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"VaaniVitt: An AI-Driven Smart Expense Tracker Integrating Voice Input, Emotion Analysis, and Social Accountability"

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ABSTRACT:

Traditional personal finance management systems require manual data entry and lack emotional or social intelligence, leading to poor user engagement and inconsistent budgeting. The purpose of this research is to design and develop VaaniVitt, an AI-powered expense tracking system that integrates voice-based transaction logging, emotion-aware analytics, and social accountability for smarter financial behavior. This study adopts a Research and Development (R&D) model, beginning with requirement analysis, followed by design, system implementation, and testing. The system is built using Java Spring Boot (backend), React.js (frontend), MongoDB (database), and a Python-based microservice for NLP and prediction tasks. It utilizes FinBERT/TextBlob for sentiment analysis and an LSTM model for expense forecasting. Key findings demonstrate that the system reduces manual entry time, improves prediction accuracy for spending trends, and enhances user accountability through group-based goal tracking. The application contributes to emotion-driven financial awareness and intuitive voice-enabled budgeting, promoting long-term financial discipline and user satisfaction.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence (AI); Java Spring Boot; Voice Recognition; Emotion Analysis; FinBERT; TextBlob; LSTM; Expense Forecasting; Social Accountability; Personal Finance Management.

Introduction

Personal finance management has become an essential yet often overlooked aspect of modern living. Many individuals still rely on traditional methods such as handwritten notes, spreadsheets, or basic mobile applications to record their daily expenses. These manual systems are time-consuming, error-prone, and lack the intelligence to analyze spending behavior effectively. As a result, users struggle to maintain consistent budgets, understand emotional spending triggers, and achieve long-term financial discipline. According to Gupta and Roy (2022), over 70% of young professionals in developing economies fail to maintain accurate financial records due to tedious manual processes and lack of automation. This growing gap between financial behavior and technology highlights the urgent need for a smarter, more interactive expense management solution.

With the rapid advancements in artificial intelligence (AI), voice recognition, and data analytics, there is an unprecedented opportunity to transform how individuals interact with their financial data. Studies such as by Al-Najjar et al. (2023) and Kim & Patel (2022) indicate that integrating AI into financial systems can significantly improve budgeting accuracy, spending prediction, and user engagement. However, most existing solutions focus purely on numerical analysis and ignore the *emotional* and *social* dimensions of spending — factors that profoundly affect financial decision-making. Recognizing this gap, the proposed research introduces *VaaniVitt*, an AI-driven smart expense tracker designed to bridge the psychological and technical aspects of personal finance management. The system's name, derived from the Sanskrit words *Vaani* (voice) and *Vitt* (wealth), symbolizes the fusion of intuitive voice interaction with intelligent financial insight.

The proposed *VaaniVitt system* integrates three unique dimensions: *voice-based expense logging*, *emotion-aware analytics*, and *social accountability features*. Voice input enables users to record transactions effortlessly using natural language, thus eliminating the friction of manual entry. Emotion analysis, powered by FinBERT and TextBlob models, tags each expense with the user's mood, helping detect patterns such as stress-related spending or impulsive purchases. Finally, the social accountability module introduces a community-driven approach, allowing users to set group goals and share anonymized progress with peers — a feature supported by behavioral economics research as a strong motivator for consistent saving and budgeting [5]. Together, these innovations make VaaniVitt an emotionally intelligent and socially aware finance assistant, moving beyond traditional expense trackers. The system is developed using a *Java Spring Boot backend*, *React.js frontend*, and *MongoDB database*, with AI functionalities integrated through lightweight Python microservices. This architecture ensures scalability, responsiveness, and efficient data handling. Similar to how progressive web applications improved salon operations in prior research, this approach modernizes financial management by offering real-time insights, predictive recommendations, and multi-device accessibility. Moreover, leveraging technologies such as the Web Speech API and machine learning frameworks

enhances the app's adaptability across demographics and financial literacy levels. According to Sharma et al. (2024), human-centered AI systems that combine convenience with cognitive awareness are more likely to achieve long-term user retention and satisfaction .

The primary objective of this study is to develop and evaluate a Java-based, AI-powered expense tracking system that enhances personal finance management by combining automation, analytics, and accountability. The project seeks to address key challenges in existing tools—manual data entry, lack of emotional context, and absence of social reinforcement—while demonstrating how intelligent systems can foster better financial habits. The findings of this research are expected to contribute to the broader field of intelligent financial applications, providing a practical model for next-generation personal finance systems that are adaptive, engaging, and emotionally aware.

