## **HYPOTHESIS & MARKET ANALYSIS**

GOAL: To build a non-clinical, emotionally safe product that helps young professionals regularly recognize, regulate, and reflect on their mental health — even when they're not in distress — through consistent, low-friction, and trust-driven experiences.

#### **HYPOTHESIS:**

Segmentation in **two** forms as:

# Behavioral Hypothesis:

Young professionals often struggle with emotional lows that feel "not serious enough" for therapy, yet they lack consistent, non-judgmental tools to process these feelings — leading to avoidance, emotional buildup, or burnout.

# **Technology Hypothesis:**

Existing digital tools are either too clinical, too generic, or too passive, failing to provide a safe, personalized, and emotionally intelligent experience that users can trust and engage with regularly.

# **KEY PLAYERS:**













## **MARKET SIZE:**

## Global Market:

- In 2024, the global mental health apps market was valued at ~USD 7.48 billion.
- It's forecast to grow at ~14.6% CAGR, reaching around USD 17.52 billion by 2030

# Key Segments:

- Depression and Anxiety Management: Dominates ~28-31% of the market.
- Stress and Wellness Management: Growing rapidly as interest in preventive well-being rises.

# GEOGRAPHICAL MARKET SIZE: A strong TAM Total global market size Region 2024 Revenue Global Share Forecas

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Total global market size	
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e.	Region	2024 Revenue	Global Share	Forecast CAGR
	North America	~\$2.3B-2.7B	~36-47%	15-17%
	Asia-Pacific	~\$2.OB	~26-27%	16-19%
	India	~\$498M	~6-7%	~18.5%
	Europe	(\$1.5B)	~20-25%	12-15%
	Latin America & MEA	~\$300-400M	~5-8%	13-17%

#### **MARKET TRENDS:**

- Preventive wellness is trending users want tools to stay emotionally balanced, not just fix breakdowns.
- Non-clinical, safe spaces are preferred people avoid diagnostic or judgmental tools.
- Micro-habits work best short, daily rituals see higher engagement than long sessions.

## **COMPETITOR ANALYSIS & CUSTOMER-CENTRIC STRATEGY**

#### **COMPETITIVE ANALYSIS**

Feature / App	🐧 Wysa	Headspace	<b>Jour</b>	7 Cups
Daily Emotional Reflection	⊘ Via chatbot	⊗ Focuses on meditation	<ul><li>∅ Journaling prompts</li></ul>	⊗ Peer chat- focused
Non-Clinical, Safe Space	Ø, Yes	Ø, Yes	Ø, Yes	♠ Peer-driven, may vary
Personalized Prompts	⚠ AI-generated	⊗ Generic content	♠ Partly personalized	⊗ None
Feedback Loop (insights)	⊗ Minimal		A Reflection- based	⊗ None
AI / Emotional Intelligence	Ø, Yes	⊗ No Al	⊗ No Al	⊗ No Al
Offline privacy & control	1 Some data stored	⊗ Cloud-first	⊘ Some offline modes	⊗ Peer data risk
Gamification / Streaks	⊘, Some	Ø Streaks & awards	<ul><li>⊘ Journaling goals</li></ul>	⊗ None

#### **GAP ANALYSIS**

# • Crisis-oriented tools dominate:

Most apps target users only when they're struggling, not when they're stable but need support.

# • Lack of emotional safety:

Many tools feel clinical, diagnostic, or judgmental, discouraging regular emotional reflection.

# Poor habit-building :

Existing solutions don't encourage consistent, daily engagement or emotional check-ins.

# • Generic user experience:

Content and prompts often feel one-size-fits-all, lacking emotional nuance or personalization.

# • Low trust in privacy:

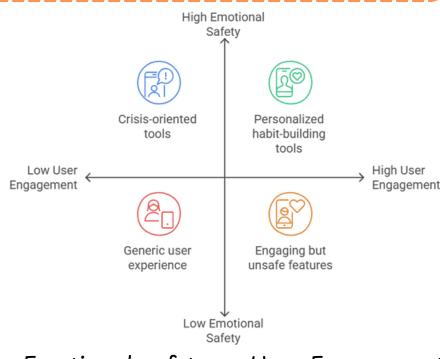
Users are skeptical about how their emotional data is stored or used, limiting deep engagement.

