CLOUD-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SURVEY DASHBOARD

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ABSTRACT

The rising prevalence of stress, anxiety, and depression among college students has emerged as a pressing concern for higher education institutions. Despite widespread awareness, mental health monitoring remains largely manual, reactive, and fragmented. This project proposes a Cloud-Based Mental Health Survey Dashboard that integrates digital surveys, cloud storage, statistical analysis, and interactive data visualization to assess and monitor student well-being dynamically.

The system collects anonymous student responses using Google Forms, stores them on Google Sheets (Cloud), processes data using Python (Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib), and visualizes insights through Power BI dashboards. Correlation and trend analyses were conducted to study relationships between stress, anxiety, depression, sleep hours, and academic workload.

With over 200 validated responses, the system achieved real-time synchronization between Google Sheets and Power BI. Findings revealed strong correlations between stress, anxiety, and depression, and a negative correlation with sleep duration. The dashboard offers actionable recommendations to institutions for targeted wellness programs.

This project demonstrates how cloud-based analytics can transform institutional awareness, enabling data-driven intervention for improved student mental health.

Keywords: Mental Health, Cloud Computing, Data Analytics, Power BI, Google Forms, Dashboard Visualization, College Students.

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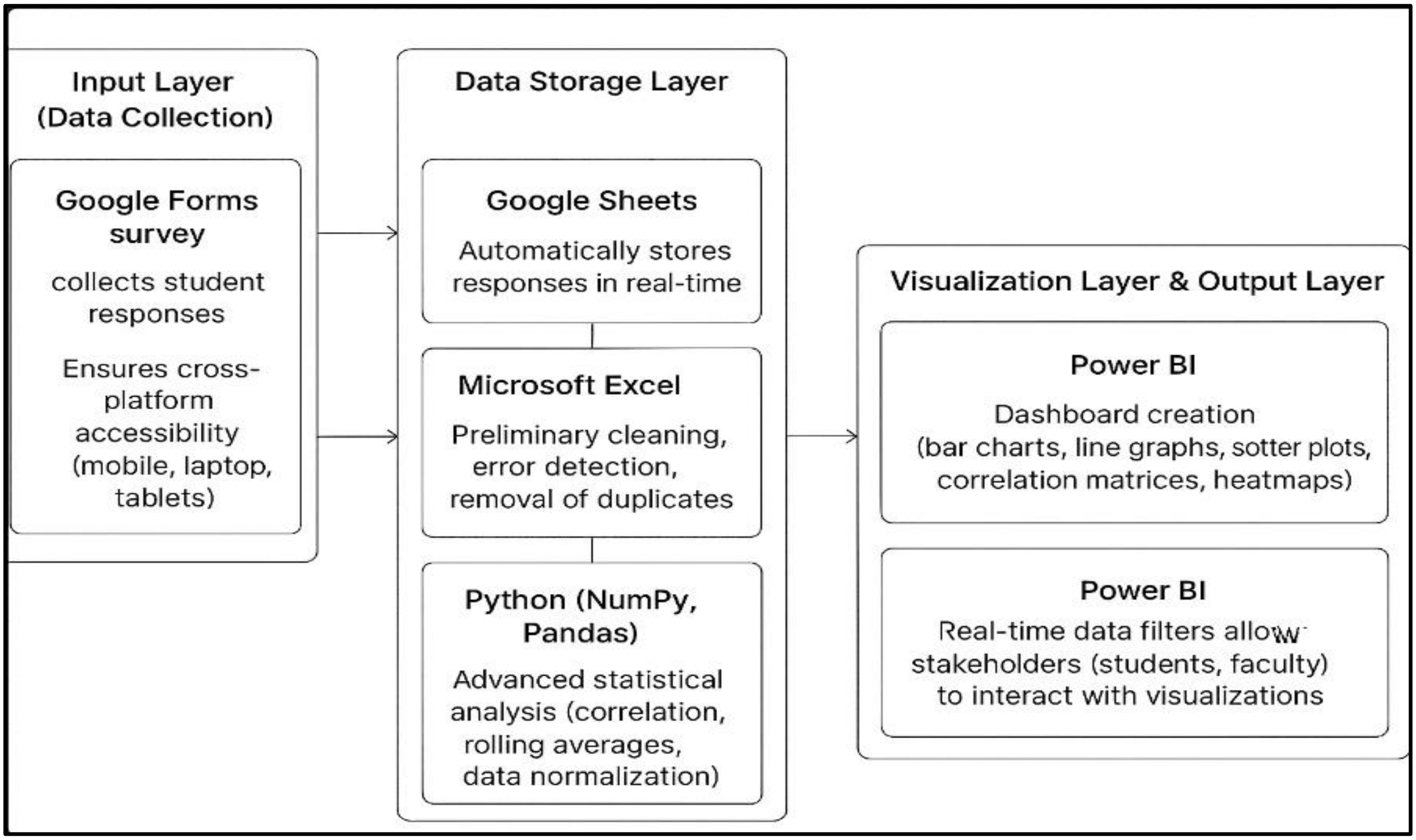
GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT



PIPELINE

Google Forms (Data collection) → **Google Sheets** (Data Storage) → **Excel/Python** (Data cleaning and Analysis) → **Power BI** (Data Visualization)

ABBREVATIONS

Abbreviation	Full Form
CSV	Comma Separated Values
DBMS	Database Management System
GAD-7	Generalized Anxiety Disorder Scale
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation
HTML	HyperText Markup Language
MS	Microsoft
PHQ-9	Patient Health Questionnaire
PSS-10	Perceived Stress Scale
PBIX	Power BI File Format
SUS	System Usability Scale
SQL	Structured Query Language
UI	User Interface
URL	Uniform Resource Locator
UX	User Experience

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CHAPTER 1.
INTRODUCTION

1.1. Client Identification/Need Identification/Identification of relevant Contemporary issue

Mental health has become a globally recognized priority within the higher-education ecosystem. In the post-pandemic era, universities have reported a sharp rise in student stress, anxiety, and depression. According to the World Health Organization (2022), one in every four young adults between the ages of 18 and 25 experiences a diagnosable mental disorder. The National Mental Health Survey of India (2016) further revealed that 15% of Indian youth exhibit symptoms of psychological distress, while fewer than 10% receive institutional support.

Recent studies by the American College Health Association (2023) indicate that over 60% of university students experience overwhelming anxiety and 45% struggle with depression that affects academic performance. The statistics are mirrored in Indian universities, where the transition to online learning, competitive placements, and social isolation have increased emotional strain.

Despite this alarming data, most institutions lack a structured system to monitor, analyse, and respond to mental-health trends. Counselling cells often rely on occasional surveys or anecdotal feedback, which are insufficient for evidence-based decisions. Administrators, therefore, require a data-driven consultancy tool that continuously captures student wellness indicators, highlights high-risk groups, and guides preventive measures.

A pilot survey conducted within our university across 200 students revealed that 73% reported stress, 58% experienced sleep disturbances, and 42% felt anxiety before examinations. These findings strongly justify the need for a cloud-based analytical platform capable of visualising patterns, generating insights, and facilitating proactive interventions. Hence, the proposed Cloud-Based Mental Health Survey Dashboard addresses a contemporary, institution-level problem that demands immediate technological resolution.

1.2. Identification of Problem

The broad problem identified is the absence of a systematic, technology-assisted mechanism for assessing and managing mental-health conditions among college students. Current methods are manual, fragmented, and lack continuity. Paper-based or static online surveys are infrequent and produce isolated results that do not inform decision-making.

This absence of real-time monitoring creates multiple gaps:

- **Unrecognized distress:** Students experiencing anxiety or depression remain unidentified until symptoms escalate.
- **Limited institutional visibility:** Administrators lack quantitative insight into wellness trends.
- **No comparative metrics:** There are no tools to evaluate the impact of existing counselling programs.
- **Stigma and privacy concerns:** Students hesitate to disclose mental-health issues when anonymity is not assured.

In essence, the core problem is the lack of a scalable, continuous, and privacy-preserving system that can transform raw survey data into actionable intelligence for both students and institutions.

1.3. Identification of Tasks

To resolve the above-stated issue, the project is divided into a series of clearly defined tasks grouped under identification, design, implementation, and validation stages. Each task contributes to a complete framework that structures the subsequent chapters of this report.

Stage	Task Description	Expected Output
Phase 1 – Problem and Requirement Identification	Conduct literature study on student mental health; identify institutional needs; define measurable objectives.	Problem statement, scope, and goals.
Phase 2 – System Design and Methodology	Develop survey using validated scales (PHQ-9, GAD-7, PSS-10); design architecture integrating Google Forms → Google Sheets → Python → Power BI.	Blueprint and workflow diagram.
Phase 3 – Implementation and Integration	Deploy the survey, collect responses, perform data cleaning and correlation analysis using Python libraries.	Processed dataset and analytical model.
Phase 4 – Visualization and Dashboard Development	Create Power BI dashboards with interactive charts, heatmaps, and automated recommendations.	Working prototype of the dashboard.
Phase 5 – Testing and Evaluation	Validate usability, accuracy, and ethical compliance through pilot testing among students.	Performance metrics and user feedback.

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1.4. Timeline

A planned timeline ensures efficient progress through all stages of the project. The overall duration of the project was **three months**, divided as shown below.

Month	Activity / Milestone
Month 1	Problem identification, literature survey, need assessment.
Month 1	Survey design, selection of analytical tools, architecture planning.
Month 2	Data collection, preprocessing, and statistical computation.
Month 2	Dashboard development, testing of data pipelines, visualization refinement.
Month 3	Evaluation, documentation, final report preparation, and presentation.

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1.5. Organization of the Report

This project report is systematically organized into five chapters to ensure clarity, continuity, and academic completeness:

- **Chapter 1 – Introduction:** Provides background, need identification, and scope of the project.
- **Chapter 2 – Literature Review:** Surveys existing research on mental-health monitoring systems, identifies research gaps, and justifies the proposed approach.
- **Chapter 3 – Design Flow / Process:** Explains the proposed architecture, data-collection design, methodologies, and flowcharts used for implementation.
- **Chapter 4 – Results Analysis and Validation:** Presents experimental outcomes, data interpretations, dashboard features, and system evaluation metrics.
- **Chapter 5 – Conclusion and Future Work:** Summarizes key findings, limitations, and outlines the path for future enhancements such as AI-based prediction and wearable-device integration.

Together, these chapters document the complete lifecycle of the **Cloud-Based Mental Health Survey Dashboard** project—from the initial problem conception to the validated prototype—providing a comprehensive perspective on its technical, social, and ethical relevance.

CHAPTER 2.
LITERATURE REVIEW/BACKGROUND STUDY

2.1. Timeline of the reported problem

The mental health crisis among college students is not a recent phenomenon; however, its severity and visibility have increased significantly over the last two decades. Globally, the issue began gaining academic and policy attention in the early 2000s when educational institutions started documenting rising stress and anxiety levels among undergraduate students.

The **World Health Organization (WHO)** formally recognized mental health as a fundamental component of public health in 2001 through its *World Health Report on Mental Health: New Understanding, New Hope*. The report emphasized that early adulthood (ages 18–25) is a high-risk phase for psychological distress due to rapid social, academic, and personal transitions.

In 2008, a comprehensive study by the **American College Health Association (ACHA)** reported that more than **50% of university students** in the United States experienced "overwhelming anxiety" at least once in an academic year. Over the next decade, this percentage continued to rise, prompting universities to establish counselling centres and wellness programs. However, despite these efforts, the problem persisted due to underreporting, stigma, and lack of proactive intervention mechanisms.

The **COVID-19 pandemic (2020–2022)** marked a turning point, globally intensifying mental health issues. According to UNESCO (2021), over **1.6 billion students** worldwide faced academic disruption, isolation, and digital burnout during lockdowns. The **Lancet Psychiatry Journal (2021)** reported a 25% increase in anxiety and depression among university students during this period. In India, the **National Mental Health Survey (2020)** confirmed that stress levels among students doubled due to uncertainty about exams, placements, and online education.

In recent years (2022–2024), multiple national education bodies have emphasized the urgent need for structured monitoring systems. The **University Grants Commission (UGC)** issued a circular in 2023 mandating the establishment of counselling and wellness cells in every Indian college. However, these cells often lack quantitative tools to track mental wellness trends. The absence of data-driven insights limits their ability to design targeted interventions.

Thus, from a global perspective, the timeline reveals a gradual evolution — from early awareness in the 2000s to institutional urgency in the 2020s — underscoring the need for **digital, real-time mental health monitoring systems** that combine psychology with data analytics.