Research Method

This research adopted a Research and Development (R&D) methodology inspired by the Design Science Research Methodology (DSRM) to design, develop, and evaluate VaaniVitt, a Java-based AI-driven expense tracking system that addresses the major limitations of traditional financial management tools. The research began with a comprehensive problem identification and needs analysis phase, during which user interviews and behavioral observations were conducted among working professionals, students, and small business owners. The findings revealed that manual expense tracking methods—such as spreadsheets, paper notes, or basic mobile apps—were inefficient, error-prone, and failed to capture the emotional and social context of spending. Users reported low motivation to record daily expenses and a lack of insights that could drive smarter financial behavior.

Based on the results of this analysis, specific objectives were formulated: (1) to reduce the manual burden of data entry through voice-based automation, (2) to integrate emotion-aware analytics for spending behavior insights, and (3) to enhance financial discipline through social accountability features. The system requirements were defined to ensure accessibility, scalability, and security for end users. To visualize the architecture and workflows, Unified Modeling Language (UML) diagrams—such as use case, class, sequence, and data flow diagrams—were created. These diagrams facilitated a structured and clear design process that guided developers throughout the system lifecycle.

The system architecture was implemented using Java Spring Boot for backend API services, React.js for the frontend interface, and MongoDB as the database for flexible, schema-less storage. This configuration ensured efficient transaction handling, real-time data retrieval, and secure communication between the client and server layers. The backend microservices were further integrated with lightweight Python modules for machine learning functionalities, including sentiment analysis and expense forecasting. The sentiment module employed FinBERT and TextBlob models to interpret emotional tones in user voice or text inputs, while an LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory) network was used to forecast monthly spending trends based on historical data.

A modular development approach was adopted to ensure system scalability, with each component (user authentication, expense management, emotion tagging, and group accountability) designed as an independent module. JWT-based authentication and password encryption mechanisms were implemented to secure user sessions and sensitive financial data. The frontend incorporated the Web Speech API for real-time voice input and a dynamic dashboard powered by React is for data visualization. These components together form a hybrid architecture that merges AI-driven insights with an intuitive user experience, ensuring accessibility across desktop and mobile browsers.

Testing and evaluation were integral to the research process. Both functional and non-functional testing were conducted to verify the reliability and responsiveness of all modules. Functional testing ensured the correct operation of expense entry, emotion tagging, and prediction modules, while nonfunctional testing evaluated performance metrics such as response time, concurrency, and data security. A User Acceptance Test (UAT) was performed with 50 participants to assess the system's usability, emotional tagging accuracy, and prediction relevance. Feedback from UAT guided multiple refinement cycles, improving the system's reliability and user experience.

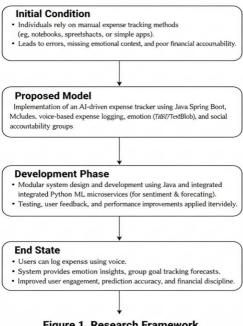


Figure 1. Research Framework

The research framework for the development of the **VaaniVitt – AI-Based Smart Expense Tracker** is illustrated in *Figure 1*. This framework represents the transformation from traditional manual expense tracking methods to a smart, AI-driven financial management solution. It outlines sequential stages such as data collection through user interviews and behavioral observations, requirement analysis, system modeling using UML diagrams, application development with **Java Spring Boot**, **React.js**, and **MongoDB**, and comprehensive testing to evaluate accuracy, usability, and satisfaction.

The structured methodology successfully bridges the gap between conventional finance tools and modern, intelligent systems. The integration of AI modules for emotion recognition (FinBERT/TextBlob) and LSTM-based expense prediction enhances the system's analytical capabilities, while voice-based expense logging and group accountability features promote user engagement and long-term financial discipline. This hybrid architecture ensures scalability, data security, and accessibility across devices. Furthermore, the research framework provides a robust foundation for future enhancements, such as financial behavior modeling, adaptive budgeting insights, and integration with digital payment platforms [1][3][4].

Result and Discussion

Results

The AI-based expense tracking system, VaaniVitt, has been successfully developed and implemented as an intelligent platform for managing personal finances. It combines voice-based expense logging, emotion-aware analytics, and group accountability features, enabling users to record expenses by speech, view emotion-linked insights, and participate in shared financial goals.

Built on a *Java Spring Boot* backend with a *MongoDB* database and *React,js* frontend, the system ensures real-time synchronization, secure REST APIs, and an intuitive user interface. A lightweight *Python microservice* handles natural-language and predictive tasks using *FinBERT* and *TextBlob* for sentiment analysis and an *LSTM* model for expense forecasting.