#### **TARGET SEGMENT**

- Age: 22-35, urban, early-career professionals
- **Needs:** Emotional support without therapy; reflection without judgment
- Behavior: Digitally active, self-aware, prefers non-clinical, daily-use tools
- Pain Points: Mild burnout, anxiety, loneliness; existing tools feel impersonal or clinical

# WHY THIS SEGMENT

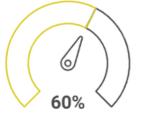
- High emotional strain: Young professionals often face work pressure, uncertainty, and loneliness.
- Avoid formal therapy: They seek help but avoid clinical tools due to stigma, cost, or denial.
- Open to self-help: Digitally fluent and open to daily, non-judgmental wellness tools.
- Underserved: Most solutions focus on crisis or clinical care, not on emotional maintenance and reflection.



Emotional safety vs User Engagement

# **USER SURVEY, INSIGHTS & PERSONA**

# **USER INSIGHTS**





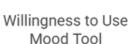
Daily Mental Low



Name - Rohan Verma
Age - 33
Location - Bengaluru
Occupation - Mid-level Software Engineer
at a tech firm
Personal Traits - Analytical, introverted,
responsible

# Occasional Mental Low





Open to Al-Powered Tools

#### Needs:

- Wants a non-intrusive, emotionally safe daily habit
- Interested in Al-powered suggestions if he feels in control

#### Pain Points:

- Finds most wellness tools too heavy or time-consuming
- Doesn't resonate with a "therapy-like" tone

#### **USER PERSONA**



Name - Aditi Sharma

Age - 27

Location - Pune

Occupation - Early-career Marketing Executive

Personal Traits - Empathetic, expressive,

digitally savvy

#### Needs:

- Wants a space to reflect emotions privately
- Interested in emotional nudges or prompts that feel intuitive

#### Pain Points:

- Gets overwhelmed by clinical or structured formats
- Loses interest quickly if experience feels generic

# **USER-CENTRIC METRICS**

Metric	Insight	Suggested KPI
Emotional Touchpoint Frequency	Users feel <b>low</b> weekly/occasionally	Weekly Active Users (WAU), mood log count
Retention Barrier	Users forget or find tools <b>too clinical</b>	Daily <b>engagement rate</b> , reminder effectiveness
Preferred Coping Style	Passive (videos/social), not structured tools	Feature usage heatmap (journaling vs passive feed)
Tone Resonance	Calm/friendly tone builds trust	Net Emotional Trust Score (NETS) <b>after 7 days</b>
Al Acceptance	Only if safe & controllable	% of users opting into Al insights

# **COMMON PAIN POINTS**

- Hard to stick with: Users often forget or stop using wellness tools.
- Feels too clinical: Many don't feel emotionally safe or comfortable.
- Not helpful enough: Tools lack personalization or clear value.

# **ACTORS INVOLVED**

- Users
- Developers
- Regulatory/Privacy Bodies
- Product Managers
- Distribution Partners

# Sign-up Rate + Retention + Safety Score + Feature Use + Al Trust Score Referral Rate 7D/30D WAR Tone Fit Score Nudge CTR Feedback Opt-in

# UNDERSTANDING THE PROBLEM: MAPPING THE PROBLEM SPACE

# Who is facing this problem?

- Young professionals (22–35) who feel emotionally drained but don't seek therapy
- Users who want emotionally intelligent, lightweight support without stigma
- A large, underserved segment in urban India and beyond

## UNDERSTANDING THE PROBLEM

# What do they need?

- A safe, private, and non-judgmental space to reflect and regulate their mood
- A quick, Al-supported tool to checkin, reflect, and feel seen
- A scalable, sticky wellness product with high engagement potential