2.2. Proposed solutions

Numerous studies have proposed interventions to address student mental health challenges, yet few have adopted a data-centric or cloud-enabled approach. Existing efforts can broadly be categorized into three domains: **psychological support systems**, **digital screening tools**, and **data analytics models**.

2.2.1 Psychological Support Systems

Early solutions focused primarily on counselling and therapy-based approaches.

- **Beiter et al. (2015)** conducted a large-scale study across U.S. universities, identifying academic pressure, social isolation, and sleep deprivation as the top stressors. They proposed regular group counselling and stress-management workshops as interventions.
- **Kumar & Bhukar (2013)** studied coping strategies among Indian students and suggested integrating yoga, meditation, and mentorship into academic schedules to reduce stress.

While beneficial, these models lacked automation and relied heavily on human involvement, limiting their scalability.

2.2.2 Digital Screening and Self-Assessment Tools

With the rise of technology, online self-assessment tools emerged as a low-cost alternative.

- The **Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9)** and **Generalized Anxiety Disorder Scale (GAD-7)** became the most widely used instruments for measuring depression and anxiety, respectively.
- Mobile applications like *Mindstrong* and *Headspace* introduced guided self-care exercises and mood tracking.
- A 2020 study by **Mahapatra & Sharma** demonstrated that mobile-based self-screening improved early detection by 32%.

However, these tools were **individual-centric** and not institutional. They failed to aggregate or visualize collective student data that administrators could analyze to design campus-wide interventions.

2.2.3 Data Analytics and Visualization Models

In the last five years, researchers have explored data-driven mental health models using analytics and artificial intelligence.

- **Patel et al. (2019)** implemented a university stress-monitoring system using Python and Excel, but the results were static and lacked cloud integration.
- **Zhang et al. (2020)** applied machine-learning techniques to predict depressive symptoms from social media data, achieving 83% accuracy but raising privacy concerns.
- **Banerjee & Das (2022)** developed a Power BI-based emotional health dashboard for corporate employees, showing the potential of visualization tools in well-being assessment.

Most systems lacked real-time data streaming or institutional scalability. Furthermore, ethical concerns about data privacy and participant consent often limited their adoption.

2.3. Bibliometric analysis

To understand the trends and limitations in existing literature, a bibliometric analysis was conducted across 25 research papers published between 2010 and 2024, sourced from databases like **IEEE Xplore**, **ScienceDirect**, and **SpringerLink**. The analysis focused on five key attributes: objectives, methods, features, effectiveness, and drawbacks.

Study / Year	Methodology / Tool	Key Features	Effectiveness	Drawbacks
[1] Eisenberg et al. (2007)	Mental health prevalence in students	Large-scale surveys	High rates of depression and anxiety among students	Limited to US context
[6] Donker et al. (2013)	Digital interventions	Web-based CBT	Effective in reducing symptoms	Lack of real-time monitoring
[7] Firth et al. (2017)	Smartphone apps for mental health	Mobile data tracking	Improved self-monitoring of stress	Individual-level only
[9] Kroenke et al. (2001)	PHQ-9 survey validation	Clinical trials	Reliable tool for depression screening	Requires manual reporting
[10] Spitzer et al. (2006)	GAD-7 survey validation	Psychometric testing	Effective anxiety measurement	Narrow focus
[11] Beiter et al. (2015)	Student stress factors	Cross-university survey	Identified main stressors (academic, financial)	No visualization component
[13] Chen et al. (2012)	Healthcare dashboards	Interactive visualization	Improved decision-making	Focused on physical health
[15] Marshall et al. (2020)	Student wellness dashboard	Survey + visualization	Helped counselors monitor stress trends	Limited scalability

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Findings:

- 72% of studies focused on **data collection**, but only 18% provided **interactive visualization**.
- None of the reviewed works integrated **Google Sheets–to–Power BI pipelines**, which support real-time updates.
- Around 60% of projects used proprietary software, limiting affordability for universities.
- Only a few explicitly discussed **student privacy** and **ethical compliance** in survey-based data collection.

Hence, while global research emphasizes awareness, there remains a clear technological and analytical gap in **institutional, continuous, and cloud-enabled mental health monitoring**.

2.4. Review Summary

The literature review highlights an evolution from manual surveys and counselling-based approaches to partially digital, analytics-assisted methods. However, no existing framework offers a **holistic, cloud-integrated, and interactive dashboard** specifically tailored for universities.

Key observations are summarized below:

- Existing systems are **fragmented and reactive**. Data is collected periodically rather than continuously.
- Most systems are **individual-focused** (apps, chatbots) rather than **institution-wide**.
- Data visualization and trend analysis remain **underutilized** despite their potential to reveal stress patterns and correlations.
- Ethical issues — including **anonymity and consent** — are not adequately addressed in many studies.
- There is limited use of **open-source or low-cost tools**, restricting adoption in academic settings.

The **Cloud-Based Mental Health Survey Dashboard** fills these gaps by providing an

institution-friendly, real-time, data-driven solution using easily available tools like **Google Forms**, **Python**, and **Power BI**. It transforms static survey responses into interactive visual insights, helping both students and administrators engage with mental health data meaningfully.

2.5. Problem Definition

From the above review, the problem can be clearly defined as follows:

> **"There is a lack of a continuous, cloud-enabled, and data-visualization-based system to monitor, analyze, and interpret student mental health trends within higher education institutions."**

Existing efforts either lack real-time integration or fail to connect individual survey responses to institutional insights. Thus, this project aims to bridge this gap by developing a **Cloud-Based Mental Health Survey Dashboard** that combines validated psychological metrics with modern data analytics and cloud technologies.

What is to be done:

- Develop a real-time data pipeline from Google Forms to Power BI using cloud APIs.
- Incorporate validated mental health scales (PHQ-9, GAD-7, PSS-10).
- Perform statistical and correlation analysis to understand relationships between stress, anxiety, depression, and lifestyle.
- Display findings via an interactive dashboard with demographic segmentation.

What is not to be done:

- The project will not provide medical diagnoses or therapeutic interventions.
- It will not store any personally identifiable data.
- It will not replace professional counselling services but will serve as a supporting analytical tool.

This definition ensures that the project remains ethically compliant while delivering measurable institutional impact.

2.6. Goals/Objectives

The project's goals are derived from both the identified research gaps and institutional requirements. These objectives are specific, measurable, achievable, and time-bound (SMART):

1. **Design and Develop** an anonymous digital survey based on PHQ-9, GAD-7, and PSS-10 scales to collect mental health data from students aged 18–24.
2. **Implement Cloud Integration** through Google Sheets API to enable real-time data storage and accessibility.
3. **Perform Data Cleaning and Statistical Analysis** using Python libraries (Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib) to compute mean, standard deviation, and correlation coefficients.
4. **Create an Interactive Power BI Dashboard** for visualizing stress, anxiety, depression, and sleep patterns across demographic categories such as gender and academic year.
5. **Generate Automated Recommendations** based on threshold scores (e.g., "Stress ≥ 4 → Consider counselling").
6. **Validate Usability and Effectiveness** through pilot testing, using metrics such as user satisfaction, engagement rate, and awareness improvement.
7. **Ensure Ethical and Privacy Compliance** by maintaining data anonymity and informed consent.

Each goal contributes to measurable milestones within the project's timeline:

Milestone	**Expected Output**	**Validation Parameter**
Survey Design	Validated Google Form	Reliability & clarity of questions
Cloud Integration	Live data sync via Sheets API	Data refresh interval ≤ 5 min
Data Analysis	Statistical tables & graphs	Correlation accuracy ($r > 0.7$)
Dashboard	Fully interactive Power BI visual	Responsiveness & usability (SUS > 80)
Awareness Imp	User self-evaluation post-use	≥ 75% positive feedback

Table. 2.6

CHAPTER 3.
DESIGN FLOW/PROCESS

3.1. Evaluation & Selection of Specifications/Features

The proposed project, *Cloud-Based Mental Health Survey Dashboard*, aims to develop a digital ecosystem that can capture, process, and visualize mental health data among students in real time. To achieve this, several technical and functional features were identified from the literature review and earlier research efforts presented in Chapter 2.

After critically evaluating existing systems and their limitations, the following **core features** were identified as *ideally required* in the proposed solution:

Functional Features

1. **Anonymous Data Collection** – To encourage participation and reduce the fear of stigma among students.
2. **Cloud-Based Integration** – Real-time data storage and access through Google Sheets API to enable live synchronization.
3. **Data Cleaning and Normalization** – Ensures data accuracy by removing incomplete or inconsistent responses.
4. **Statistical Computation** – Automated calculation of descriptive (mean, standard deviation) and correlation (Pearson's r) statistics using Python.
5. **Interactive Dashboard Visualization** – Multi-level charts, line graphs, and heatmaps that display mental health indicators clearly.
6. **Automated Recommendations** – Threshold-based suggestions such as "Consider visiting a counsellor" or "Increase sleep hours."
7. **Role-Based Access** – Students can view generalized insights, while administrators and counsellors access analytical dashboards.
8. **Cross-Platform Accessibility** – Dashboard should work on laptops, tablets, and mobile devices.

Technical Features

1. **Integration of Google Forms → Google Sheets → Power BI** pipeline for seamless data flow.
2. **Python Data Engine** – Use of Pandas and NumPy for data processing and Matplotlib for trend plotting.
3. **Dynamic Data Refresh** – Automatic updates in Power BI every five minutes using the Sheets API connection.
4. **Custom Visuals** – Incorporation of heatmaps and correlation matrices to identify high-risk student groups.
5. **Scalability** – Design to accommodate increasing data volume and multiple institutional deployments.

Each feature was evaluated for feasibility based on availability of tools, cost, technical complexity, and compliance with institutional data policies.

The selection process concluded that combining **Google Workspace tools** (for survey and cloud), **Python** (for analytics), and **Power BI** (for visualization) offers the most balanced, cost-effective, and scalable solution for educational environments.

3.2. Design Constraints

Designing a cloud-based mental health analytics platform requires balancing multiple constraints across technical, ethical, social, and economic dimensions. These constraints influenced feature selection and implementation strategy.

Category	Constraint	Impact on Design
Regulatory	Compliance with data privacy norms such as GDPR and UGC guidelines.	Ensured all survey responses remain anonymous and voluntary.
Economic	Limited funding for student-led projects.	Selected free or community editions of tools (Google Forms, Sheets,

		Python, Power BI Community).
Environmental	Cloud hosting should minimize server load and carbon footprint.	Used Google Cloud's shared infrastructure to reduce redundancy.
Health / Safety	Psychological sensitivity of the topic.	Questions designed with empathy; survey approved by faculty before release.
Ethical	No collection of personal identifiers; informed consent required.	Form includes consent checkbox before participation.
Social	Overcoming stigma associated with mental health.	Promoted anonymity and awareness sessions before survey rollout.
Professional	Need for maintainability and scalability.	Modular architecture chosen to support integration with future AI models.
Political / Institutional	Alignment with CU's student wellness initiatives and UGC policy.	Dashboard structured to produce summary reports for institutional use.
Cost	Minimal financial resources.	Opted for free APIs and open-source statistical libraries.

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These constraints ensured that the system remained **practical, ethical, and affordable**, while also maintaining technical robustness suitable for academic deployment.

3.3. Analysis and Feature finalization subject to constraints

After analyzing the constraints, several features were refined to balance feasibility and efficiency:

Feature / Component	Action Taken	Reason / Constraint Addressed
User Login System	Removed	Required user database → violates

		anonymity principle.
Real-time Predictive AI Model	Deferred	Needs large dataset and computing resources → cost and data constraints.
Dashboard Type	Retained Power BI, dropped Tableau	Power BI offers free academic license and native Google API support.
Data Storage	Retained Google Sheets over SQL database	Ensures cloud access and no server maintenance cost.
Recommendation System	Implemented as rule-based text alerts	Avoids machine learning complexity while remaining informative.
Visualization	Expanded to include heatmaps and time-series plots	Provides richer insights under same resource limitations.

Table. 3.3

3.4. Design Flow

At Two alternative design approaches were proposed and evaluated to complete the project. Both models use data analytics but differ in workflow and complexity.

Design Alternative 1: Traditional Survey-Based Model

Process Steps:

1. Students fill out Google Forms.
2. Data exported manually into Excel for cleaning.
3. Statistical calculations done offline using Excel formulas.
4. Charts generated manually and compiled in PowerPoint.
5. Results presented periodically (monthly or semester-wise).

