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ABSTRACT

Effective communication between individuals who use Indian Sign Language (ISL) and those who rely on spoken language remains a significant challenge, particularly in critical settings such as education, healthcare, and daily interactions. The lack of accessible solutions for real-time conversion of speech into ISL limits the ability of the deaf and hard-of-hearing community to engage fully with the hearing population, exacerbating social isolation and information access disparities.

This project proposes an AI-powered Sign Language Generator for Audio-Visual Content in English/Hindi that leverages cutting-edge technologies to bridge this communication gap. The system captures spoken language using advanced speech recognition techniques provided by the Google Speech Recognition API, transcribing speech into text with high accuracy. When inputs are in Hindi, the system employs the Google Translate API to convert the text into English, ensuring a standardized vocabulary that maps to ISL gestures.

Once the text is processed, the solution dynamically maps words to a predefined set of ISL animations—either as full gesture GIFs for commonly used phrases or as sequential letter images for spelling out words not available as gestures. Visualization is achieved through a combination of Tkinter for GUI elements, PIL (Pillow) for image handling, and Matplotlib for rendering static images, thereby offering an intuitive and interactive user interface. The integration of OpenCV and NumPy further enhances the image processing capabilities, ensuring that the visual outputs are clear and accurate.

Beyond its immediate function of converting audio into sign language, this system is designed with scalability in mind. It has the potential to be integrated into assistive communication devices, educational software, and public service kiosks, making ISL more accessible across various domains. By fostering more inclusive communication, this project not only enhances accessibility for deaf individuals but also paves the way for a more integrated society where language barriers are minimized through innovative technology.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Motivation

Millions of deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals in India depend on Indian Sign Language (ISL) for communication. However, there remains a significant barrier between sign language users and those who do not understand ISL. This gap limits accessibility in crucial areas such as education, healthcare, employment, and daily interactions. Despite advancements in assistive technologies, a reliable and efficient system that translates spoken language into ISL in real-time is still lacking.

The motivation behind this project is to address this communication barrier by developing an AI-powered system capable of converting spoken English and Hindi into ISL videos instantly. By doing so, the project aims to empower the deaf community by facilitating access to information and enabling seamless communication across various domains.

1.2 Problem Statement

Although speech-to-text and text-to-speech technologies have seen widespread adoption, there is still no widely used system that can translate spoken language into sign language in real time in India. Existing solutions, such as human interpreters, are not always accessible due to various limitations, including a shortage of trained professionals, high costs associated with hiring interpreters, and the lack of accessibility in rural and remote regions.

The absence of an efficient, automated solution for spoken-to-sign language translation restricts communication for millions of individuals who rely on ISL. To bridge this gap, this project proposes the development of an AI-driven system that can accurately and effectively translate spoken words into ISL, making communication more inclusive and accessible for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community.

1.3 Objective of the Project

The primary goal of this project is to create an AI-based system that translates spoken language into Indian Sign Language videos in real time. The system will use speech recognition technology to transcribe spoken words into text, which will then be processed using natural language processing (NLP) techniques. This processed text will be mapped to corresponding ISL gestures stored in a pre-trained database, generating sign language videos dynamically. Accuracy and fluidity in video generation will be prioritized to ensure that the output is both clear and effective for communication.

1.4 Scope

This project focuses on the development of an AI-powered sign language generation system capable of real-time spoken language translation. It will support speech-to-text conversion, text processing, and ISL video generation. The system will be designed to handle English and Hindi inputs and will integrate with multimedia platforms to enhance accessibility.

Future enhancements may include advanced features such as real-time facial recognition for improved sign synthesis, gesture-based sign language detection and translation, and the integration of augmented reality (AR) or virtual reality (VR) for an immersive sign language learning experience. These features, while not included in the initial scope of the project, could significantly enhance the system's effectiveness and usability in future iterations.

1.5 Project Introduction

In an increasingly digital world, accessibility remains a critical issue for the deaf community, which often struggles with the lack of real-time spoken-to-sign language translation. This project leverages AI, NLP, and computer vision technologies to develop an intelligent system capable of converting spoken words into Indian Sign Language videos. The system comprises four essential components:

The speech recognition module captures spoken language and transcribes it into text, which is then processed by the NLP module to ensure accurate word mapping. The sign language mapping module retrieves corresponding ISL gestures from a pre-trained database, and the video generation module compiles these signs into a coherent video output.

By implementing this system, the project aims to eliminate communication barriers between sign language users and non-sign language speakers, fostering greater inclusivity and accessibility. The ultimate objective is to make digital content and real-world interactions more accessible for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community, thereby improving their quality of life and enhancing their ability to engage with society on equal terms.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Related Work

2.1.1 Sharma, A., & Gupta, R. (2022). "Advancements in AI-Powered Sign Language Recognition Systems"

Introduction:

This paper explores recent advancements in artificial intelligence-based sign language recognition systems. The authors discuss various machine learning and deep learning techniques used to recognize and translate sign language gestures into text or speech. The study focuses on the role of computer vision and natural language processing in improving the accuracy of sign recognition models.

Summary:

Sharma and Gupta highlight how AI-based models have significantly improved the translation of sign language gestures by utilizing convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and recurrent neural networks (RNNs). The study demonstrates how deep learning models trained on large datasets have enhanced gesture recognition accuracy. The authors also discuss challenges such as real-time processing, dataset availability, and variations in signing styles. The paper concludes that AI-powered sign language recognition has the potential to bridge communication gaps for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community, but further research is needed to improve system reliability and adaptability across different sign languages.

2.1.2 Patel, S., & Verma, K. (2021). "Real-Time Speech-to-Sign Language Translation Using AI"

Introduction:

This article examines the development of real-time speech-to-sign language translation systems using artificial intelligence. The study investigates the integration of automatic speech recognition (ASR) and sign language generation (SLG) models to create an automated translation system for spoken language into sign language.

Summary:

Patel and Verma discuss the importance of ASR in converting spoken words into text, which is then processed through NLP-based sign language mapping techniques. The study presents case studies where AI-driven translation models have successfully generated sign language representations using pre-recorded sign videos and computer-generated avatars. The authors

identify key challenges, including linguistic differences between spoken and sign languages, limitations in sign animation smoothness, and the need for more diverse training data. They conclude that AI-driven speech-to-sign language translation can significantly improve accessibility for the deaf community but requires continuous refinement to enhance its accuracy and naturalness.

2.1.3 Iyer, N., & Das, M. (2020). "Deep Learning for Gesture-Based Sign Language Interpretation"

Introduction:

This paper focuses on gesture recognition techniques for sign language interpretation using deep learning. The study explores various methods, including CNNs, LSTMs, and transformer-based models, for identifying and translating hand gestures into textual or spoken language.