# When does this problem occur?

- During emotional lows, high stress, end of day, or life transitions
- Daily micro-moments 2-5 minutes to reset and recharge
- Increasing frequency due to modern work pressure, digital fatigue, and burnout

# Where do they want to engage?

- On their personal devices mostly mobile, anywhere private or quiet
- Mobile-first experience designed for flexible, contextual use
- Targeting Tier 1 and Tier 2 cities first; high mobile penetration

# SECONDARY RESEARCH

• Emotional Distress in Young Professionals:

According to the Deloitte Mental Health Survey (2023), 80% of Indian millennials and Gen Zs report frequent stress or anxiety, often work-related.

• Barriers to Seeking Therapy: Stigma remains a top reason: 47% of youth avoid

therapy due to fear of judgment.

• Desire for Safe Micro-Tools:

Emerging research (e.g., APA & McKinsey 2022) shows a shift toward micro-dosing mental health: small, daily moments of self-check-ins, journaling, or mood reflection.

# Why is it important to solve this?

- Existing options feel too clinical, overwhelming, or inconsistent
- Emotional hygiene is as vital as physical hygiene; daily rituals help long-term wellness
- Rising wellness demand; whitespace between therapy and social self-help; market-ready

# ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGE: RESOLUTION STRATEGY

## MVP FEATURIZATION USING RICE FRAMEWORK

Feature Idea	Reach (R)	Impact (I)	Confidence (C)	Effort (E)	RICE Score
2-min Daily Al Mood Check-in	10	9	8	7	102.86
Personalized Reflections based on Emotional Tone	8	8	7	6	74.67
Mood History Tracker (Timeline View)	9	6	9	9	54
Al Nudges (Prompt Suggestions Based on Trends)	6	7	6	5	50.4
Voice Note Journaling with Sentiment Analysis	5	6	7	4	52.5
Anonymous Community Wall for Shared Experiences	4	5	5	6	16.67

#### FEATURE - AT A GLANCE

Aspect	Details
Goal	Encourage daily self-awareness and emotional reflection in a quick, lightweight way.
User Flow	Open app $\rightarrow$ Al prompts 2–3 gentle questions $\rightarrow$ User taps responses or types briefly $\rightarrow$ Insight.
Why it's MVP-worthy	High frequency of use, fast to implement, sets the tone for user trust & engagement.
Al Role	Detect sentiment/tone from short text or emoji input and generate personalized responses.
Value to User	Builds routine, reduces emotional suppression, and creates a habit of checking in.
Emotional Safety	No judgment, anonymous, no deep therapy — just light, friendly prompts.

# JOB TO BE DONE

- When I feel mentally low, I want a quick and safe way to process my emotions
- When I have 2-5 minutes free, I want a simple tool to check in with myself
- When I reflect regularly, I want to see how I'm doing over time

# **KEY VALUE PROPOSITION**

- Quick Emotional Reset :
  - 2-minute daily AI check-in to feel lighter and more focused.
- Personalized Insights :
- Reflections tailored to your emotional tone and mood.
- Safe & Private Space:

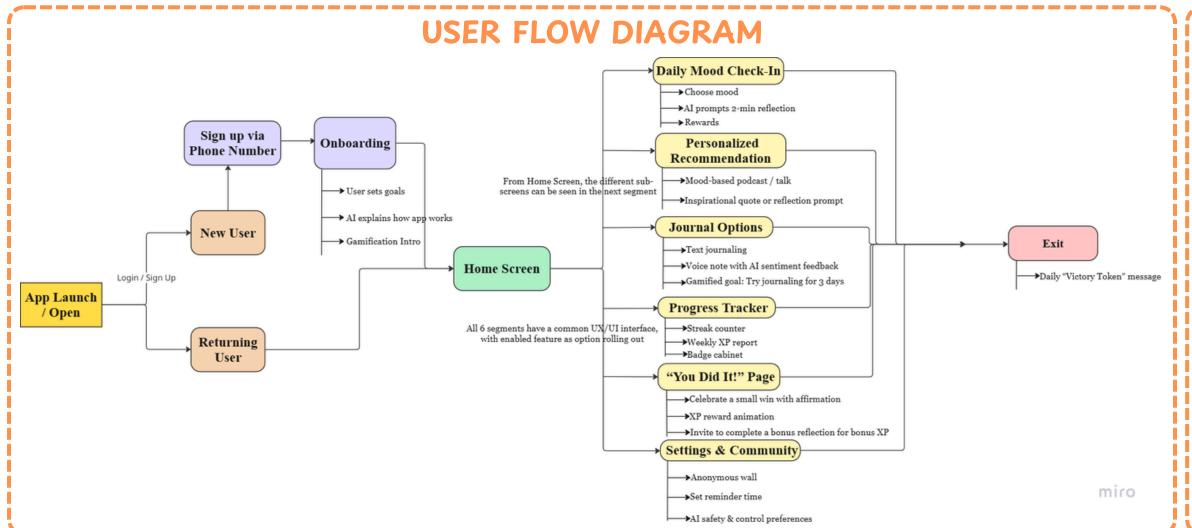
  Judgment-free, calming environment for self-reflection.
- Easy to Stick With:

Simple, low-effort habits that build emotional resilience.

# FEATURES UPGRADATION PRODUCT LEVEL

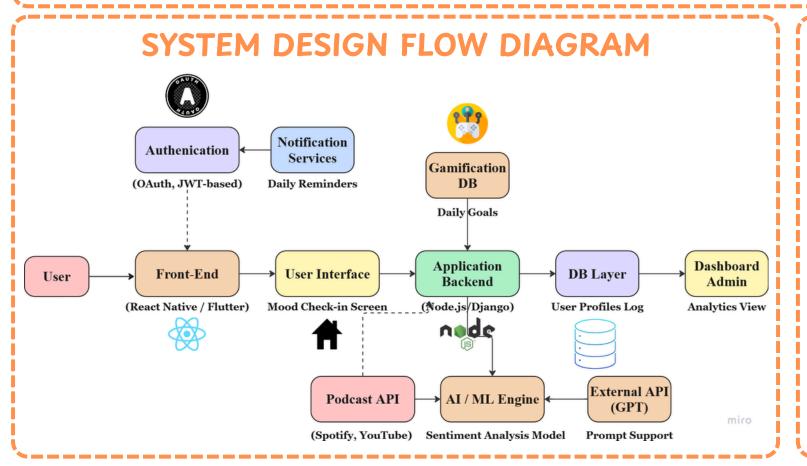
- Adaptive Emotional Intelligence
- Emotion-Aware Story Prompts
- Emotional Trend Analytics
- Voice-to-Emotion Transcription
- Moderated Micro-Conversations