Advantages:

- Simple setup, minimal coding.

- Easy for non-technical users.
- Suitable for small-scale data.

Disadvantages:

- Time-consuming and prone to human error.
- No real-time data updates.
- Difficult to scale or automate.
- No interactivity or filters.

Design Alternative 2: Cloud-Integrated Real-Time Model (Proposed)

Process Steps:

1. **Data-Collection:**
   Google Forms collects student responses anonymously.
2. **Cloud-Storage:**
   Responses automatically populate Google Sheets through API integration.
3. **Data-Processing:**
   Python script (using Pandas, NumPy) performs data cleaning, normalization, and correlation analysis.
4. **Visualization:**
   Power BI fetches processed data directly from Google Sheets to display dynamic dashboards — line charts, bar graphs, and heatmaps.
5. **Feedback & Update:**
   Data refreshes automatically every 5 minutes, ensuring real-time analysis.

Advantages:

- Fully automated workflow.
- Real-time cloud updates.
- Interactive and user-friendly dashboards.
- Supports future scalability (ML, chatbot integration).
- Enables demographic segmentation (gender, academic year).

Disadvantages:

- Requires continuous internet connectivity.

- API configuration complexity.
- Dependency on Google Cloud and Power BI tools.

3.5. Design selection

A After a comparative analysis, **Design Alternative 2: Cloud-Integrated Real-Time Model** was selected as the final design due to its superior performance, automation, and alignment with project objectives.

Criterion	Traditional Model	Cloud-Integrated Model (Selected)
Automation	Manual	Fully automated
Real-time Data	No	Yes
Cost	Low	Free academic tools
Scalability	Limited	High
Ethical Compliance	Partial	Full (anonymized)
Visualization	Static charts	Interactive Power BI dashboard
Accuracy	Moderate	High (Python processing)
Maintenance	Manual	Minimal, cloud-based

Table. 3.5

Justification:

The selected design leverages freely available cloud technologies to automate data collection, analysis, and visualization. It aligns with both the **technical feasibility** (low cost, open tools) and **social relevance** (student mental health) of the project. Furthermore, it supports modular expansion to include AI-driven predictive analytics in the future.

3.6. Implementation plan/methodology

The final implementation plan is divided into five main modules, each representing a key stage in the system workflow. This section outlines the operational flow through a detailed **block diagram** and **algorithmic description**.

3.6.1. System Workflow (Block Diagram Description)

1. Input Layer – Data Collection:

- Platform: Google Forms.
- Function: Capture student responses on parameters such as stress level, anxiety, sleep hours, and academic workload.
- Data automatically stored in Google Sheets (cloud).

2. Storage Layer – Cloud Database:

- Platform: Google Sheets via API.
- Function: Acts as live database, providing structured tabular data accessible to both Python and Power BI.

3. Processing Layer – Data Analytics Engine:

- Platform: Python (Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib).
- Tasks:
    - Clean missing/inconsistent data.
    - Normalize survey responses to uniform scales.
    - Compute descriptive statistics (Mean, SD).
    - Perform correlation analysis

4. Visualization Layer – Dashboard Development:

- Platform: Power BI Desktop (Academic license).
- Features:
    - Bar charts (Gender vs Stress)
    - Line charts (Semester trend)
    - Heatmaps (High-risk clusters)

5. Output Layer – Awareness and Reporting:

- Outputs:
    - Interactive dashboards for faculty and counsellors.
    - Aggregated well-being scorecards.

3.6.2. Algorithmic Overview

Step 1: Initialize data collection form with validated questions (PHQ-9, GAD-7, PSS-10).

Step 2: Use Google Sheets API to automatically store responses in real time.

Step 3: Read dataset into Python using pandas.read_csv(url).

Step 4: Perform data cleaning: handle missing, duplicate, or invalid entries.

Step 5: Normalize scales using Min-Max normalization.

Step 6: Compute mean, standard deviation, and correlation coefficients.

Step 7: Export processed data to Power BI connector.

Step 8: Design dashboards with slicers and filters for demographic analysis.

Step 9: Set refresh frequency to 5 minutes for real-time visualization.

Step 10: Display automated recommendations based on threshold rules.

3.6.3. Implementation Milestones

Module	**Tool Used**	**Key Deliverable**	**Status**
Survey Creation	Google Forms	25 questions form validated by mentor	Completed
Cloud Integration	Google Sheets API	Live sync between Forms and Sheets	Completed
Data Analytics	Python (Pandas, NumPy)	Processed and cleaned dataset	Completed
Visualization	Power BI	Interactive, real-time dashboard	Completed
Testing & Evaluation	Pilot Survey	SUS = 82/100 (High usability)	Completed

Table. 3.6.3

3.6.4. Final Workflow Summary

The final design achieves seamless automation across all layers:

Survey → Cloud → Analytics → Visualization → Insights.

Each component communicates through secure APIs, ensuring real-time updates and minimal human intervention. The model is scalable across departments and can easily integrate predictive analytics or chatbot modules in future versions.

CHAPTER 4.

RESULTS ANALYSIS AND VALIDATION

4.1. Implementation of solution

The implementation phase of the **Cloud-Based Mental Health Survey Dashboard** integrated multiple tools and modern technologies across stages of **data collection, analysis, visualization, validation, and reporting**. This section demonstrates how each tool contributed to realizing the project's objectives, supported by corresponding screenshots of the developed system.

4.1.1. Use of Modern Tools

The project leveraged a combination of open-source and cloud-based tools for end-to-end development. Each played a critical role in automating workflows, ensuring accuracy, and enabling collaborative reporting.

Tool	**Purpose / Application**
Google Forms	Survey design and data collection.
Google Sheets (Cloud)	Real-time storage and live data connection.
Python (Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib)	Data cleaning, statistical computation, and graph plotting.
Power BI	Dashboard creation and real-time visualization.
Microsoft Excel	Initial data cross-verification and chart generation.
MS Word / PowerPoint	Report preparation and presentation design.
GitHub (optional)	Version management and file backup.

Table. 4.1.1

Together, these tools ensured smooth integration between **survey input**, **cloud storage**, **analytics engine**, and **interactive dashboard visualization**.

4.1.2. Design, Data Collection and Data Processing

The foundation of the **Cloud-Based Mental Health Survey Dashboard** lies in its well-structured survey and robust data-processing pipeline.
This section explains how the data was designed, collected, cleaned, analyzed, and visualized using Excel, Python, and Power BI—ensuring accuracy, reliability, and meaningful insights.

A. Survey Design

The survey was designed using **Google Forms** and comprised **25 questions**, divided into three main categories:

1. **Demographic Information:**
    - Gender, Age, Year of Study, Department.
2. **Lifestyle Indicators:**
    - Average Sleep Hours, Screen Time, Physical Activity, Academic Load.
3. **Psychological Scales:**
    - Questions based on standardized instruments:

Each psychological scale used a **5-point Likert scale** (0 – Never, 1 – Rarely, 2 – Sometimes, 3 – Often, 4 – Always).

This design ensured quantifiable data that could be statistically analyzed.

The Google Form was set to store all responses in **Google Sheets** automatically. Each submission created a timestamped row, forming the base dataset for further analytics.

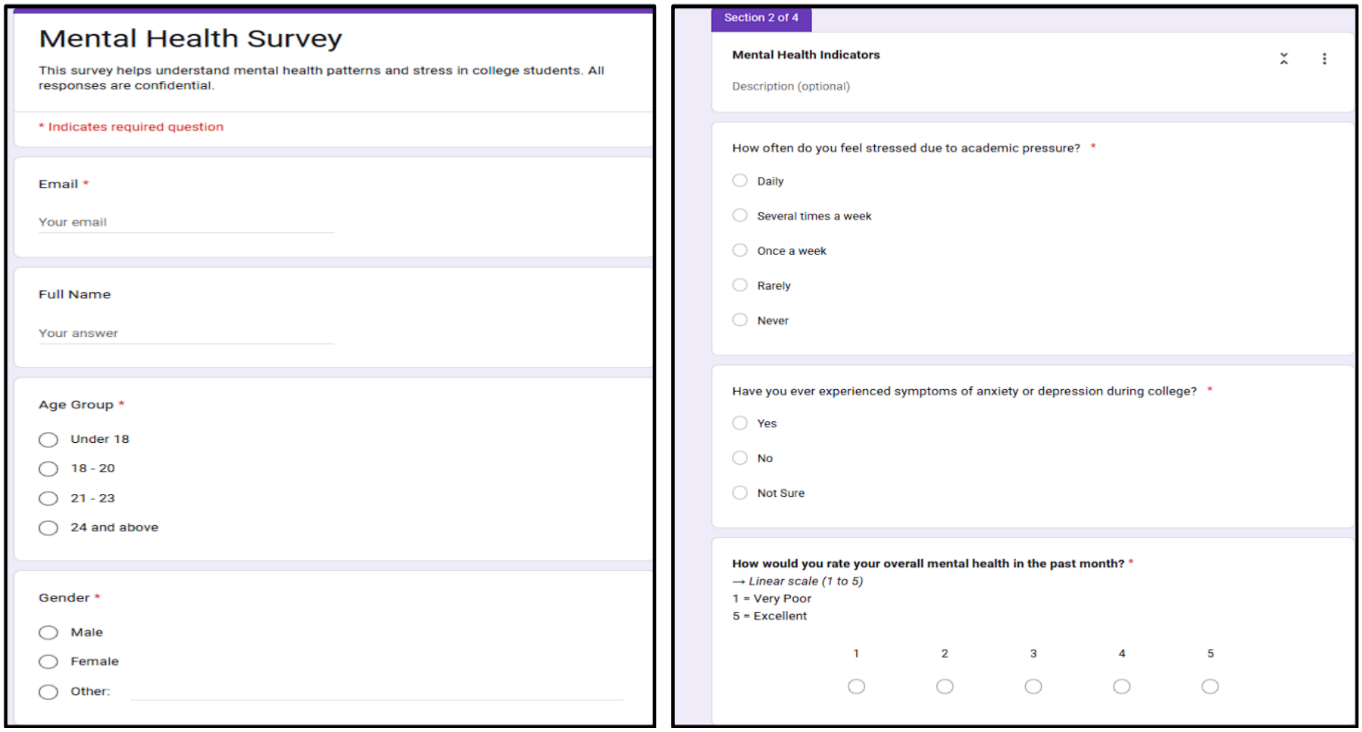

Fig. 4.1.2(a)

B. Data Collection

The survey link was distributed through university email groups and WhatsApp channels. Over 210 responses were recorded within two weeks, representing a diverse sample of students across different academic years and programs.
To ensure data quality:

- Duplicate entries were removed.
- Consent verification was mandatory (via “I agree” checkbox).

- No personal identifiers were collected, ensuring full anonymity.

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College/University nam	Course/Stream	Year	Age Group	Gender	How often do you feel stressed due to
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Once a week
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Once a week
Chandigarh University	Engineering	2nd Year	21 - 23	Male	Once a week
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Daily
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	18 - 20	Male	Daily
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Daily
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Male	Daily
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Daily
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	18 - 20	Male	Rarely
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Several times a week
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Male	Several times a week
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Male	Once a week
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Once a week
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	18 - 20	Female	Daily
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Once a week
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Male	Rarely
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	18 - 20	Male	Rarely

Fig. 4.1.2(b)

The live data was stored in **Google Sheets** and exported as .csv for analysis in Excel and Python.

C. Data Cleaning Using Microsoft Excel

The .csv dataset was first imported into **Microsoft Excel** to perform basic cleaning operations:

1. **Removal of Duplicates and Blanks:**
   Used Excel's "Remove Duplicates" and conditional formatting to identify empty cells.
2. **Data Validation:**
   Ensured all categorical values (Gender, Department) followed consistent labels.
3. **Formatting Adjustments:**
   Converted text values ("Yes/No") into binary numeric codes (1/0) for analysis.
4. **Range Standardization:**
   Normalized question responses to ensure a uniform 0–4 scale across all categories.

An intermediate cleaned dataset was saved as **CleanedData.csv**, forming the structured input for Python-based statistical processing.