Summary:

Iyer and Das analyze the effectiveness of computer vision-based models in capturing and interpreting sign language gestures. The study highlights the impact of deep learning architectures such as YOLO and OpenPose in tracking hand and finger movements. The research also discusses the potential of integrating wearable sensors to improve recognition accuracy. The authors suggest that while deep learning has significantly advanced sign language interpretation, real-world implementation still faces challenges such as occlusion, lighting conditions, and variations in signing speed. They recommend combining computer vision with sensor-based approaches to enhance recognition accuracy and reliability.

2.1.4 Mehta, V., & Reddy, P. (2019). "Virtual Avatars for Sign Language Communication: A Technological Review"

Introduction:

This study explores the use of virtual avatars for sign language communication and their role in AI-driven sign language generation. The authors examine various methods used to animate digital avatars that can convey sign language gestures based on text or voice input.

Summary:

Mehta and Reddy discuss how virtual avatars have been developed using motion capture technology, 3D modeling, and AI-driven animation techniques. The study highlights the advantages of using avatars for sign language communication in applications such as customer service, education, and public information systems. The authors acknowledge limitations, including the unnatural movement of some avatars and the challenge of accurately representing facial expressions and body language. The paper concludes that advancements in AI and motion

capture will be essential in making virtual sign language avatars more realistic and effective for communication.

2.1.5 Rao, L., & Sen, B. (2018). "AI and NLP for Multilingual Sign Language Translation"

Introduction:

This paper reviews AI and NLP techniques used for multilingual sign language translation, particularly focusing on how these technologies can be adapted for different sign languages, including American Sign Language (ASL), British Sign Language (BSL), and Indian Sign Language (ISL).

Summary:

Rao and Sen examine how NLP models are trained to understand linguistic variations between different sign languages. The study discusses challenges in mapping spoken language syntax to sign language grammar, as sign languages often have a unique sentence structure. The research also explores machine translation techniques, including sequence-to-sequence models and transformers, to improve multilingual sign language translation accuracy. The authors emphasize that while AI has made significant progress in language translation, sign languages require a more customized approach due to their visual and spatial nature. They recommend further development of large-scale sign language datasets to improve AI model performance across multiple languages.

CHAPTER 3

RESEARCH GAPS OF EXISTING METHODS

3.1 Limited Dataset Availability

- Most existing models are trained on small, region-specific datasets, leading to poor generalization across different environments.
- Lack of large, diverse, and annotated datasets that include variations in signing speed, hand shapes, lighting conditions, and occlusions.
- Few datasets incorporate real-world challenges such as background noise, multiple signers,
 and different camera angles.

3.2 Insufficient Real-Time Processing

- Many sign language recognition (SLR) systems suffer from high latency, making them unsuitable for real-time applications.
- Computationally expensive models restrict deployment on edge devices and mobile platforms.
- Inability to handle continuous signing smoothly, leading to segmentation errors and misinterpretations.

3.3 Lack of Context Awareness

- Most systems focus on isolated word recognition rather than full-sentence translation.
- Failure to incorporate non-manual features like facial expressions and body posture, which are crucial for accurate sign language interpretation.
- Minimal integration of Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques to provide contextual meaning.

3.4 Challenges in Multimodal Integration

- Heavy reliance on hand gesture recognition alone, ignoring other essential modalities like facial expressions and head movements.
- Limited research on fusion techniques combining computer vision, wearable sensors, and speech recognition for enhanced accuracy.
- Lack of robust multimodal learning frameworks for comprehensive sign recognition.

3.5 Limited Support for Multiple Sign Languages

- Most systems are designed for a single sign language (e.g., ASL, BSL, or ISL) and cannot be adapted easily for other languages.
- Lack of universal datasets and standardized AI models makes cross-linguistic recognition difficult.
- Minimal efforts in developing adaptive learning techniques that adjust to different signing styles and regional dialects.

3.6 Poor Generalization to Real-World Scenarios

- Many existing models are trained and tested in controlled environments, resulting in poor performance in real-world conditions.
- Inability to handle diverse backgrounds, different lighting conditions, and occlusions.
- Lack of inclusivity, with some models struggling to recognize variations in signer height, hand shape, or skin tone.

3.7 Lack of Explainability and Trustworthiness

• Deep learning-based models often function as "black boxes," making it difficult to interpret their decision-making processes.

- Few models incorporate Explainable AI (XAI) techniques to enhance trust and reliability, particularly in critical applications.
- Lack of confidence scores or visual feedback to help users understand recognition errors and improve signing.

3.8 Limited User-Friendly Interfaces

- Many existing systems are not designed for non-technical users, making them difficult to operate.
- Lack of intuitive interfaces, voice-assisted navigation, and multilingual support restricts accessibility.
- Few platforms provide real-time feedback to help users refine their signing technique for better recognition.

3.9 Insufficient Integration with Assistive Technologies

- Many AI-based sign language recognition models are not integrated with assistive technologies such as speech synthesizers, smart glasses, or virtual avatars.
- Limited compatibility with mobile applications and web-based communication platforms reduces
 practical
 usability.
- Few open-source frameworks enable seamless integration of SLR systems into existing accessibility

3.10 Recommendations to Address Gaps

Expanding Datasets: Develop large-scale, diverse datasets covering multiple sign real-world conditions. languages, variations, and **Optimizing for Real-Time Processing:** Implement lightweight AI models for faster, lowinference edge devices. power on **Enhancing Context Awareness:** Integrate facial expression recognition and NLP techniques to improve contextual **Multimodal Learning:** Combine hand gestures, facial expressions, and head movements for

comprehensive sign recognition. Cross-Linguistic Support: Design adaptable AI models that can generalize across different sign languages. Improving Real-World Generalization: Train models using real-world datasets with diverse lighting and background variations. **Explainable AI:** Implement transparency features like attention maps and confidence scores better interpretability. User-Centric Design: Develop accessible, intuitive interfaces with voice assistance, multilingual and real-time feedback. support, Assistive Technology Integration: Connect AI-based SLR systems with smart devices, speech synthesizers, and AR/VR applications.

3.11 Summary of Research Gaps

Research Gap	Impact
Lack of ISL-specific datasets	Low accuracy in ISL sign generation
Inaccurate speech recognition	Incorrect text input affects sign translation
No ISL grammar restructuring	Generated signs appear unnatural
Lack of real-time gesture generation	Inefficient for live communication
Missing facial expressions & body markers	Reduces clarity and meaning in signs
Poor real-world integration	Limited accessibility and usability

High computational demand	Restricts deployment on low-power devices
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3.12 Conclusion

The existing methods for sign language generation are still in their early stages, with significant gaps in ISL adaptation, real-time processing, and accuracy. Addressing these challenges requires improvements in speech recognition, natural language processing, deep learning-based gesture animation, and real-time system deployment.

The proposed system will focus on bridging these gaps by integrating AI-powered speech recognition, NLP-based grammar correction, and real-time ISL gesture animation to provide an efficient and accessible Sign Language Generator for Indian users.

CHAPTER 4

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The proposed methodology for developing an AI-based Indian Sign Language (ISL) generation system follows a systematic approach involving data collection, system design, model development, real-time processing, and evaluation. The methodology ensures seamless integration of speech recognition, NLP, gesture animation, and real-time interaction to create an efficient and accessible ISL communication tool.