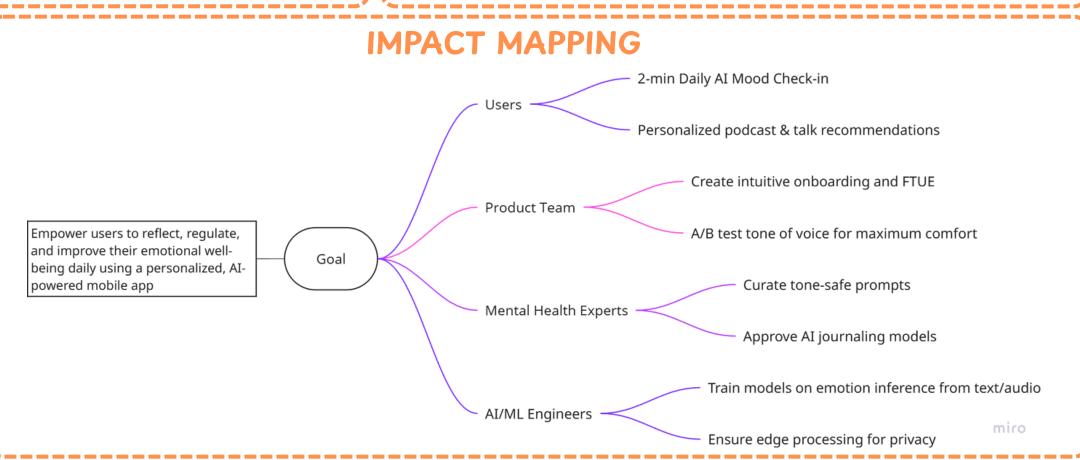
# PRODUCT ARCHITECTURE & EXECUTION



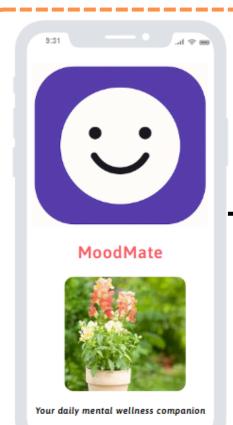
# **FEATURE SELECTION - MOSCOW METHOD**

MoSCoW Prioritization	2-min Daily Al Mood Check-in
Must Have	Al-generated mood check-in prompts (text or emoji-based)
	Private & secure mood data capture
Should Have	Daily reminders for check-in
	Streak tracker for habit formation
Could Have	Voice-based mood input
	Option to skip check-in without penalty
Won't Have (for MVP)	Integration with wearables like Fitbit
	Real-time therapy suggestions or live chat

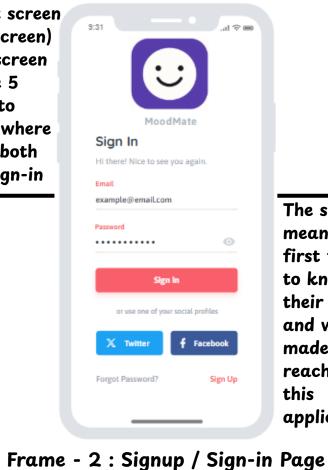




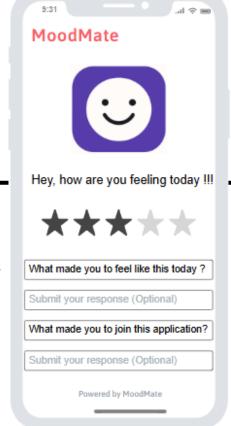
# UX / UI & WIREFRAMING



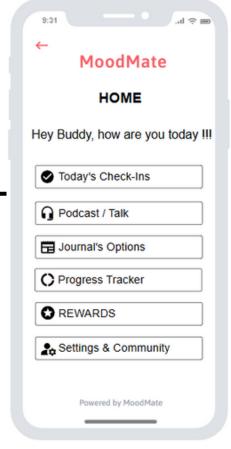
The first screen (splash screen) to next screen will take 5 seconds to changes where you can both signup/sign-in



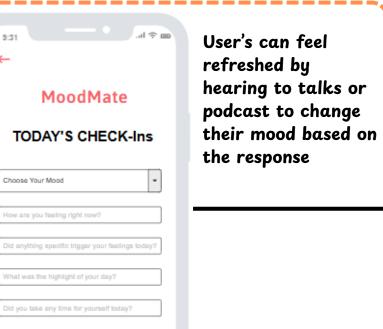
The screen is meant for first time user to know about their feelings and what made them to reach out to this application



Regular User with multiples features to share & win rewards sharing the feelings



User's can share their day here, the responses will be used to suggest the podcast & talks



Frame -1: Dash Screen

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MoodMate

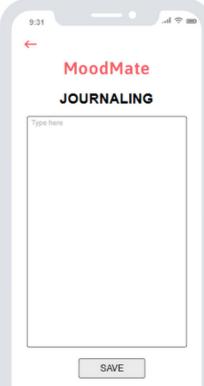
PODCAST / TALKS

Powered by MoodMate

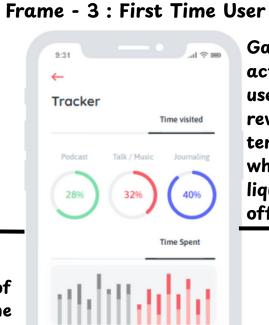
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Journal writing options for those who loves to write & save their feelings