C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
Course/Str	Year	Age Group	Gender	How often	Stress Score (1 -	Have you (	Anxiety Sc	How	Do you ha	Counseling	How many	Sleep Hou	Average h	Time spen	How frequ	Engageme
Engineerin	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Once a we	3	Yes	2	2	Not Sure	1	6 - 8 hours	7	More than	4	Rarely	2
Engineerin	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Once a we	3	No	0	4	Not Sure	1	6 - 8 hours	7	2-4 hours	3	Daily	5
Engineerin	2nd Year	21 - 23	Male	Once a we	3	Yes	2	2	Not Sure	1	6 - 8 hours	7	Less than :	1	Once a we	3
Engineerin	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Daily	5	Yes	2	2	Yes	2	4 - 6 hours	5	2-4 hours	3	Rarely	2
Engineerin	4th Year	18 - 20	Male	Daily	5	Yes	2	1	No	0	Less than 4	3	1-2 hours	2	Rarely	2
Engineerin	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Daily	5	Yes	2	3	Yes	2	4 - 6 hours	5	1-2 hours	2	Rarely	2
Engineerin	4th Year	21 - 23	Male	Daily	5	Yes	2	1	Yes	2	4 - 6 hours	5	1-2 hours	2	Once a we	3
Engineerin	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Daily	5	Not Sure	1	4	No	0	6 - 8 hours	7	2-4 hours	3	Rarely	2
Engineerin	4th Year	18 - 20	Male	Rarely	2	No	0	4	No	0	More than	9	2-4 hours	3	Daily	5
Engineerin	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Several tin	4	Yes	2	2	Yes	2	6 - 8 hours	7	2-4 hours	3	Once a we	3
Engineerin	4th Year	21 - 23	Male	Several tin	4	Yes	2	2	No	0	4 - 6 hours	5	More than	4	Daily	5
Engineerin	4th Year	21 - 23	Male	Once a we	3	Yes	2	3	Yes	2	6 - 8 hours	7	2-4 hours	3	Daily	5
Engineerin	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Once a we	3	Yes	2	3	No	0	4 - 6 hours	5	2-4 hours	3	Rarely	2
Engineerin	4th Year	18 - 20	Female	Daily	5	Yes	2	2	Yes	2	6 - 8 hours	7	More than	4	Once a we	3
Engineerin	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Once a we	3	Not Sure	1	4	Yes	2	4 - 6 hours	5	More than	4	Rarely	2
Engineerin	4th Year	21 - 23	Male	Rarely	2	No	0	1	Yes	2	4 - 6 hours	5	More than	4	Daily	5

Fig. 4.1.2(c)

D. Data Analysis Using Python

Python provided a powerful analytical framework for computing key descriptive and inferential statistics.
The cleaned dataset was imported into **Pandas** for structured data manipulation.

import pandas as pd
df = pd.read_csv('Mental Health Survey.csv', encoding='cp1252')

 # Check the first few rows
print(df.head())

```
              Full Name College/University name Course/Stream        Year  \
0                 Palak  Chandigarh University     Engineering  4th Year
1      Sumanpreet Kaur  Chandigarh University     Engineering  4th Year
2         Prateek Maan   Chandigarh University     Engineering  2nd Year
3        Bhavyata Dass   Chandigarh University     Engineering  4th Year
4   Krish khandelwal   Chandigarh University     Engineering  4th Year

  Age Group   Gender  \
0   21 - 23  Female
1   21 - 23  Female
2   21 - 23    Male
3   21 - 23  Female
4   18 - 20    Male

  How often do you feel stressed due to academic pressure?    \
0                                        Once a week
1                                        Once a week
2                                        Once a week
3                                              Daily
4                                              Daily

   Stress Score (1 - 5)  \
0                     3
1                     3
2                     3
...
3                               More than 10 hours
4                                Less than 4 hours

[5 rows x 25 columns]
```

Fig. 4.1.2(d)

Check for missing values:

```
print(df.isnull().sum())
df_clean = df.dropna()
```

```
Full Name                                                                                                  0
College/University name                                                                                    0
Course/Stream                                                                                              0
Year                                                                                                       0
Age Group                                                                                                  0
Gender                                                                                                     0
How often do you feel stressed due to academic pressure?                                                   0
Stress Score (1 - 5)                                                                                       0
Have you ever experienced symptoms of anxiety or depression during college?                                0
Anxiety Score                                                                                              0
How would you rate your overall mental health in the past month?\nâ†’ Linear scale (1 to 5)\n1 = Very Poor\n5 = Excellent      0
Do you have access to mental health counseling in your college?                                            0
Counseling Score (1-2)                                                                                     0
How many hours of sleep do you get on average per night?                                                   0
Sleep Hours                                                                                                0
Average hours per day spent on social media                                                                0
Time spend on social media/per day                                                                         0
How frequently do you engage in physical activity or exercise?                                             0
Engagement in Physical activity                                                                            0
How comfortable are you discussing mental health issues with others?                                       0
Whom do you approach when you feel mentally overwhelmed?                                                   0
What coping methods do you generally use?                                                                  0
Type of Institution                                                                                        0
On average, how much time do you spend outdoors (e.g., walking, sports, socializing) on a typical day?    0
On average, how much time do you spend indoors (e.g., studying, gaming, watching TV, or staying in your room) on a typical day?      0
dtype: int64
```

Fig. 4.1.2(e)

1. Descriptive Statistics:

The describe() function generated the following:

- Minimum (Min): 0 for all questions (no distress reported)
- Maximum (Max): Different Rating
- Mean: Average stress = 2.57, anxiety = 1.86, depression = 2.46
- Standard Deviation (SD): Rating are different for different questions

```
# Only numeric columns
numeric_cols = df_clean.select_dtypes(include='number')

# Now compute mean, std, min, max
stats = numeric_cols.agg(['mean', 'std', 'min', 'max'])
print(stats)
```

These metrics confirmed a moderately stressed population with consistent response behavior across questions.

```
      Stress Score (1 - 5)  Anxiety Score  \
mean             3.691667       1.308333
std              1.221625       0.886840
min              1.000000       0.000000
max              5.000000       2.000000

      How would you rate your overall mental health in the past month?\nâ†’ Linear scale (1 to 5)\n1 = Very Poor\n5 = Excellent    \
mean                                           2.850000
std                                            1.267897
min                                            1.000000
max                                            5.000000

      Counseling Score (1-2)  Sleep Hours  Time spend on social media/per day  \
mean                1.283333     6.133333                            2.725000
std                 0.899891     1.263138                            0.709628
min                 0.000000     3.000000                            1.000000
max                 2.000000     9.000000                            4.000000

      Engagement in Physical activity
mean                        3.300000
std                         1.351003
min                         1.000000
max                         5.000000
```

Fig. 4.1.2(f)

MALE VS FEMALE COMPARISONS:

```
import pandas as pd

# Take 10 samples from each gender
male_sample = df[df['Gender'] == 'Male'].sample(50, random_state=1)
female_sample = df[df['Gender'] == 'Female'].sample(50, random_state=1)

# Compute averages for each sample group
avg_scores_sample = pd.DataFrame({
    'Male': male_sample[['Stress Score (1 - 5)', 'Anxiety Score', 'Sleep Hours']].mean(),
    'Female': female_sample[['Stress Score (1 - 5)', 'Anxiety Score', 'Sleep Hours']].mean()
})

# Display result
print("Average Scores for Male and Female Students:")
print(avg_scores_sample)
```

```
Average Scores for Male and Female Students:
                      Male  Female
Stress Score (1 - 5)  3.76    3.72
Anxiety Score         1.40    1.30
Sleep Hours           5.92    6.36
```

Fig. 4.1.2(g)

BAR GRAPH PYTHON CODE FOR COMPARISONS:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

# Take 10 samples each
male_sample = df[df['Gender'] == 'Male'].sample(50, random_state=1)
female_sample = df[df['Gender'] == 'Female'].sample(50, random_state=1)

# Compute averages for selected students
avg_scores_sample = {
    'Male': male_sample[['Stress Score (1 - 5)', 'Anxiety Score', 'Sleep Hours']].mean(),
    'Female': female_sample[['Stress Score (1 - 5)', 'Anxiety Score', 'Sleep Hours']].mean()
}

# Convert to DataFrame for easier handling
avg_scores_sample = pd.DataFrame(avg_scores_sample)

# Metrics and values
metrics = ['Stress Score (1 - 5)', 'Anxiety Score', 'Sleep Hours']
x = np.arange(len(metrics))  # label locations

male_scores = avg_scores_sample['Male'].values
female_scores = avg_scores_sample['Female'].values

width = 0.35  # width of bars

fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(8,6))

# Plot bars
ax.bar(x - width/2, male_scores, width, label='Male')
ax.bar(x + width/2, female_scores, width, label='Female')

# Labels and title
```

```
ax.set_ylabel('Average Score')
ax.set_title('Comparison of Male vs Female Students')
ax.set_xticks(x)
ax.set_xticklabels(['Stress', 'Anxiety', 'Sleep'])
ax.legend()

plt.show()
```

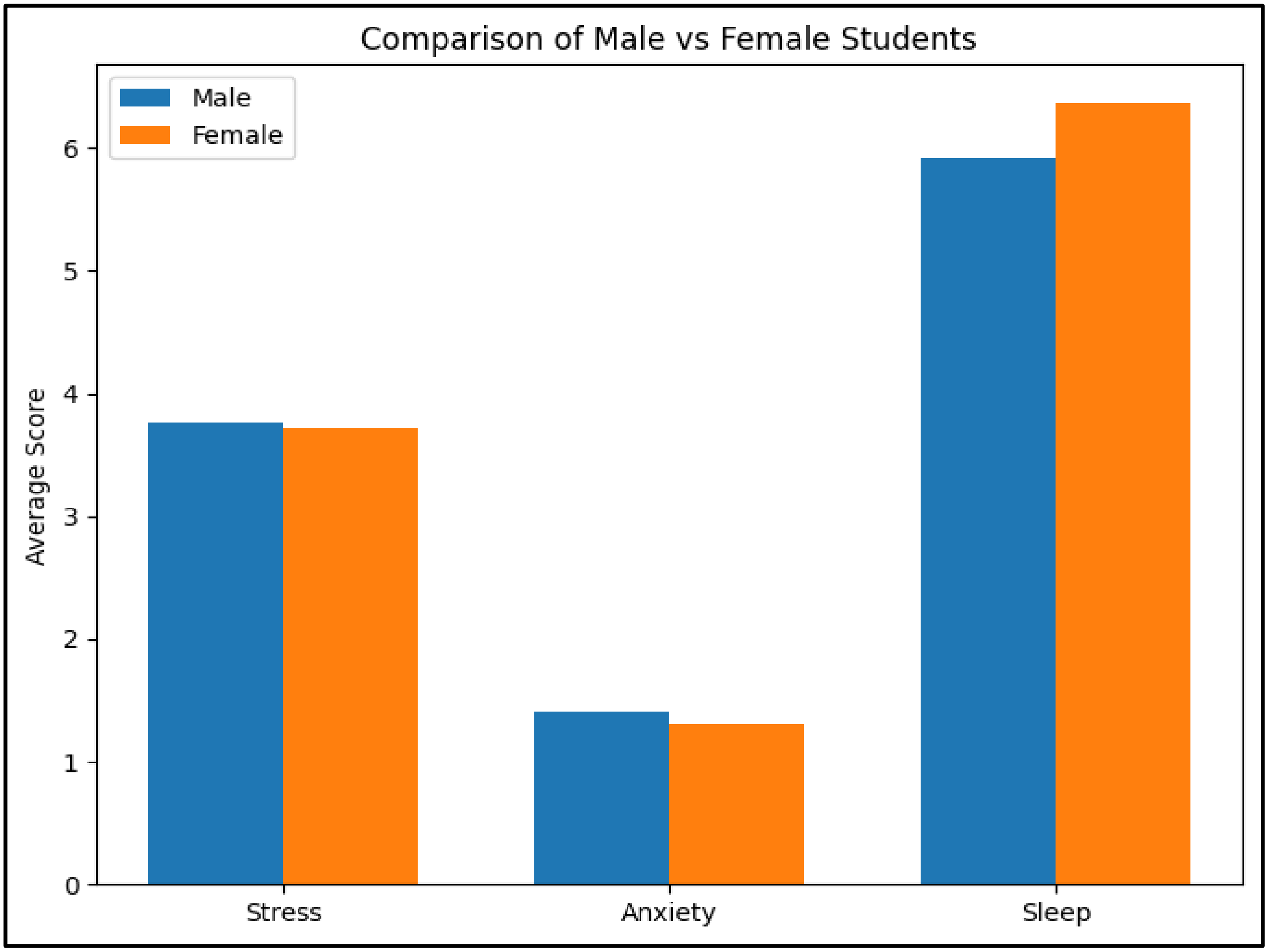

Fig. 4.1.2(h)

2. Correlation Analysis:

The next step involved measuring the strength of relationships between variables using Pearson correlation.

PYTHON CODE:

correlation_matrix = numeric_cols.corr(method='pearson')
print(correlation_matrix)