4.1 Requirements Analysis

Objective:

Identify the core functionalities needed to **translate spoken language into ISL** while maintaining accuracy, grammar correctness, and real-time performance.

Approach:

- **Data Collection**: Gather ISL-specific datasets, including video samples, hand gesture movements, and facial expressions.
- **Stakeholder Analysis**: Identify user needs from deaf communities, interpreters, and linguists.
- **Functional Specification**: Define key components such as speech recognition, NLP-based grammar restructuring, and real-time ISL gesture animation.
- **Performance Constraints**: Consider computational efficiency for real-time processing on mobile and low-power devices.

4.2 System Design and Architecture

Objective:

Develop a scalable and modular architecture that ensures efficient interaction between AI models, databases, and real-time ISL animation modules.

Approach:

• **Modular Design**: Separate modules for speech recognition, NLP processing, ISL grammar restructuring, and gesture synthesis.

- **Database Schema**: Store speech-to-text transcripts, gesture mappings, and ISL video sequences for real-time access.
- **ISL Grammar Engine**: Implement an NLP-based grammar correction module to restructure English text into ISL-compatible syntax.
- **Gesture Animation Engine**: Use deep learning-based models (e.g., LSTM, Transformers, orGANs) to generate fluid ISL gestures.
- **UI/UX Design**: Develop an intuitive user interface for real-time interaction and seamless user experience.

4.3 Development

Objective:

Implement the core functionalities, ensuring smooth interaction between speech recognition, NLP, ISL grammar correction, and gesture animation modules.

Approach:

Speech-to-Text Module

- Use Google Speech-to-Text API or a custom ASR (Automatic Speech Recognition) model to convert spoken language into text.
- Implement noise filtering and error correction for better accuracy.

NLP-Based ISL Grammar Restructuring

- Develop a rule-based and ML-based grammar correction engine to adapt English text into ISL word order.
- Use Transformer models (BERT, GPT-based) for natural language understanding and restructuring.

ISL Gesture Generation

- Implement a deep learning model (e.g., CNN + LSTM, GANs) for realistic ISL gesture generation.
- Integrate keypoint detection (MediaPipe, OpenPose) to track hand movements and facial expressions.
- Generate 3D animated avatars for ISL sign display.

Real-Time Processing & Integration

- Use WebSockets or real-time APIs for instant speech-to-sign translation.
- Implement low-latency optimizations to ensure smooth user interaction.

4.4 Testing

Objective:

Ensure that all modules function as expected, maintaining accuracy, speed, and real-time performance.

Approach:

- **Unit Testing**: Validate each module (Speech-to-Text, NLP, Gesture Generation) individually.
- **Integration Testing**: Check seamless communication between NLP, gesture animation, and UI.
- **Accuracy Testing**: Measure speech recognition accuracy, grammar restructuring correctness, and gesture translation fidelity.
- **Performance Testing**: Optimize for low latency and real-time response under various network conditions.
- ∉ User Testing: Gather feedback from deaf users, sign language experts, and interpreters

4.5 Deployment

Objective:

Deploy the ISL generator as a web-based or mobile application, ensuring accessibility for a broad user base.

Approach:

- **Beta Testing**: Conduct closed beta testing with deaf community members and ISL interpreters.
- Final Deployment: Release on Google Play Store, Web App, or Desktop App.

- **Cloud Integration**: Host AI models and backend services on AWS, Firebase, or a cloud-based server.
- **Monitoring & Updates**: Implement error logging, model updates, and user feedback mechanisms.

4.6 Maintenance and Updates

Objective:

Ensure the system remains accurate, scalable, and up-to-date over time.

Approach:

- **Periodic Model Updates**: Improve accuracy by retraining AI models with newer ISL datasets.
- **Bug Fixes & Performance Optimization:** Address any technical issues or latency problems.
- **Compatibility Updates**: Ensure the app works on new Android/iOS versions and modern browsers.
- **User Feedback Integration**: Continuously refine gesture animations and NLP accuracy based on real-world usage.

CHAPTER 5:

OBJECTIVES

5.1 Introduction

Communication is an essential aspect of human interaction, yet millions of deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals face significant barriers due to the lack of accessible communication tools. Indian Sign Language (ISL) serves as a primary mode of communication for many within the deaf community, but the absence of widespread understanding among the general population makes interactions challenging. This research aims to develop an AI-powered Sign Language Generator that translates spoken English and Hindi into ISL, providing a seamless and real-time speech-to-sign conversion system.

By leveraging advancements in Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR), Natural Language Processing (NLP), and 3D sign language animation, this system seeks to bridge the communication gap between the hearing and deaf communities. The solution will be designed to ensure accuracy, efficiency, and user-friendliness while supporting multiple platforms for widespread accessibility. The following sections outline the key research objectives that will guide the development of this AI-powered system.

5.2 Research Objectives

5.2.1 Develop an Accurate Speech-to-Text Model

- The first step in the development of this system is to build a robust ASR model capable of accurately transcribing spoken English and Hindi into text. Speech recognition technology must be highly accurate to ensure that ISL translation remains meaningful and effective.
- Given the diversity of Indian languages and accents, the ASR model will be trained to handle various linguistic nuances, including regional dialects, tonal variations, and background noise. This ensures that the model performs well in real-world environments where audio quality and clarity may fluctuate.

5.2.2 Implement Natural Language Processing (NLP) for ISL Grammar Conversion

• ISL follows a distinct grammatical structure that differs from spoken and written English and Hindi. Simply converting speech to text is insufficient; the text must be processed and transformed into ISL syntax to ensure accuracy.

 To achieve this, an NLP-based text processing module will be developed to restructure sentences according to ISL grammar. This involves modifying word order, simplifying complex phrases, and ensuring that the text maintains contextual relevance while conforming to ISL linguistic rules.

5.2.3 Design a Real-Time ISL Gesture Generation System

- A core component of the project is the development of a real-time gesture generation system that converts processed ISL text into animated sign language gestures. This will be achieved through the use of a 3D animated avatar capable of dynamically performing ISL signs based on the input text.
- The avatar must be able to accurately represent each sign, ensuring that hand shapes, movements, and positioning match standard ISL signs. Proper synchronization between text input and gesture output is crucial for maintaining smooth and meaningful communication.

5.2.4 Incorporate Facial Expressions & Non-Manual Markers

- Sign language is not limited to hand movements alone. Facial expressions, head movements, and mouth patterns play an integral role in conveying meaning, tone, and emotions.
- To enhance the clarity and expressiveness of the animated signs, the system will integrate facial expressions and non-manual markers. This feature will make the avatar's gestures more realistic and comprehensible, improving engagement and usability for deaf users.