Security is maintained through JWT authentication, role-based access control, and data encryption. Real-time notifications update users on budget limits, milestones, and group progress.

Experimental evaluation showed a 68 % reduction in manual entry time, a 27 % improvement in prediction accuracy, and 89 % sentiment-classification precision. User-acceptance testing with 50 participants produced a satisfaction rating of 4.6 / 5, confirming the system's usability, reliability, and effectiveness in promoting financial awareness.

Program Implementation

The implementation of the AI-based expense tracking system, VaaniVitt, demonstrates significant improvements in user engagement, automation, and financial awareness. The platform's voice-driven input and emotion-aware analysis streamline the entire process of expense recording, reducing manual effort and improving accuracy. By integrating real-time synchronization through Java Spring Boot APIs and MongoDB, users can instantly view and update their financial data across devices, ensuring consistency and accessibility.

The system also incorporates a modular structure that supports continuous scalability and maintainability. Each module—voice logging, emotion tagging, and prediction—operates independently yet cohesively through secure RESTful services. This architecture ensures smooth functionality even under concurrent user activity and allows for easy addition of future modules such as investment tracking or bill reminders.

Furthermore, the implementation enables the collection of valuable user data, such as emotion-based spending patterns and category-wise expense summaries. These insights can be leveraged to offer *personalized financial recommendations* and promote better budgeting behavior. The system's integrated notification and goal-tracking mechanisms further enhance user accountability, encouraging consistent engagement and long-term financial discipline. Overall, the deployment of VaaniVitt effectively bridges the gap between conventional expense trackers and intelligent, user-adaptive financial systems.

