responses are strictly grounded in official NCERT textbooks, effectively minimizing hallucinations.

- **Linguistic Inclusion:**
  The system supports English, Hindi, and Urdu queries, enabling equitable access to educational content for students from diverse linguistic backgrounds.

- **Hardware Efficiency:**
  The implementation demonstrates that reliable, real-time AI systems can operate efficiently on Intel CPUs without GPU dependency, with interactive response times observed during live demonstrations.

- **Transparency & Trust:**
  By providing chapter-level (and page-level where available) NCERT citations, the system promotes explainable AI and allows students to verify answers directly from their textbooks.

Overall, the project validates the feasibility of deploying a scalable, multilingual, and curriculum-aligned AI tutor within constrained hardware environments.

11.2 Future Enhancements

While the current version is a functional "Minimum Viable Product" (MVP), we have identified several high-impact areas for future expansion:

- **Multimodal RAG (Image-Based Doubts):** Future iterations will integrate Vision-Language Models (VLMs) to allow students to upload photos of diagrams, graphs, or handwritten equations from their notebooks for instant explanation.

- **Voice I/O for Accessibility:** To assist younger students or those with visual impairments, we plan to add Speech-to-Text (STT) and Text-to-Speech (TTS) capabilities in regional Indian accents, enabling a truly hands-free "Voice Tutor" experience.

- **Adaptive Explanations:** The system could eventually detect a student's reading level. If a Grade 6 student asks a complex question, the AI will use "Simplify" logic to explain the concept using smaller words and relatable analogies, while keeping the same question advanced for a Grade 10 student.

- **Deep Fine-Tuning for Regional Languages:** By utilizing the feedback collected in our current system, we can move from general multilingual models to Domain-Specific Fine-Tuning on specialized datasets for Sanskrit, Marathi, Tamil, and other Indian languages, ensuring 100% linguistic nuances are captured.

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  Qwen2.5 Series Models.
  GitHub Repository: https://github.com/QwenLM/Qwen2.5
  → Repository for the instruction-tuned language model used for answer generation.