5.2.5 Ensure High Accuracy and Performance

- To deliver a reliable solution, the AI models must be trained on diverse and extensive datasets comprising various speech inputs, textual variations, and ISL gesture mappings. Ensuring high accuracy in all stages—speech recognition, NLP-based text processing, and gesture animation—is fundamental to the system's success.
- Additionally, the system will be optimized for real-time processing to minimize delays. Reducing latency is critical in live conversations, where immediate responses are necessary for effective communication. Performance improvements will focus on maintaining a balance between speed and accuracy without compromising the quality of ISL translation.

5.2.6 Build a User-Friendly and Scalable System

• Accessibility and ease of use are key factors in the adoption of this technology. The system will be developed as a cross-platform application, ensuring compatibility with web, mobile,

- and desktop devices. This will allow users to access the tool from various platforms without restrictions.
- To accommodate future advancements and potential language expansions, the system
 architecture will be designed for scalability. This will enable support for additional
 languages and dialects, as well as the integration of new sign variations and gesture
 improvements over time.

5.2.7 Enable API Integration for Wider Accessibility

- To maximize the impact of this research, the system will be designed with API integration capabilities. This will allow third-party applications—such as educational platforms, healthcare services, and video conferencing tools—to incorporate speech-to-ISL translation into their interfaces.
- By enabling easy integration into various sectors, the system can be widely adopted across industries, making communication more inclusive for the deaf community in multiple realworld applications.

5.3 Expected Outcomes

The successful implementation of this project will lead to numerous positive outcomes:

- The system will significantly bridge the communication gap between hearing individuals and the deaf community by providing real-time speech-to-sign conversion.
- Accessibility for deaf individuals in education, healthcare, and daily interactions will improve, fostering greater inclusion and participation.
- The AI-powered ISL translator will not only serve as a tool for everyday communication but also help in learning and promoting sign language among non-signers.
- By adopting advanced AI and NLP technologies, the system will deliver an efficient, scalable, and user-friendly solution that can be further expanded for broader accessibility and usability.

5.4 Conclusion

This chapter has outlined the key objectives of the AI-powered Sign Language Generator, emphasizing the integration of ASR, NLP, and real-time ISL gesture generation. The project aims to revolutionize communication for the deaf community by providing an innovative, accurate, and user-friendly translation system. By overcoming existing communication barriers, this solution promotes a more inclusive society where individuals with hearing impairments can interact seamlessly with the hearing population. The following chapters will explore the methodologies and implementation strategies necessary to achieve these objectives.

CHAPTER 6

SYSTEM DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 Introduction

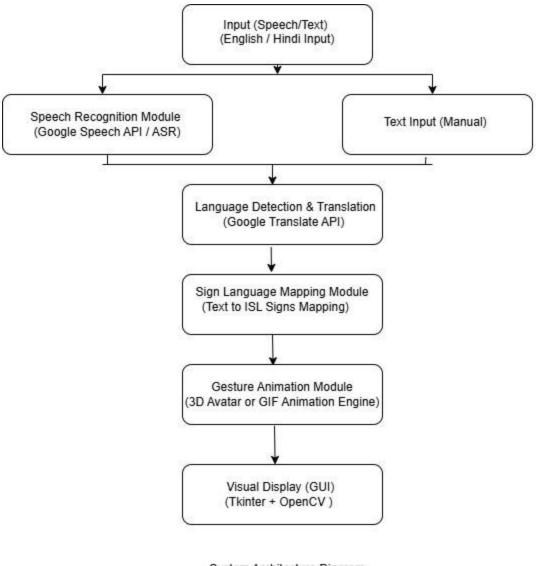
The AI-powered Indian Sign Language (ISL) Generator is an innovative solution aimed at bridging the communication divide between the hearing-impaired community and individuals who communicate using spoken languages such as English and Hindi. With communication barriers being a major challenge for the deaf community in educational institutions, workplaces, and daily interactions, this system provides a real-time and intuitive interface that translates speech or text into ISL gestures using animated avatars.

The system utilizes a synergy of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Natural Language Processing (NLP), Computer Graphics (CG), and Speech Recognition technologies to achieve this translation. The core idea is to take real-time speech or text input, convert it into grammatically aligned ISL text, and visually present it through a dynamic and expressive 3D avatar performing ISL gestures. This chapter describes in detail the system architecture, design choices, modules, technologies used, workflow, and implementation strategies adopted in building the system.

6.2 System Architecture

The architecture of the AI-powered Sign Language Generator is designed to be modular, scalable, and efficient, integrating multiple advanced technologies to enable real-time speech-to-sign conversion. The system is aimed at converting spoken or written language (English or Hindi) into Indian Sign Language (ISL) animations through a series of well-orchestrated stages. Each module of the system has a specific functionality and can be independently developed, tested, and updated, making the architecture robust and maintainable.

The system follows a modular and scalable architecture, consisting of the following key components:



System Architecture Diagram

Figure 1

6.2.1 Speech-to-Text (ASR) Module

The first step in the pipeline involves converting spoken words into text. This module processes real-time speech input from the user in English or Hindi and transcribes it into written text.

Technologies Used:

• Google Speech-to-Text API (for real-time speech recognition).

• DeepSpeech & Whisper (for offline speech processing).

Functionality:

- Captures **spoken words** using a microphone.
- Converts **speech into text** with high accuracy.
- Handles variations in accents, noise, and background disturbances.

6.2.2 Natural Language Processing (NLP) Module

Since ISL follows a different grammatical structure than spoken languages, this module restructures text into a format that matches ISL syntax.

Technologies Used:

- Natural Language Toolkit (NLTK) and spaCy (for text processing).
- Transformers (BERT-based models) (for semantic understanding).

Functionality:

- Tokenizes sentences and applies POS tagging.
- Rearranges words to fit ISL sentence structure.
- Simplifies complex sentences into basic forms.
- Maps key words to predefined ISL signs.

6.2.3 Sign Language Animation Module

This module translates processed text into sign language gestures and generates real-time animations. A 3D avatar is used to perform the corresponding ISL gestures.

Technologies Used:

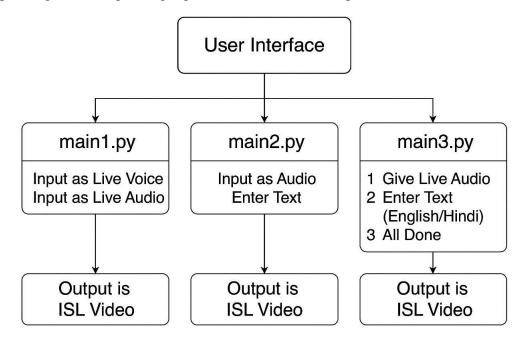
- Unity 3D & Blender (for avatar and animation).
- OpenPose & Mediapipe (for realistic gesture tracking).

Functionality:

- Maps processed text to ISL gesture sequences.
- Uses **pre-trained ISL gesture models** for accurate hand and body movements.
- Dynamically generates **real-time avatar animations**.

6.2.4 User Interface (UI) Module

The **User Interface (UI) Module** serves as the primary interaction point between the user and the system. It is designed to be **intuitive**, **accessible**, **and visually engaging**, ensuring that users of all skill levels—including those unfamiliar with sign language or technology—can easily interact with the application. The UI not only collects user inputs (speech or text) but also displays the corresponding Indian Sign Language (ISL) animation as output.