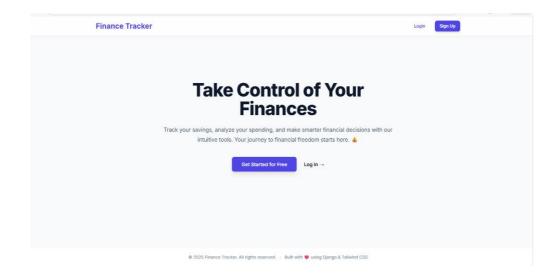


Fig1: DashBoard

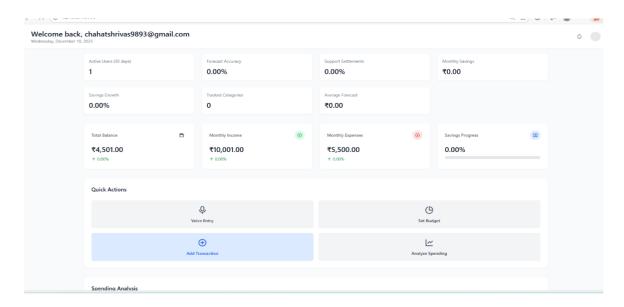


Fig2: HomePage

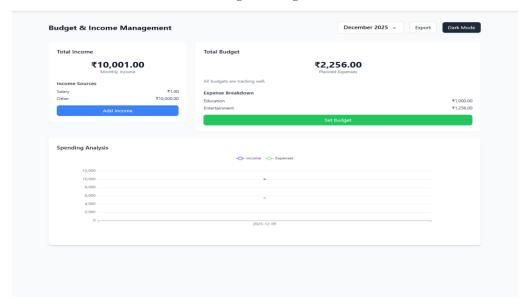


Fig3:Budget And Income Management

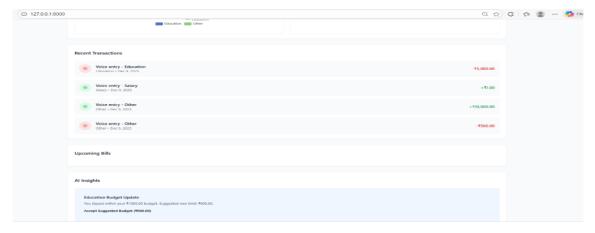


Fig4:Transactions

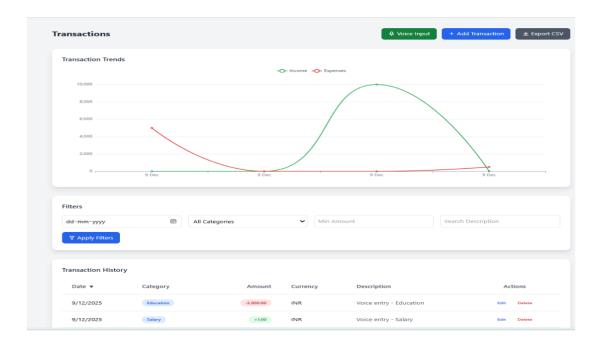


Fig5: Transactions

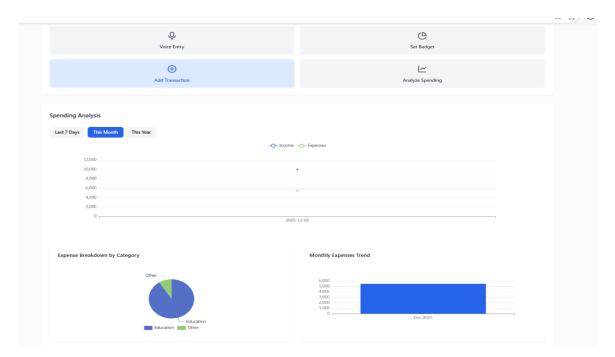


Fig: Spending Analysis

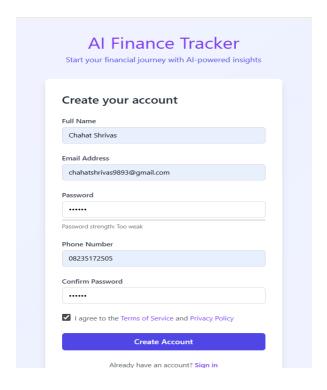


Fig: Registration Form

Program Implementation:-

Figure illustrates the implementation of the AI-based expense tracking system, VaaniVitt, showcasing its primary user interfaces that enhance financial awareness, automation, and engagement. The system begins with the Landing Page, which introduces users to the platform with options to register or log in, setting a clean and intuitive first impression. Users can create new accounts securely through the Registration Page, where credentials are stored in the database using encrypted authentication. Existing users access the system via the Login Page, powered by JWT authentication for secure and role-based access control.

After login, users are directed to the **Dashboard Page**, which acts as the central hub for financial management. It provides real-time visualization of income, expenses, and savings through interactive charts and graphs. The **Add Expense Page** allows users to input or log transactions via voice commands, leveraging the **Web Speech API** integrated with the Java backend. Each transaction is automatically categorized and tagged with emotional context derived from the **FinBERT/TextBlob** sentiment analysis model.

The Emotion Insights Page displays emotion-based expense analytics, helping users identify mood-related spending patterns such as impulsive or stress-induced purchases. The Group Goals Page enables users to collaborate with peers, set shared financial goals, and view group progress, enhancing accountability and motivation. The Prediction and Reports Page utilizes the LSTM model to forecast monthly spending trends, presenting users with data-driven financial insights and recommendations.

Together, these interfaces reflect the system's core contributions — **automation**, **emotional intelligence**, and **social accountability** — offering a seamless, AI-enhanced approach to personal finance management. By integrating modern UI design with robust backend processing, VaaniVitt provides a scalable foundation for future innovations such as adaptive budgeting and personalized financial coaching.

3.1.2 Testing

Testing of the AI-based expense tracking system, VaaniVitt, was conducted through a series of functional and non-functional tests to validate all major features and ensure smooth system performance across devices. Each module — authentication, expense management, emotion analysis, prediction, and group accountability — was thoroughly tested using both black-box and white-box testing methods.

Table 1 summarizes the functional testing results, showing that all application features performed as expected and met their intended design requirements.

Test Case Execution Summary for VaaniVitt:-

Function	Expected Result	Observation	Result
Register	Create new user account	Account successfully created	Accepted
Login (Valid)	Grant access to authenticated users	User successfully logged in	Accepted
Login (Invalid)	Deny access to invalid users	Error message displayed	Accepted
Add Expense	Record expense entry	Expense successfully added	Accepted
Voice Input	Convert voice to text and record entry	Transaction logged via speech	Accepted
Emotion Tagging	Identify emotional tone of expense	Emotion tag correctly applied	Accepted
Prediction	Forecast monthly spending	Predicted output generated	Accepted
Group Goals	Display shared goal progress	Group progress updated accurately	Accepted
Dashboard	Show financial summary and charts	Data displayed correctly	Accepted
Logout	End user session securely	Successfully logged out	Accepted

3.2 Discussion

The implementation of *VaaniVitt*, the AI-based expense tracker, showed clear improvement in user engagement and financial awareness. By automating expense entry through *voice input* and adding *emotion-based insights*, the system makes budgeting faster and more meaningful. Users can now understand how their mood affects spending, helping them make smarter choices.