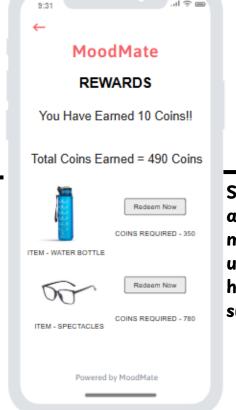


This feature takes cares of the user's time spent in the app, basically also acts as a remainder to use wisely



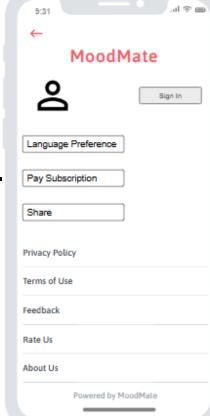
Gamification, acting the user's to earn rewards in terms of coins which can be liquidated with offers





Frame - 5 : App takes the user's response

Powered by MoodMate



Setting's area
allows to know
more about
user, user's
history, app
subscription

Pay Subscription

Share

Privacy Policy
Terms of Use

Feedback

EXIT

Frame -6: Podcast / Talks Fra

Frame -7 : Journaling

Frame -8: User's Activity Tracker

Frame -9 : Rewards Area

Frame - 10 : Settings

# **SUCCESS METRICS & GO-TO-MARKET STRATEGY**

# **SUCCESS METRICS**

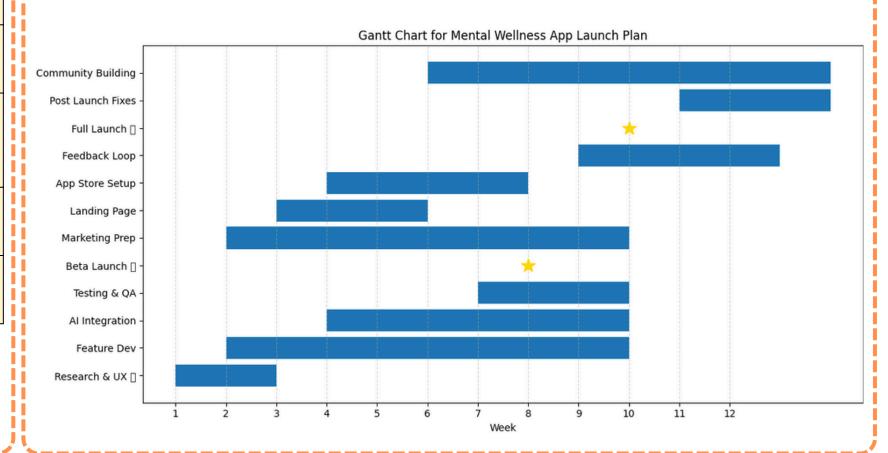
Level	Metric	Description	Why It Matters
LO	North Star: % of users completing daily mood check-in (at least 4x/week)	Core value delivery – users consistently engaging with mood check-in feature	Reflects product's impact and habit-forming nature
	Weekly Active Users (WAU)	Measures user engagement per week	Tracks consistent usage and stickiness
L1	7-Day Retention Rate	% of users returning within a week	Indicates user satisfaction and product usefulness
LI	Avg. Daily Engagement Time	Time spent in the app per session	Reflects depth of engagement and attention
	% Users Completing Onboarding	Tracks successful entry into the product	Signals initial user experience clarity
	% users completing daily 2- min mood check-in	Tracks MVP feature usage	Directly supports LO & habit formation
	% users reading personalized reflections	Measures personalized value engagement	Reflects emotional resonance and utility
L2	% users listening to recommended podcasts/talks	Tracks mood-based content relevance	Supports engagement and retention
	% users interacting with gamified streaks	Measures motivation-driven behavior	Indicates success of gamification layer
	% users using AI nudges or prompts	Measures AI engagement rate	Evaluates intelligent assistant feature value

#### Here:

- LO focuses on core behavior that drives value.
- L1 measures broader business health and product usage.
- L2 drills into specific features and their success or need for iteration.