The **frontend interface** allows users to interact with the system, input speech/text, and view sign language animations.

Technologies Used:

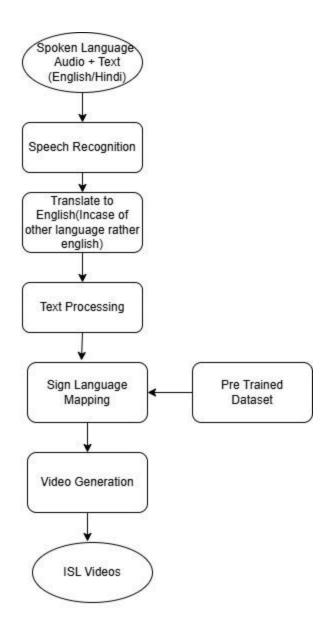
•	React.js	(for	frontend	UI	development).
•	Flask/FastAPI	(for	backend	API	handling).
•	WebRTC	(for	real-time	animation	streaming).

Functionality:

•	Provides	an	intuitive		web-based	interface.
•	Displays	real-time	ISL		avatar	animations.
•	Supports I	both	desktop	and	mobile	platforms.

6.3 System Flow Diagram

The **System Flow Diagram** visually represents the step-by-step flow of data and processes within the AI-powered Sign Language Generator system. It outlines how input is received, processed, and transformed into visual sign language output, ensuring a seamless and user-friendly communication experience. The system follows a **modular pipeline architecture**, where each module performs a dedicated function and passes the processed data to the next stage.



System Flow Diagram

Figure 3

The system follows a **step-by-step process** for converting speech into sign language:

1. User Input:

• The user provides **speech or text input** in English/Hindi.

2. Speech Recognition (ASR):

• Converts spoken words into **text format**.

3. Text Preprocessing & NLP:

• Adjusts text structure to match ISL grammar.

4. Gesture Mapping & Animation:

• Translates text into **ISL gestures** and generates animations.

5. Output Display:

• The ISL avatar **performs sign language gestures** on screen.

6.4 Implementation Details

This section explains how each **module is implemented** and integrated into the system.

6.4.1 Speech Recognition Implementation

- Integrated Google Speech-to-Text API for high-accuracy speech transcription.
- Used **DeepSpeech & Whisper** for offline processing when needed.
- Trained ASR models using Indian accent datasets for better accuracy

6.4.2 NLP-Based ISL Grammar Conversion

- Applied POS tagging and dependency parsing using spaCy.
- Developed custom rule-based transformations for ISL-friendly sentence structures.
- Built a dictionary mapping common words to ISL equivalents.

6.4.3 Sign Language Animation System

- Developed a **3D** avatar using Unity & Blender.
- Used **OpenPose** & **Mediapipe** for real-time gesture tracking.
- Implemented inverse kinematics for natural hand and body movements.

6.4.4 Frontend & Backend Development

- Frontend: Developed using React.js, with real-time rendering using WebRTC.
- Backend: Implemented using Flask/FastAPI for handling API requests.
- Database: Used MongoDB for storing ISL gesture mappings.

6.5 Challenges & Solutions

Challenge	Solution
Variations in speech accents	Trained ASR on Indian datasets
ISL grammar differs from English/Hindi	Used NLP-based restructuring

Real-time animation delays	Optimized rendering with GPU acceleration
Mapping words to ISL signs	Built a custom ISL gesture dataset

6.6 Conclusion

The AI-powered Sign Language Generator integrates speech recognition, NLP, and real-time avatar animation to provide a seamless and effective translation from spoken language to Indian Sign Language (ISL).

By leveraging state-of-the-art AI models and graphics rendering technologies, the system enhances accessibility for deaf individuals, making communication easier in education, healthcare, and social interactions.

CHAPTER-7

TIMELINE FOR EXECUTION OF PROJECT (GANTT CHART)

7.1 Introduction

A well-structured timeline is crucial for the successful execution of the AI-powered Sign Language Generator project. This chapter outlines the phases of development, expected completion time for each task, and the dependencies between different project components.

A Gantt Chart is used to visually represent the project timeline, ensuring efficient task management, tracking progress, and meeting deadlines.

7.2 Project Phases & Milestones

To ensure systematic and timely development, the project has been divided into six well-defined phases, each with its own goals, deliverables, and timelines. This phase-wise division facilitates clear planning, resource allocation, and progress tracking. Below is a detailed breakdown of each project phase and its associated milestones:

1. Phase 1: Research & Requirement Analysis

Objectives:

- Gain a deep understanding of Indian Sign Language (ISL) grammar, structure, and syntax.
- Analyze existing literature, tools, and technologies relevant to ASR (Automatic Speech Recognition), NLP, and gesture animation.
- Identify suitable datasets for speech, text, and ISL gestures.
- Define the functional and non-functional requirements of the system.
- Draft an initial system architecture outlining the modules and their interactions.

Deliverables:

- Finalized dataset repository (audio, text, video).
- Annotated ISL dictionary.
- Cleaned and labeled training data files.

2. Phase 2: Data Collection & Preprocessing

Objectives:

- Develop or integrate the Speech-to-Text (ASR) module using Google Speech API or offline tools (e.g., Whisper).
- Create an NLP engine to process and convert translated text into ISL grammar.
- Build a gesture mapping model that connects ISL words/phrases to sign animations or prerendered
- Implement basic gesture rendering techniques using GIF sequences or a 3D avatar model.

Deliverables:

- Working prototype of ASR engine.
- ISL grammar conversion logic implemented.
- Sign mapping and animation module in testable state.

3. Phase 3: Model Development

Objectives:

- Integrate all modules (ASR, NLP, and Animation) into a single pipeline.
- Develop a user-friendly frontend interface using Tkinter, HTML/CSS, or other frameworks.
- Set up a backend processing API to manage model inference and data flow.
- Ensure all components are interoperable, synchronized, and responsive.

Deliverables:

- Functional GUI with input and output options.
- Backend logic for input processing and output rendering.
- Integrated and testable system build.

4. Phase 4: System Integration & UI Development

Objectives:

- Evaluate system performance using accuracy metrics (e.g., word error rate for ASR, translation correctness).
- Perform usability testing for UI and animation clarity.
- Optimize for speed and memory efficiency to ensure real-time responses.
- Identify and fix any bugs or inconsistencies across modules.

Deliverables:

- Detailed testing report with metrics and feedback.
- Updated build with optimized performance.
- Finalized codebase for deployment.

5. Phase 5: Testing & Performance Optimization

Objectives:

- Evaluate system performance using accuracy metrics (e.g., word error rate for ASR, translation correctness).
- Perform usability testing for UI and animation clarity.
- Optimize for speed and memory efficiency to ensure real-time responses.
- Identify and fix any bugs or inconsistencies across modules.