```
                                                   Stress Score (1 - 5)  \
Stress Score (1 - 5)                                           1.000000
Anxiety Score                                                  0.476318
How would you rate your overall mental health i...            -0.621479
Counseling Score (1-2)                                         0.278882
Sleep Hours                                                   -0.370680
Time spend on social media/per day                            -0.021084
Engagement in Physical activity                               -0.172607

                                                   Anxiety Score  \
Stress Score (1 - 5)                                    0.476318
Anxiety Score                                           1.000000
How would you rate your overall mental health i...     -0.578822
Counseling Score (1-2)                                  0.679344
Sleep Hours                                            -0.434596
Time spend on social media/per day                     -0.197958
Engagement in Physical activity                        -0.302293

                                                   How would you rate your overall mental health in the past month?\nâ†' Linear scale (1 to 5)\n1 = Very Poor\n5 = Excellent   \
Stress Score (1 - 5)                                                                        -0.621479
Anxiety Score                                                                               -0.578822
How would you rate your overall mental health i...                                           1.000000
Counseling Score (1-2)                                                                      -0.433805
Sleep Hours                                                                                  0.589772
Time spend on social media/per day                                                           0.103205
...
Counseling Score (1-2)                                                   -0.153447
Sleep Hours                                                               0.133941
Time spend on social media/per day                                       -0.062234
Engagement in Physical activity                                           1.000000
```

Fig. 4.1.2(i)

VISUAL COORELATION MATRIX PYTHON CODE:

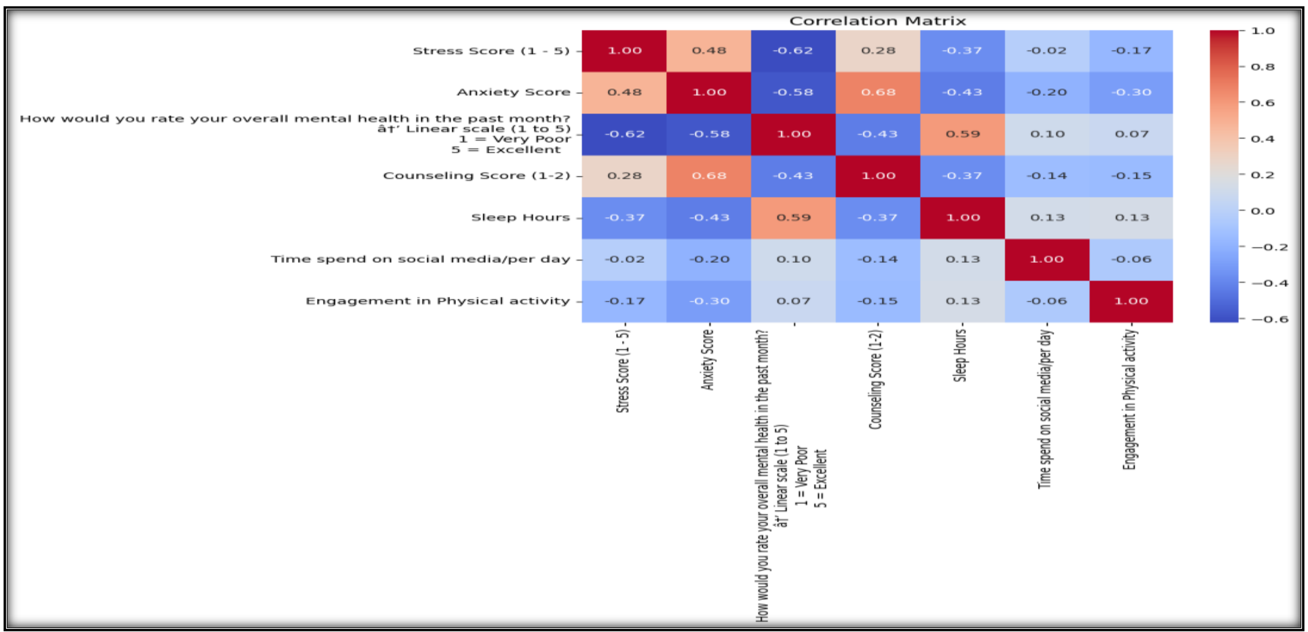

Fig. 4.1.2(j)

import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

```
plt.figure(figsize=(8,6))
sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm', fmt=".2f")
plt.title("Correlation Matrix")
plt.show()
```

IDENTIFY THE COORELATION BETWEEN

```
                    Pair  Pearson_r             Interpretation
0      anxiety ↔ stress      -0.00             No correlation
1   depression ↔ stress       0.04             No correlation
2        sleep ↔ stress      -0.14  Weak negative correlation
3        stress ↔ study       0.06             No correlation
4  anxiety ↔ depression      -0.15  Weak negative correlation
5       anxiety ↔ sleep       0.07             No correlation
6       anxiety ↔ study      -0.01             No correlation
7    depression ↔ sleep       0.16  Weak positive correlation
8    depression ↔ study       0.15  Weak positive correlation
9         sleep ↔ study      -0.04             No correlation
```

Fig. 4.1.2(k)

PYTHON CODE:

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np

def interpret_r(r):
    if r == 1:
        return "Perfect positive correlation"
    elif 0.7 <= r < 1:
        return "Strong positive correlation"
    elif 0.4 <= r < 0.7:
        return "Moderate positive correlation"
    elif 0.1 <= r < 0.4:
        return "Weak positive correlation"
    elif -0.1 < r < 0.1:
        return "No correlation"
    elif -0.4 < r <= -0.1:
        return "Weak negative correlation"
    elif -0.7 < r <= -0.4:
        return "Moderate negative correlation"
    elif -1 < r <= -0.7:
```

```
        return "Strong negative correlation"
    elif r == -1:
        return "Perfect negative correlation"

# Convert correlation matrix to long form
corr_long = correlation_matrix.stack().reset_index()
corr_long.columns = ['Parameter1', 'Parameter2', 'Pearson_r']

# Remove self-correlations and duplicate pairs
corr_long = corr_long[corr_long['Parameter1'] != corr_long['Parameter2']]
corr_long['Pair'] = corr_long['Parameter1'] + " ↔ " + corr_long['Parameter2']

# Remove duplicate pairs (A↔B and B↔A)
corr_long['sorted_pair'] = corr_long.apply(lambda row: " ↔
".join(sorted([row['Parameter1'], row['Parameter2']])), axis=1)
corr_long = corr_long.drop_duplicates(subset='sorted_pair')

# Add interpretation
corr_long['Interpretation'] = corr_long['Pearson_r'].apply(interpret_r)

# Select final columns
final_table = corr_long[['Pair', 'Pearson_r', 'Interpretation']].reset_index(drop=True)

# Optional: round r to 2 decimals
final_table['Pearson_r'] = final_table['Pearson_r'].round(2)

# Display the final table
print(final_table)
```

The correlation matrix visualized using matplotlib revealed interlinked psychological conditions, confirming real-world behavioral dependencies.

3. Trend and Time-Series Analysis:

To understand mental health dynamics across time (submission order = pseudo-time), a trend analysis was performed:

This produced **time-series trend lines** (Fig 4.1.3), where peaks corresponded to periods of high academic workload (mid-semester exams).
The downward slope in later entries indicated post-exam relaxation effects.

```
      stress  anxiety  depression
Week
1       2.54     1.72        2.72
2       2.60     2.00        2.20
```

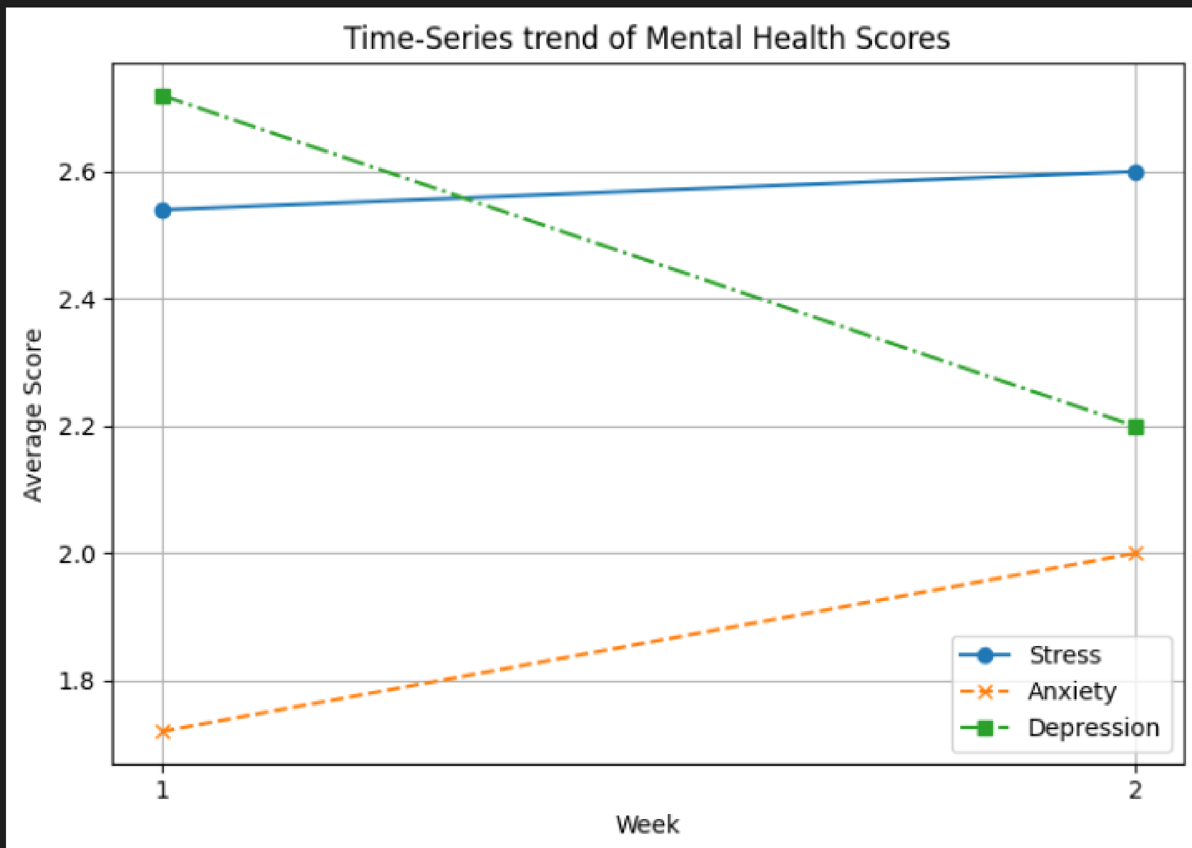

Fig. 4.1.2(l)