# **GO-TO-MARKET STRATEGY**

GTM Pillar	Strategy
Target Audience	Gen Z + Millennials (ages 20–35), urban, self- aware, digitally native
Positioning	"Your 2-minute private mental pitstop — powered by AI, grounded in empathy."
Channels	Instagram, YouTube, Play Store/App Store SEO, early partnerships with mindfulness creators
Community	Closed Discord/WhatsApp groups, gamified streaks, podcast collaborations
Partnerships	Collaboration with mental health professionals, lifestyle brands, podcast hosts



#### PRODUCT COMMERCIALIZATION

#### **MONETIZATION**

• To ensure a low-friction onboarding experience, **first-time users** are offered a tiered pricing model that allows them to explore the product at their own pace:

Plan	Details	Price
Free Plan	Access to basic features: daily check-ins, mood calendar (last 7 days)	₹Ο
Starter Plan	Includes 2-min AI check-ins, 7-day mood history, 1 custom prompt/week	₹99/month
Premium Plan	Full access: personalized insights, voice journaling, podcast recs	₹199/month or ₹1499/year (save 37%)

# • Pricing for Regular Users

User Type	Criteria	Offer
Loyal User	3+ months active with weekly usage	20% off on annual renewal
High Streak User	14+ day daily check-in streak	1 free week of Premium or 15% off
Early Adopter Upgrade	Used free version for 4+ weeks	One-time 25% discount on first upgrade

#### Rewards Based

- i. 7-Day Streak → Unlock exclusive app theme + 5% discount
- ii. Monthly Challenge (25+ days active) → Loyalty badge + 20% annual plan discount

#### PRODUCT LAUNCH

Phase	Key Actions
Pre-launch	<ul> <li>Validate user persona and pain points</li> <li>Finalize MVP &amp; Test with beta users</li> <li>Create teaser landing page &amp; waitlist</li> </ul>
Launch (O-30 days)	<ul> <li>Soft launch on Android (limited users)</li> <li>Highlight differentiators (AI-driven, fast, private)</li> <li>Collect qualitative feedback</li> </ul>
Post-launch	<ul> <li>Add feedback-based improvements</li> <li>Initiate email nudges &amp; habit reminders</li> <li>Targeted performance marketing</li> </ul>

# **RISK FACTORS INVOLVED**

Risk Category	Risk Description
User Trust & Safety	Users may be hesitant to share emotional data with an AI due to privacy concerns.
Al Accuracy & Bias	Inaccurate mood detection or biased AI responses can reduce credibility and trust.
Regulatory Compliance	Failure to meet data protection laws (e.g., GDPR, HIPAA) may lead to legal issues.
Engagement & Retention	Users might stop using the app without strong UX, reminders, or personal value.
Psychological Risk	Misinterpreted AI suggestions could unintentionally harm a user's mental wellbeing.

#### DISTRIBUTION MODEL

#### 1. Direct-to-Consumer (D2C) - Mobile First :

- App Stores: Google Play Store & Apple App Store
- SEO Optimized Website: For traffic redirection, blog content, and web-based onboarding
- Pre-launch waitlist: To build early interest and word-of-mouth

# 2. Community & Content-Led Distribution:

 Weekly newsletters, empathy-focused articles, moodbased content recommendations

## 3. Partnerships & B2B2C Channels:

Tie-ups with:

- HR teams at companies for employee mental wellness
- Universities & colleges for student well-being programs
- Therapy clinics as a supplemental tool

#### 4. Referral and Gamified Virality

- Referral bonuses (extra reflections, voice notes, streak boosters)
- Gamified "streak rewards" and "gratitude unlocks" for sharing app with friends