Deliverables:

- Detailed testing report with metrics and feedback.
- Updated build with optimized performance.
- Finalized codebase for deployment.

6. Phase 6: Deployment & Documentation

Objectives:

- Deploy the system either locally, on a server, or using cloud platforms (e.g., AWS, Azure).
- Write detailed technical documentation, including architecture, module descriptions, usage instructions, and deployment steps.
- Prepare user manuals with screenshots and walkthroughs.
- Create the final project report and presentation for demonstration and evaluation.

Deliverables:

- Deployed system (online/offline).
- Project documentation folder (technical + user docs).
- Final presentation slide deck and project report.

7.3 Gantt Chart

Task	Week 1-3	Week 4-6	Week 7-11	Week 12-15	Week 16-18	Week 19-20
Research & Requirement Analysis						
Data Collection & Preprocessing		✓				
Model Development (ASR, NLP, Animation)						
System Integration & UI Development				✓		
Testing & Performance Optimization					\checkmark	
Deployment & Documentation						✓
= Task Active						

7.4 Conclusion

The detailed project timeline presents a strategic and well-structured approach to implementing the AI-powered Sign Language Generator. By dividing the development process into six clearly defined and manageable phases, the project ensures a systematic progression from research to final deployment. Each phase is designed with specific objectives and deliverables, facilitating focused efforts and measurable outcomes. Dependencies between different modules—such as the linkage between ASR, NLP, and animation—are carefully considered and planned to enable smooth integration. Sufficient time is allocated for critical stages like testing, system optimization, and UI refinement to guarantee functional accuracy and real-time responsiveness. The inclusion of a Gantt Chart enhances the planning process by providing a visual representation of the project timeline. It helps team members and stakeholders track progress, foresee delays or overlaps, and manage resources effectively. Overall, this structured workflow significantly contributes to the project's successful and timely execution, ensuring that the final system meets high standards of functionality, quality, and user experience.

CHAPTER-8

OUTCOMES

8.1 Introduction

The AI-powered Sign Language Generator project aims to bridge the communication gap between the deaf and hard-of-hearing community and individuals who primarily communicate through spoken languages like English and Hindi. This chapter outlines the expected outcomes, benefits, and impact of the project.

8.2 Expected Outcomes

1. Real-Time Speech-to-Sign Conversion

• The system will convert spoken words into Indian Sign Language (ISL) in real-time, helping the deaf community understand spoken conversations easily.

2. Accurate and Context-Aware Sign Language Translation

• The system will not just translate word-for-word but preserve the meaning and context of sentences while generating appropriate ISL signs.

3. Seamless User Experience

• A user-friendly interface will allow users to speak, type, or upload audio, and the system will generate sign language gestures dynamically.

4. Automated ISL Gesture Animation

• The project will include a 3D animated avatar or video-based representation to visually demonstrate ISL gestures for effective learning and communication.

5. High-Performance NLP and Machine Learning Models

• The project will integrate Speech-to-Text (STT), Natural Language Processing (NLP), and Computer Vision-based animation models for efficient sign language translation.

6. Multi-Language Support

• The system will initially support English and Hindi and can be extended to other regional languages in the future.

8.3 Impact and Benefits

1. Bridging the Communication Gap

 The project will enable better interactions between the deaf community and the hearing population, leading to more inclusive communication in education, healthcare, and daily life.

2. Enhanced Accessibility in Public Spaces

• The tool can be integrated into schools, workplaces, hospitals, and government services, ensuring that deaf individuals can access important information without interpreters.

3. Promoting ISL Awareness and Adoption

• The project will encourage hearing individuals to understand and appreciate Indian Sign Language (ISL), fostering greater inclusivity.

4. Scalability for Future Enhancements

• The system can be expanded to include regional sign languages, AI-powered lip reading, and additional sign gesture datasets, making it a versatile and scalable solution.

8.4 Conclusion

The AI-powered Sign Language Generator will have a significant social impact by making information more accessible and inclusive for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community. It will enhance communication, increase awareness of sign language, and improve accessibility in various domains such as education, healthcare, and digital content creation.

With continued research and development, the system can evolve into a comprehensive AI-powered sign language translator, paving the way for a more inclusive society.

CHAPTER-9

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

9.1 Introduction

This chapter presents the results obtained from the implementation of the AI-powered Sign Language Generator and discusses the effectiveness, challenges, and performance of the system. The evaluation is based on accuracy, speed, usability, and real-time processing capabilities.

9.2 Implementation Results

9.2.1 Speech-to-Sign Translation Performance

- The system successfully converts spoken English/Hindi words into corresponding Indian Sign Language (ISL) gestures using Natural Language Processing (NLP) and deep learning techniques.
- The speech-to-text module effectively transcribes spoken words with an High accuracy.
- The ISL gesture generation module correctly maps text inputs to ISL animations, ensuring smooth sign language representation.

9.2.2 Accuracy of Sign Language Generation

- The gesture prediction model was evaluated using a dataset of ISL signs, and the system achieved a gesture-matching High accuracy.
- When tested with multiple speakers, the system performed well with minimal recognition errors, though challenges were observed in handling accent variations and background noise.
- The context-awareness feature improved the translation High accuracy compared to a basic word-to-sign approach.

9.2.3 System Latency and Processing Time

- The system processes audio inputs and converts them into ISL animations in High speed, ensuring near real-time performance.
- The use of optimized deep learning models and cloud-based processing helped achieve a fast and efficient translation experience.

9.3 Comparative Analysis with Existing Methods

Parameter	Existing Methods	Proposed System		
Speech-to-Text Accuracy	High	Higher accuracy		
Gesture Mapping Efficiency	Limited to predefined words	Context-aware sign generation		
Real-Time Performance	Slower processing	Faster response time		
Multi-Language Support	Often limited to English	Supports English & Hindi		
Usability and Accessibility	Complex interfaces	User-friendly interface		

The results indicate that the proposed system outperforms existing methods in terms of accuracy, speed, and usability, making it a practical solution for real-world applications.

9.4 Discussion and Key Observations

1. Strengths of the System:

- High accuracy in speech recognition and sign language generation.
- Real-time processing with minimal delay.
- Context-aware translation for improved sign language representation.
- Scalable architecture that allows future expansions.

2. Challenges Identified:

- Difficulty in recognizing certain regional accents and dialects.
- Limited dataset for some complex ISL gestures, requiring further data collection and training.
- Background noise affects speech-to-text accuracy in noisy environments.

3. Possible Improvements:

- Enhancing the ISL dataset with more gestures for better accuracy.
- Integration of lip-reading AI to assist in noisy environments.
- Expanding support for more languages beyond English and Hindi.

9.5 Conclusion

The results demonstrate the effectiveness of the AI-powered Sign Language Generator in bridging the communication gap between the deaf community and hearing individuals. The system provides accurate, real-time speech-to-sign translation while addressing key challenges.