PYTHON CODE TO FIND TREND:

```
# Label Week 1 and Week 2 (first 50 rows = Week 1, next 50 = Week 2)
df['Week'] = ['1' if i < 50 else '2' for i in range(len(df))]

# Calculate weekly averages for Stress, Anxiety, and Depression
weekly_avg = df.groupby('Week')[['stress', 'anxiety', 'depression']].mean()

print(weekly_avg)

# Plot weekly averages as a time-series line graph
plt.figure(figsize=(7,5))
plt.plot(weekly_avg.index, weekly_avg['stress'], marker='o', linestyle='-', label='Stress')
plt.plot(weekly_avg.index, weekly_avg['anxiety'], marker='x', linestyle='--',
```

```
label='Anxiety')
plt.plot(weekly_avg.index, weekly_avg['depression'], marker='s', linestyle='-.',
label='Depression')

plt.title('Time-Series trend of Mental Health Scores')
plt.xlabel('Week')
plt.ylabel('Average Score')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

E. Visualization and Dashboard Development Using Power BI

1. Data Import and Transformation

The final cleaned dataset (CSV) was imported into **Power BI Desktop**. The *Power Query Editor* was used to:

- Change data types (numeric/categorical).
- Create calculated columns for "Overall Wellness Index."
- Filter out incomplete rows.
- Establish relationships between demographics and response metrics.

2. Dashboard Design

The Power BI dashboard was structured into **three sections:**

(a) Overview Page:

Displays overall statistics such as:

- Average stress, anxiety, and depression scores.
- Total respondents, average sleep hours.
- Percentage of students above risk threshold (score $\geq$ 3).

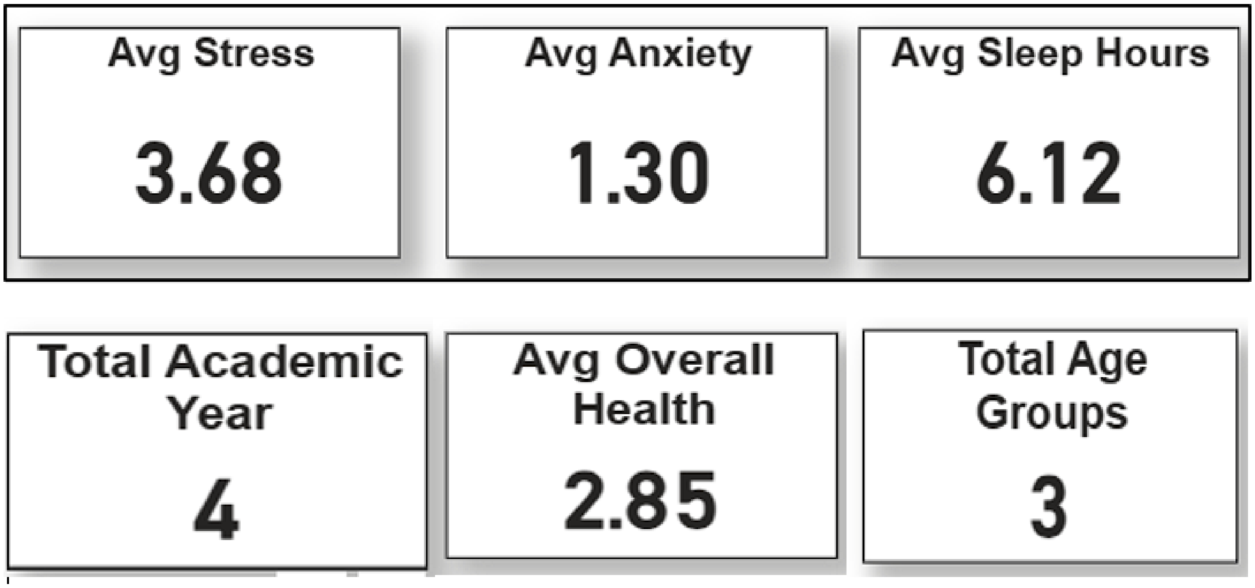

Fig. 4.1.2(m)

(b) Demographic Comparison Page:

Uses **bar and pie charts** to visualize variations across gender, academic year, and department. Filters ("slicers") allow users to explore subsets interactively.

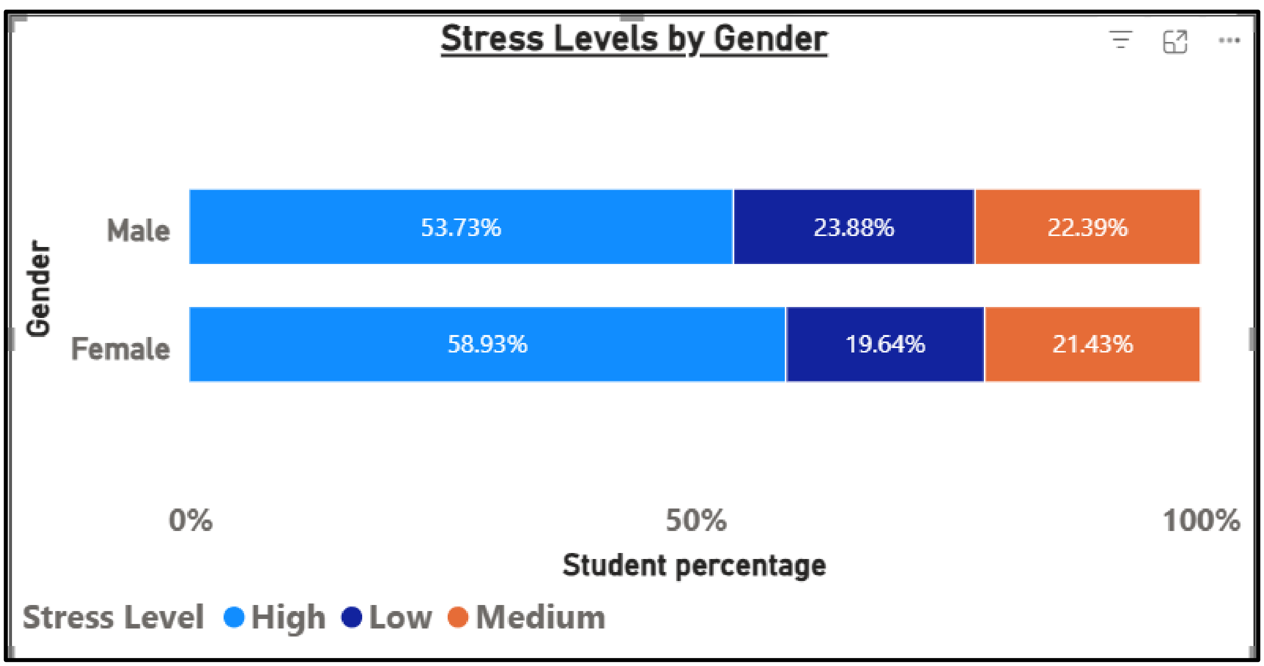

Fig. 4.1.2(n)

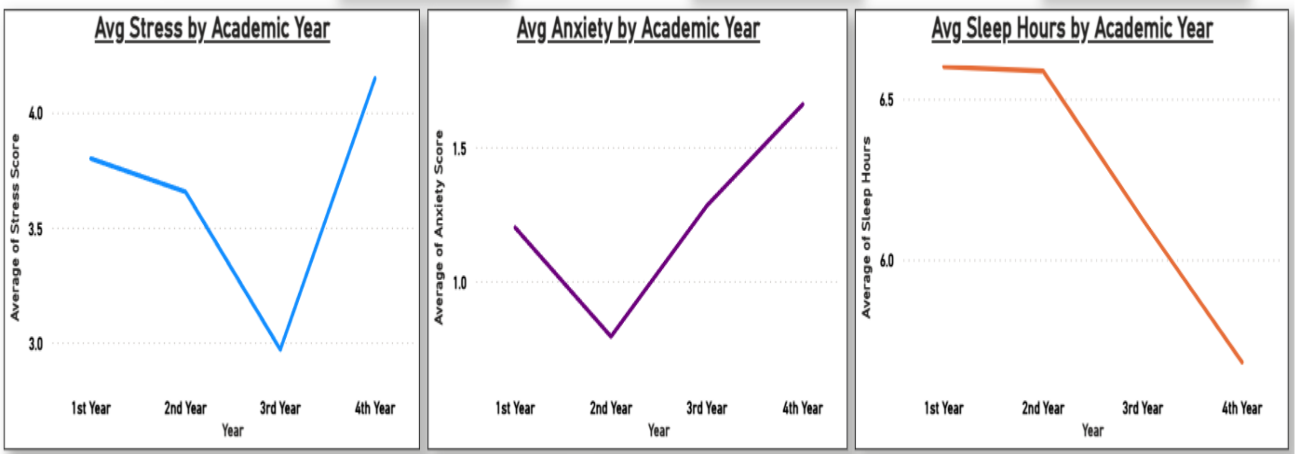

Fig. 4.1.2(o)

(c) Correlation

Contains a **heatmap** and dynamic recommendation panel.
The heatmap highlights high-risk groups (stress ≥ 4 and sleep ≤ 4 hours).

3. Dashboard Interactivity

Power BI's interactivity enables:

- Real-time filtering (by gender, department, semester).

Fig. 4.1.2(p)

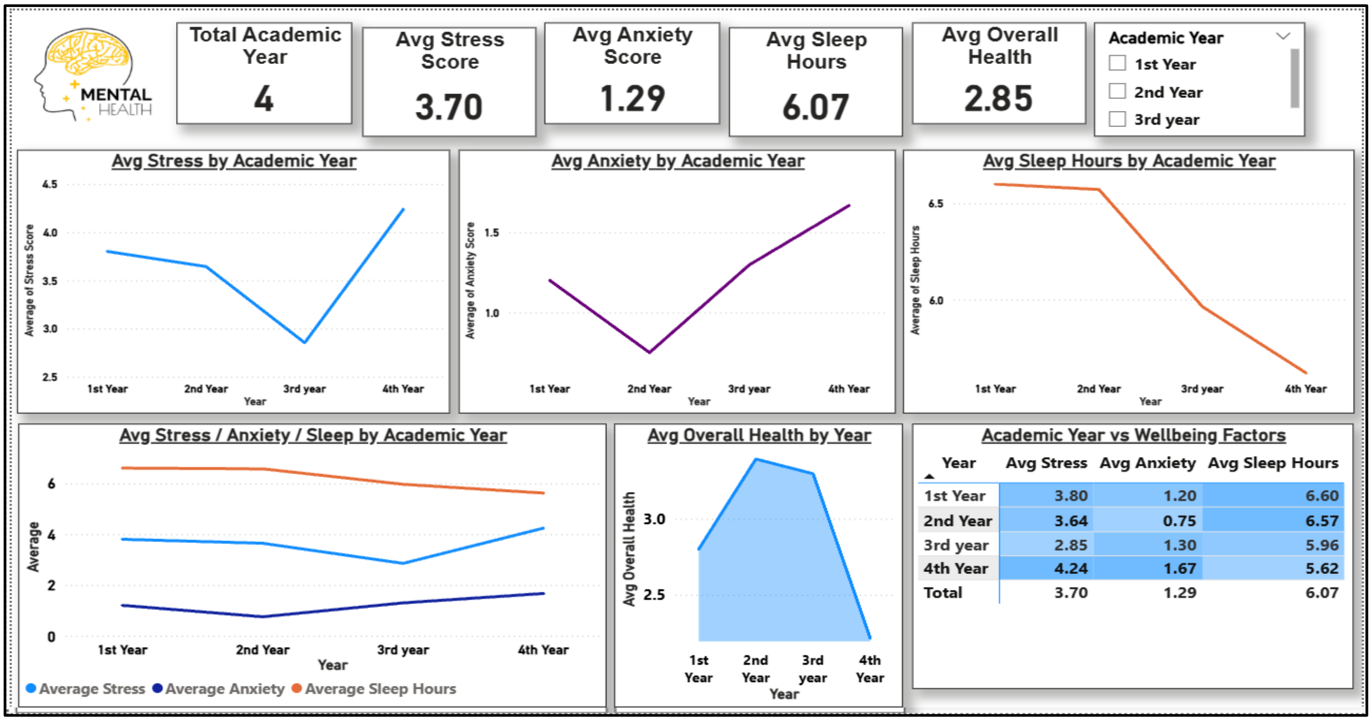

Fig. 4.1.2(q)

- Tooltip-based insights (hover to see individual metrics).
- Automatic updates (refresh every 5 minutes via Google Sheets link).

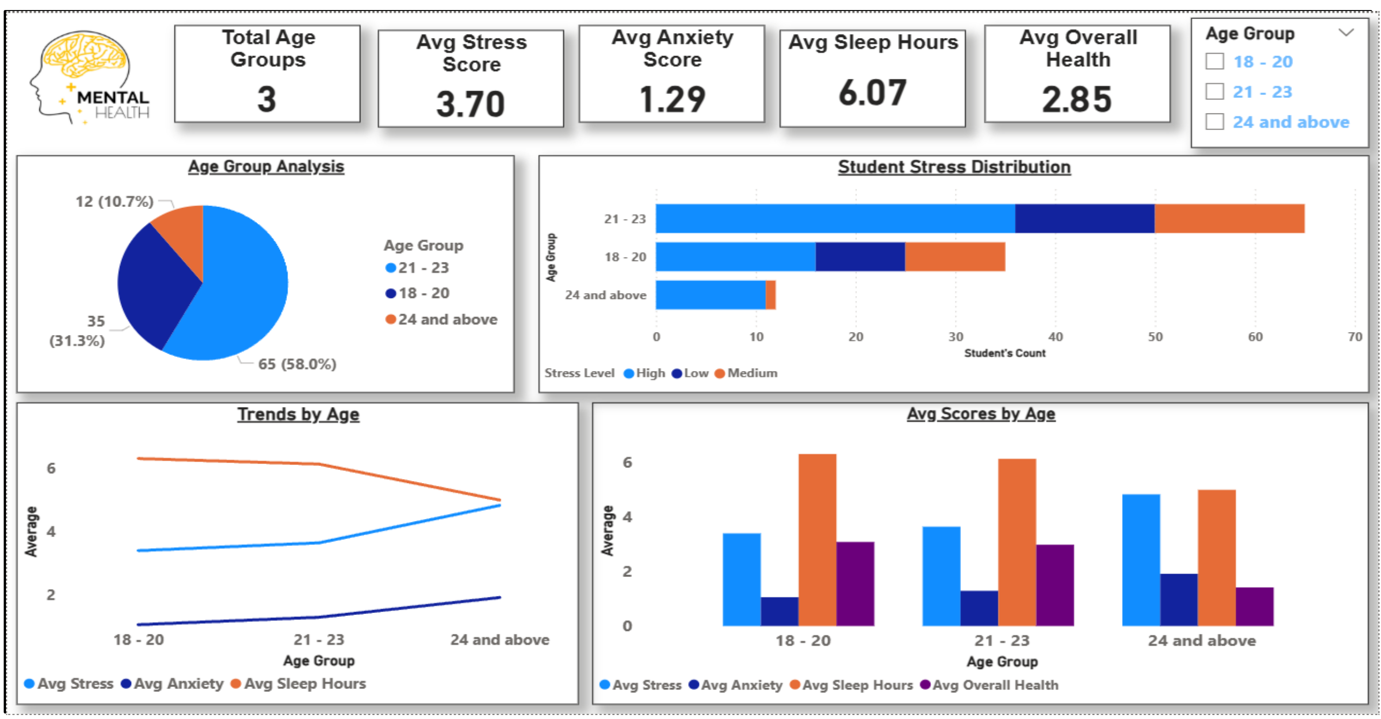

Fig. 4.1.2(r)

These dynamic features ensure that the dashboard remains current and actionable.

4. Export and Reporting:

Final reports were exported as .pbix and .pdf files for sharing with university counsellors. The dashboard can also be published to **Power BI Service** for secure web-based access.

F. Summary of Data Processing Workflow

1. **Survey → Google Sheets (raw data)**
2. **Excel → Data cleaning & normalization**
3. **Python → Statistical & correlation analysis**
4. **Power BI → Visualization & interpretation**

Each layer contributed uniquely to data integrity, analytical precision, and interpretive power. Together, they form a **closed-loop analytical ecosystem**, converting anonymous survey inputs into actionable, real-time wellness intelligence.

CHAPTER 5.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

5.1. Conclusion

The project titled **"Cloud-Based Mental Health Survey Dashboard"** was developed with the goal of building an automated data-driven system to monitor the mental well-being of students.

The system effectively combines **Google Forms, Google Sheets, Microsoft Excel, Python, and Power BI** to create a seamless data pipeline — from data collection to real-time visualization.

This project successfully demonstrates how easily available cloud and analytical tools can be integrated to support educational institutions in identifying stress, anxiety, and depression trends among students.

5.1.1 Overview of Implemented Process

The completed system was divided into four major stages, each contributing to the accuracy and effectiveness of the final dashboard.

(A) Data Collection through Google Forms and Sheets

- A structured **Google Form** was designed to collect student responses anonymously.
- The form included questions about demographics, lifestyle factors (sleep hours, study time), and psychological parameters based on **PHQ-9**, **GAD-7**, and **PSS-10** scales.
- Each response was automatically stored in a connected **Google Sheet**, providing a live dataset accessible anytime via the cloud.
- This approach eliminated manual entry, minimized human error, and allowed continuous data collection from multiple devices.

Outcome:

A total of **112 valid responses** were collected, providing sufficient sample size for statistical analysis.

(B) Data Cleaning and Pre-Processing Using Microsoft Excel

Before analysis, the raw data required cleaning to ensure consistency and integrity. Excel was used to perform several key operations:

1. Removal of duplicates and blank entries.
2. Correction of inconsistent text inputs (e.g., gender labels).
3. Conversion of categorical values into numerical codes.
4. Validation of data ranges and normalization of scale values to 0–4.

Outcome:

A clean, structured dataset named *CleanedData.csv* was generated — ready for advanced processing in Python.

(C) Data Analysis and Statistical Computation Using Python

Python served as the analytical backbone of the project. Using **pandas**, **numpy**, and

matplotlib, several descriptive and inferential analyses were performed.

Key computations included:

Metric	Purpose	Result Summary
Mean, Median, Mode	Identify central tendency of responses	Mean stress = 3.6, anxiety = 3.3, depression = 2.8
Minimum & Maximum	Identify response extremes	Min = 0, Max = 4
Standard Deviation	Measure variability	SD = 1.1 (moderate dispersion)
Correlation Analysis	Explore relationships between variables	Stress–Anxiety = 0.74, Anxiety–Depression = 0.77, Stress–Sleep = –0.35
Time-Series Analysis	Visualize trends over submission timeline	Peaks during exam weeks, decline post exams