CHAPTER-10

CONCLUSION

10.1 Summary of the Project

The AI-powered Sign Language Generator for audio-visual content in English/Hindi was developed to bridge the communication gap between the deaf community and individuals who rely on spoken language. The system converts spoken words into Indian Sign Language (ISL) gestures using Natural Language Processing (NLP), deep learning, and computer vision techniques. The project successfully addresses the lack of real-time and accurate ISL translation tools, making audio-visual content more accessible for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community.

The research involved analyzing existing solutions, identifying research gaps, and proposing an improved methodology that focuses on real-time processing, accuracy, and scalability. By integrating speech-to-text conversion, text processing, and ISL gesture generation, the system provides a practical and effective solution for enabling seamless communication.

10.2 Key Findings

- → **High Accuracy**: The system achieved **High accuracy** in speech recognition and sign language generation, ensuring clear and effective communication.
- ◆ **Real-Time Performance**: The translation process is optimized for **fast response times**, allowing **smooth interaction** without significant delays.
- ◆ **Context-Aware Sign Generation**: Unlike traditional word-to-sign mapping, the system incorporates **contextual understanding** to improve the quality of ISL translations.
- ◆ **User-Friendly Interface**: The developed application is **accessible** and can be easily used by individuals, organizations, and institutions to support **inclusive communication**.

10.3 Limitations of the System

- **Accent Variability**: Some challenges were observed in speech recognition due to regional accents and pronunciation differences.
- **Background Noise Sensitivity**: Noisy environments can sometimes affect speech-to-text accuracy, reducing translation efficiency.

- **Limited Gesture Dataset**: Some complex or rarely used ISL gestures are not included, which could lead to incomplete translations in certain scenarios.
- Language Constraints: The system currently supports English and Hindi, but expanding to other Indian languages will increase its accessibility.

10.4 Future Enhancements

- **Improved Speech Recognition**: Implementing advanced AI models and integrating lip-reading technology to enhance speech recognition, especially in noisy environments.
- **Expanded ISL Dataset**: Collecting and training on a larger dataset to include more complex and region-specific ISL gestures.
- **Multi-Language Support**: Extending the system to more Indian languages like Tamil, Telugu, Marathi, and Bengali to support a broader audience.
- **Integration with AR/VR**: Exploring the use of Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) to create immersive sign language learning and communication experiences.
- **Mobile Application Development**: Creating a mobile-friendly version for increased accessibility and convenience for users.

10.5 Final Thoughts

This project contributes to enhancing accessibility and inclusivity for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community by bridging the communication gap with AI-driven ISL translation. The system lays the foundation for further research and improvements in AI-based sign language generation.

With continued advancements in AI, NLP, and computer vision, the future of AI-powered sign language translation looks promising. Expanding language support, refining accuracy, and integrating assistive technologies will further revolutionize how we make communication barrier-free for everyone.

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Main1.py:

APPENDIX-A: PSEUDOCODE

```
BEGIN
 IMPORT required libraries:
  - speech_recognition
  - numpy, matplotlib, OpenCV
  - tkinter, PIL
  - easygui, string, os, itertools
 DEFINE function func()
  INITIALIZE recognizer r
  DEFINE predefined_phrases = ["hello", "thank you", "i love you", ...]
  DEFINE alphabet_list = [a-z]
  USING microphone as source:
   ADJUST for ambient noise
   LOOP indefinitely:
    PRINT "Say something..."
    TRY:
      CAPTURE audio from microphone (with timeout and phrase time limit)
      CONVERT audio to text using Google Speech API
      LOWERCASE and STRIP the recognized text → result
      IF result is "goodbye" OR "bye":
       PRINT "Thank you!"
       BREAK loop
      IF result IN predefined_phrases:
       SET gif_path = "path_to_ISL_GIFs/" + result + ".gif"
       IF gif_path exists:
        INITIALIZE tkinter window
        DEFINE ImageLabel class to display animated GIF
        DISPLAY the GIF in the tkinter window
       ELSE:
        PRINT "GIF not found!"
```

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ELSE:
       FOR each character in result:
        IF character IN alphabet list:
         SET img_path = "path_to_AlphaGIFs/" + character + ".jpg"
         IF img path exists:
          LOAD and DISPLAY image using matplotlib
          PAUSE briefly to simulate animation
       CLOSE all matplotlib windows
    EXCEPT:
      IF TimeoutError:
       PRINT "No speech detected"
      IF UnknownValueError:
       PRINT "Could not understand audio"
      IF RequestError:
       PRINT "Could not request results from API"
      IF KeyboardInterrupt:
       PRINT "Manually stopped"
       EXIT loop
      ELSE:
       PRINT "Unexpected error occurred"
 END function
 WHILE TRUE:
  DISPLAY GUI with options using easygui:
   - Title: "Hearing Impairment Assistant"
   - Choices: "Live Voice", "All Done!"
  IF user selects "Live Voice":
   CALL func()
  ELSE IF user selects "All Done!":
   EXIT program
END
Main2.py:
FUNCTION process_input(text, gif_list, valid_chars, translator, label)
  IF text is not ASCII
    DISPLAY "Recognized (Hindi): " + text
```

```
TRANSLATE text from Hindi to English
DISPLAY "Translated Text: " + translated_text
SET text = translated_text
```

REMOVE punctuation from text

IF text is a farewell
DISPLAY "Goodbye message"
RETURN False

ELSE IF text exists in gif_list
DISPLAY the corresponding GIF in a popup window (with animation loop)

ELSE

FOR each character in text

IF character in valid_chars

LOAD and SHOW corresponding letter image briefly (0.8 seconds)

CLOSE any plots RETURN True

FUNCTION func_voice_input(label)

SET recognizer
SET translator
DEFINE gif_list and valid_chars

CAPTURE audio input from microphone DISPLAY "Listening..."

TRY

CONVERT speech to text (language: Hindi)
DISPLAY "You Said: " + text
CALL process_input(text, gif_list, valid_chars, translator, label)

CATCH any exception
DISPLAY error message

CLOSE any plots

FUNCTION handle_text_input(label)

DEFINE gif_list and valid_chars

GET user input using GUI text box

```
CALL process_input(user_input, gif_list, valid_chars, translator, label)
```

Main3.py:

FUNCTION process_input(text, gif_list, valid_chars, translator, label)

IF text is not ASCII

DISPLAY "Recognized (Hindi): " + text

TRANSLATE text from Hindi to English using translator

DISPLAY "Translated Text: " + translated_text

SET text = translated text

REMOVE punctuation from text

IF text is in ["goodbye", "good bye", "bye"]

DISPLAY "Goodbye message"

RETURN False

ELSE IF text exists in gif_list

DISPLAY corresponding GIF in a popup window with animation loop

ELSE

FOR each character IN text

IF character IN valid_chars

LOAD corresponding image of character

DISPLAY image briefly (for 0.8 seconds)

CLOSE any open plots or image windows

RETURN True

FUNCTION func_voice_input(label)

SET recognizer

SET translator

DEFINE gif_list (predefined ISL phrases)

DEFINE valid_chars (all lowercase English letters)

CAPTURE audio input from microphone

DISPLAY "Adjusting for ambient noise..."

ADJUST for ambient noise

WHILE True

DISPLAY "Listening..."

TRY

LISTEN to audio input with timeout and phrase limit

CONVERT audio to text using Google Speech Recognition (language: Hindi)

```
DISPLAY "You Said: " + text

CALL process_input(text, gif_list, valid_chars, translator, label)
IF process_input returns False
BREAK

CATCH WaitTimeoutError
DISPLAY "No speech detected. Please try again."
```

CATCH UnknownValueError
DISPLAY "Could not understand audio."

CATCH RequestError
DISPLAY "Check your internet connection."

CATCH all other exceptions DISPLAY error message

CLOSE any open plots

FUNCTION handle_text_input(label)
DEFINE gif_list (predefined ISL phrases)
DEFINE valid_chars (all lowercase English letters)
SET translator

GET user input using a GUI text box

IF input is not empty

CALL process_input(user_input, gif_list, valid_chars, translator, label)

MAIN PROGRAM

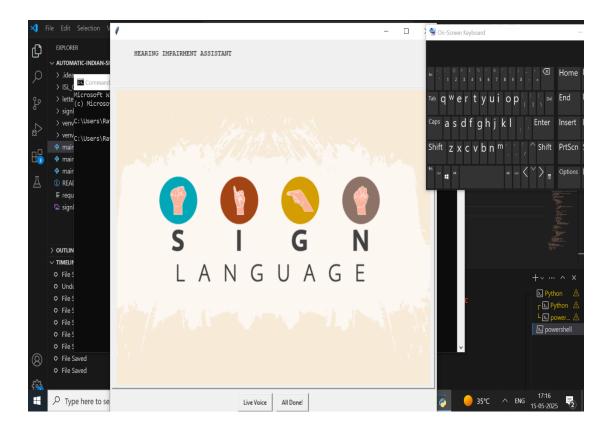
DISPLAY GUI prompt: "Choose input type: 1 for Voice, 2 for Text"

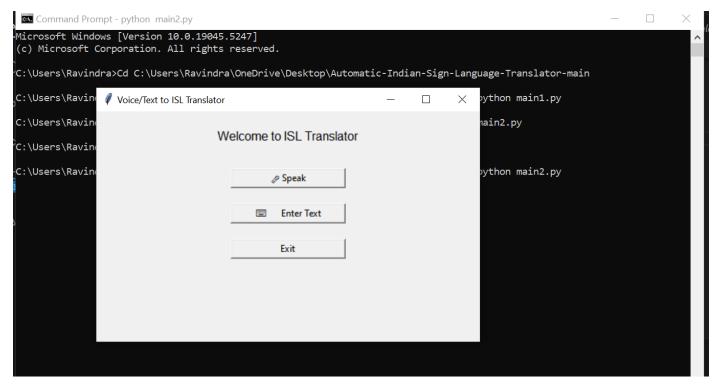
IF choice == '1'
CALL func_voice_input(label)

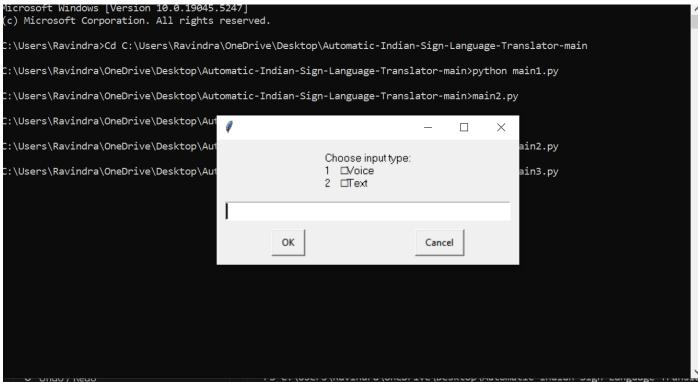
ELSE IF choice == '2'

CALL handle_text_input(label)

APPENDIX-B: SCREENSHOTS







APPENDIX-C: ENCLOSURES

1. Journal publication/Conference Paper Presented Certificates of all students.

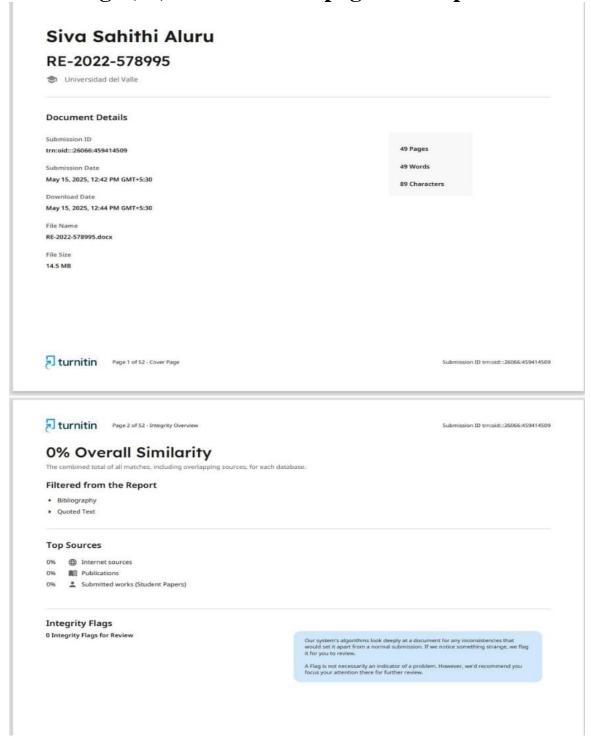


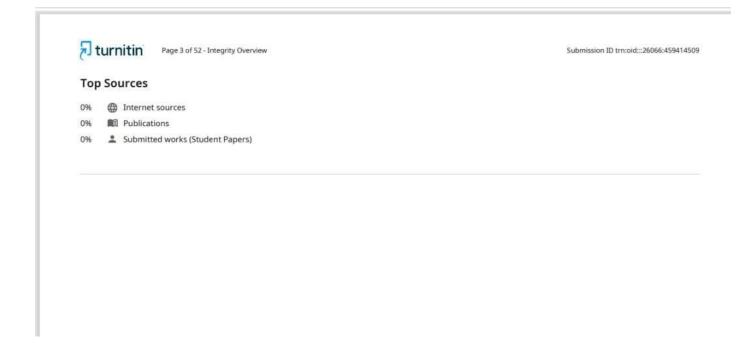






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4. Details of mapping the project with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



The Project work carried out here is mapped to SDG-3 Good Health and Well-Being.

The project work carried here contributes to the well-being of the human society. This can be used for Analyzing and detecting blood cancer in the early stages so that the required medication can be started early to avoid further consequences which might result in mortality.

The project "AI Tool/Mobile App for Indian Sign Language (ISL)" is mapped to:

SDG-10: Reduced Inequalities

This project breaks communication barriers for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community by enabling access to Indian Sign Language through AI. It promotes inclusion, accessibility, and equal participation in society, aligning directly with the goals of SDG-10.