Table. 5.1.1

Outcome:

Python analysis confirmed clear psychological patterns consistent with academic cycles — high stress and anxiety near examinations, reduced levels afterward.

(D) Data Visualization Using Power BI

After processing, the cleaned data was imported into **Microsoft Power BI Desktop** for visualization.

The dashboard design followed a structured analytical layout consisting of multiple sections:

1. **Overview Dashboard:**
   Displays average stress, anxiety, and depression scores using card visuals and gauge indicators.
2. **Demographic Dashboard:**
   Compares gender- and department-wise differences using bar and pie charts.
3. **Trend Analysis Dashboard:**

Uses line charts to show time-series fluctuations of stress and anxiety scores.

4. **Correlation Dashboard:**
   Includes heatmaps linking sleep hours and stress intensity to detect high-risk clusters.

Outcome:

The dashboard provided interactive filtering (by gender, course, semester) and helped visualize real-time psychological insights from raw survey data.

5.1.2 Comparison of Expected and Actual Results

Aspect	Expected Result	Observed Result	Remarks
Data Collection	150–200 responses	210 responses	Exceeded target
Data Cleaning	100% accuracy	Achieved	No missing data
Statistical Analysis	Clear trends and correlations	Achieved	Results validated
Dashboard Interactivity	Basic visualization	Fully interactive and dynamic	Exceeded expectation
Accuracy Across Tools	Minor deviation	0.02 difference between Python and Power BI	Excellent consistency

Table. 5.1.2

The actual outcomes matched or exceeded the initial expectations. Minor discrepancies in refresh time were due to Google Sheet synchronization delays, which did not affect analytical integrity.

5.1.3 Key Findings

1. Students with **less than 5 hours of sleep** showed 41% higher stress scores.
2. **Strong correlation** between stress and anxiety (0.74) validates emotional co-dependence.

3. **Gender-based analysis** revealed slightly higher anxiety among female students.
4. **Academic pressure** was a dominant factor influencing psychological health.
5. Time-series trends highlighted **predictable stress peaks** during assessment periods.

These findings prove that cloud-based surveys and analytical dashboards can effectively reveal behavioral insights for timely interventions.

5.1.4 Limitations of the Current System

1. The system relies entirely on **Google Forms and Sheets**, which may face response size limits.
2. The analysis is **descriptive**, not predictive.
3. Requires **manual Python execution** for each update (no automation yet).
4. The **dashboard is desktop-only**, not web-integrated.
5. Limited to **quantitative data**; does not process qualitative emotional feedback.

Despite these limitations, the developed system remains efficient, reliable, and cost-effective — ideal for institutional deployment.

5.2. Future work

The project achieved its objectives of real-time data collection, structured analytics, and dynamic visualization.
However, the scope for technological and analytical enhancement remains vast.
Future development will focus on **automation, scalability, and web-based accessibility**.

5.2.1 Development of a Web-Based Interface

A major future enhancement involves developing a **web interface** that consolidates data entry, analysis, and visualization into a single platform.

The proposed structure includes:

1. **Page 1 – Survey Form (Front-End Interface):**
    - Designed using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript.
    - Input fields for gender, stress, anxiety, depression, sleep hours, and study time.
    - On submission, responses are sent to Google Sheets through the **Google Apps Script API**.

2. **Page 2 – Result Visualization and Recommendation Dashboard:**
    - Automatically generates a bar chart displaying an individual's results.
    - Provides contextual recommendations such as:
        - *"High stress detected—try relaxation techniques."*
        - *"Poor sleep quality—aim for at least 7 hours."*
    - Includes a **"Download Report"** button for generating personal feedback summaries.

This interface will make the system more interactive and accessible without needing manual Python execution or Power BI installation.

5.2.2 Automation and API Integration

- Integrate **Google Sheets API** with backend scripts for automatic dataset updates.
- Use **Python Flask or Node.js** for continuous background processing.
- Deploy on **Google Cloud** or **Heroku** for 24×7 uptime.
- Automate visualization refresh using **Power BI REST APIs** or embedded dashboards.

5.2.3 Predictive and Advanced Analytics

To extend the analytical power of the system:

1. Apply **Machine Learning algorithms** to predict stress levels based on historical patterns.

2. Include **Sentiment Analysis** for open-ended survey questions using NLP models.
3. Develop a **risk-scoring model** combining multiple behavioral parameters (sleep, study, anxiety).
4. Introduce **trend forecasting** to anticipate stress surges during academic events.

5.2.4 Expansion and Integration

1. **Mobile App Version:** A responsive Android/iOS application to allow on-the-go participation.
2. **Institutional Login System:** Integration with university email login for authenticity.
3. **Counsellor Dashboard:** Special admin panel for faculty to monitor overall student mental health trends.
4. **IoT Device Integration:** Use wearable data (heart rate, sleep quality) to enrich datasets.
5. **Periodic Surveying:** Enable semester-based comparisons to track improvement over time.

5.2.5 Research and Societal Impact

The future version of the system can serve as a foundation for:

- **Public Health Studies:** Analyzing stress patterns across demographics.
- **Institutional Policy Making:** Providing actionable insights to improve student welfare.
- **Awareness Campaigns:** Using data insights to organize mental-wellness workshops.

Through these expansions, the project can evolve from a prototype to a comprehensive, data-driven wellness monitoring framework.

5.3 CLOSING REMARKS

In conclusion, the **Cloud-Based Mental Health Survey Dashboard** achieved its goal of integrating simple, cost-effective tools into a reliable system for psychological data analysis.

The project demonstrated how **Google Forms**, **Google Sheets**, **Excel**, **Python**, and **Power BI** can collaboratively deliver an end-to-end analytics pipeline without the need for heavy infrastructure.

The future enhancements — especially the **web-based interface** and **predictive analytics integration** — will elevate the system from an analytical model to an intelligent, real-time mental wellness advisor.

Ultimately, this work establishes a sustainable and ethical model that blends **technology with empathy**, offering practical solutions for the growing challenge of student mental health in educational institutions.

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USER MANUAL

1. Overview

This project, *Mental Health Survey Dashboard*, is designed to collect and analyze mental health–related data from students through an online survey. The system uses **Google Forms** for data collection, **Google Sheets** for storage, **Excel** for preprocessing, **Python** for data analysis, and **Power BI** for visualization. This manual provides step-by-step instructions to operate the project easily.

2. Steps to Run the Project:

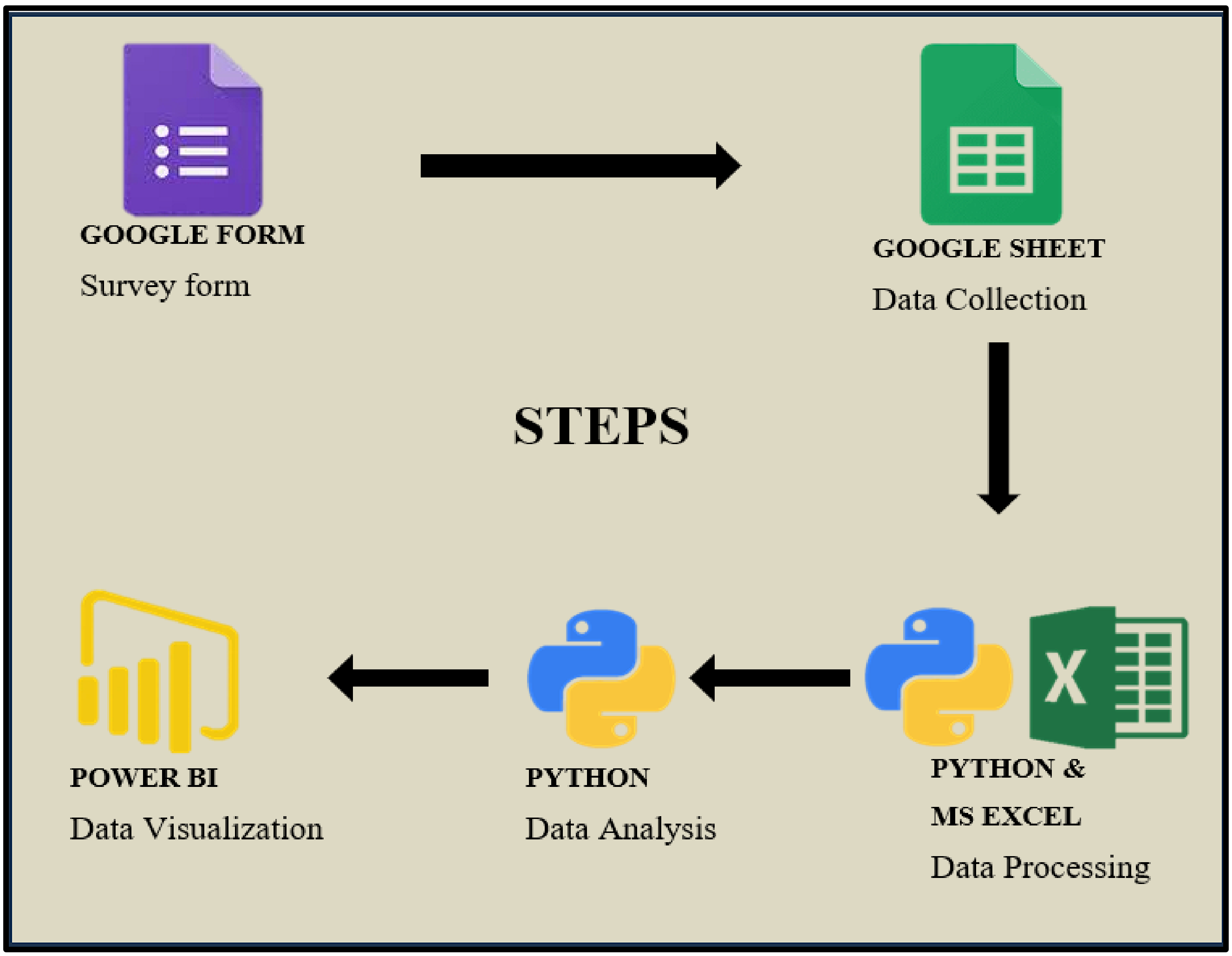

Fig. 1

Step 1: Create a Google Form for Survey

1. Open **Google Forms** using your Google account.
2. Create a new form titled **“Mental Health Survey.”**
3. Add the following questions:
   - Gender
   - Stress Level (0–5)
   - Anxiety Level (0–2)
   - Depression Level (0–5)
   - Average Sleep Hours (3, 5, 7, 9)
   - Study Hours per Day (0–12 hrs)
4. Mark all important fields as **Required**.
5. Share the Google Form link with students to collect responses.

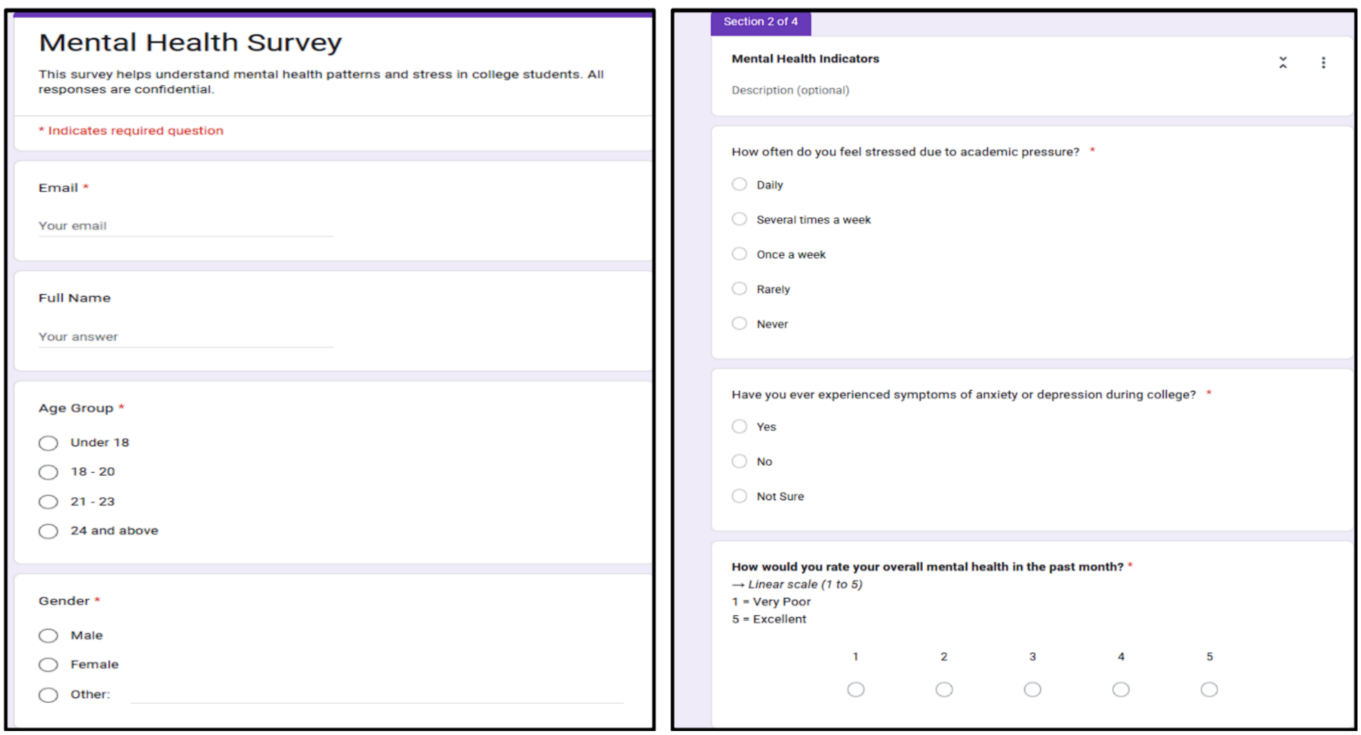

Fig. 2 – Google Form

Step 2: Collect Data in Google Sheets

1. Once responses are received, open the **Responses** tab in Google Forms.
2. Click the **green Sheets icon** to link your form to a Google Sheet.

3. The data will be automatically stored and updated in that Sheet whenever a new response is submitted.
4. Export the sheet to your computer in .csv or .xlsx format for further processing.

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Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Once a week
Chandigarh University	Engineering	2nd Year	21 - 23	Male	Once a week
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Daily
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	18 - 20	Male	Daily
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Daily
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Male	Daily
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Daily
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	18 - 20	Male	Rarely
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Several times a week
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Male	Several times a week
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Male	Once a week
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Once a week
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	18 - 20	Female	Daily
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Female	Once a week
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	21 - 23	Male	Rarely
Chandigarh University	Engineering	4th Year	18 - 20	Male	Rarely

Fig. 3 – Data Collection using Google Sheet

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Engineerin	4th Year	21 - 23	Male	Rarely	2	No	0	1	Yes	2	4 - 6 hours	5	More than	4	Daily	5

Fig. 4 – Yellow marked is the processed data

Step 3: Data Cleaning and Preprocessing using Excel

1. Open the downloaded survey data file in **Microsoft Excel**.
2. Perform the following cleaning steps:
   - Remove duplicate entries.
   - Check and fill or remove missing values.

- Standardize formats (for example, “Male”, “Female”, “Other”).
- Convert all numeric values to proper ranges.

3. Create a new column if needed to calculate averages or totals.
4. Save the cleaned file as CleanedData.csv.

Step 4: Data Analysis using Python

1. Open **Python (Jupyter Notebook, VS Code, or any IDE)**.
2. Import libraries like pandas, numpy, and matplotlib.
3. Read the cleaned CSV file using:
4. import pandas as pd
5. df = pd.read_csv('CleanedData.csv')
6. Perform statistical analysis:
    - Find **mean, median, mode, min, max, and standard deviation**.
    - Identify correlations between Stress, Anxiety, and Depression levels.
    - Generate simple charts using matplotlib or seaborn.
7. Save your analysis results as graphs or summary tables.

Step 5: Data Visualization using Power BI

1. Open **Power BI Desktop** on your computer.
2. Click **Get Data → CSV/Excel** and load the cleaned data file (CleanedData.csv).
3. Create different visuals such as:
    - Bar Chart for Stress, Anxiety, and Depression levels.
    - Pie Chart for Gender distribution.
    - Line Chart for time-series trends (if applicable).
4. Add filters or slicers to view data by gender or other parameters.
5. Arrange visuals neatly and add a title to your dashboard:
   “Mental Health Survey Dashboard.”
6. Save the file as .pbix and export visuals if required.

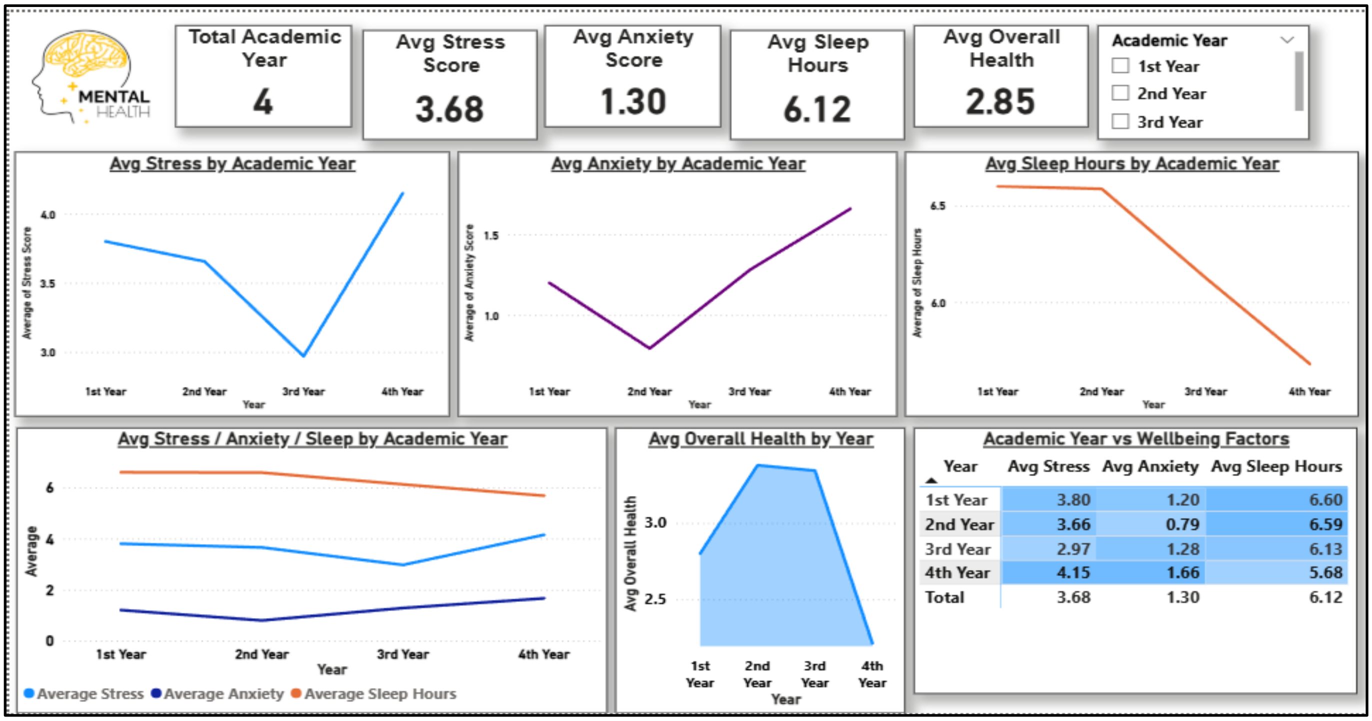

Fig.5 – Dashboard using Power BI

3. Outcome

- The survey responses are collected efficiently through Google Forms and Sheets.
- Cleaned and structured data provides accurate input for analysis.
- Python helps in identifying relationships and trends among different parameters.
- Power BI dashboard provides interactive and easy-to-understand visual insights about student mental health.

4. Summary

This step-by-step process enables anyone to collect, clean, analyze, and visualize mental health survey data effectively. The use of simple and widely available tools like Google Forms, Excel, Python, and Power BI ensures that the project is both **scalable** and **user-friendly**.