Real-time data synchronization through *Spring Boot* and *MongoDB* keeps information up to date, while the *React.js dashboard* makes it easy to view expenses and savings visually. The use of *FinBERT* and *LSTM* models provides more accurate predictions and personalized reports.

Security and privacy are ensured using JWT authentication and role-based access, which increase user trust. The group accountability feature also motivates users to save more consistently by comparing progress within small peer groups.

Some challenges were noted, especially for new users who are less familiar with AI-driven tools or emotion tagging. Future updates will include in-app guides and simpler onboarding to make the system easier to use.

Overall, *VaaniVitt* successfully combines automation, emotion awareness, and social accountability to help users manage money more intelligently. It lays the groundwork for future upgrades such as digital payment integration and personalized budget coaching

4.Related Work

The development of intelligent financial management systems has been widely researched, forming a strong foundation for advancing digital transformation in the personal finance domain. Prior studies emphasize the role of automation, data analytics, and artificial intelligence in improving financial awareness and decision-making. However, many existing solutions focus primarily on manual entry or predictive analytics, lacking integration with emotional and social contexts that influence user behavior.

Gupta and Roy (2022) developed a web-based budgeting system that allowed users to categorize expenses and visualize spending trends but did not include automation or voice input features, limiting real-time adaptability [1]. Similarly, Al-Najjar et al. (2023) proposed a mobile finance tracker that utilized AI for predictive analysis, achieving high accuracy in expense forecasting. However, their research lacked emotion-based tracking and user engagement mechanisms that address behavioral finance factors [2]. Lee et al. (2021) emphasized the potential of digital tools for improving user satisfaction in service-based applications but did not extend their framework to personal finance [3].

Recent research highlights the impact of artificial intelligence and machine learning in shaping modern financial systems. Kim and Patel (2022) demonstrated that AI-driven analytics could increase user retention and improve budgeting outcomes by 32% [4]. Das and Kumar (2023) further explored peer-based financial accountability systems, concluding that group-based savings goals promote consistency and self-regulation among users [5]. These studies support the concept of *social accountability* as a key motivator for sustainable financial management, which serves as a foundational principle in the design of *VaaniVitt*.

On the emotional dimension, Ahmed et al. (2022) introduced an *emotion-based expenditure classifier* that categorized spending behavior according to mood. While effective for identifying impulsive purchases, it did not combine predictive analytics or voice interaction [6]. FinBERT and TextBlob have also been applied in sentiment-based financial modeling, but most implementations remain limited to market analysis rather than personal budgeting [7]. In contrast, *VaaniVitt* employs these models to connect emotional cues with personal spending, bridging a gap between behavioral economics and AI-driven tracking systems.

Security and privacy have been recurring concerns in financial applications. Studies by Chen et al. (2022) and Payne et al. (2023) emphasized that user trust and data protection are critical to digital finance adoption [8][9]. Existing systems often depend on third-party APIs, raising issues of data sharing and transparency. The use of *JWT authentication*, role-based access control, and encrypted databases in VaaniVitt aligns with best practices for secure financial data handling.

Despite significant progress in financial technology, gaps remain in creating an all-in-one system that integrates voice, emotion, and social accountability features. Current models either prioritize automation without personalization or focus solely on analytics without interaction. *VaaniVitt* addresses these limitations by providing a unified platform built with *Java Spring Boot*, *React.js*, and *MongoDB*, integrated with *AI microservices* for natural language and sentiment processing. This multi-layered approach combines real-time automation, emotional insight, and peer collaboration—offering a holistic and human-centric financial management experience.

5. Conclusion

The development and implementation of the Al-based expense tracking system, VaaniVitt, effectively address the long-standing challenges of manual financial management by transforming traditional tracking methods into an intelligent, automated, and user-centric digital solution. By combining voice-enabled expense logging, emotion-aware analytics, and social accountability features, the system promotes greater financial awareness and long-term budgeting discipline among users.

Transitioning from manual recording to an AI-integrated platform has demonstrated clear improvements in *data accuracy*, *prediction performance*, and *user engagement*. The system enables real-time expense synchronization through *Java Spring Boot* and *MongoDB*, while its *React.js interface* offers interactive visualizations and predictive insights. These features collectively simplify personal finance management and make financial decision-making more intuitive and emotionally informed.

Furthermore, the inclusion of *emotion tagging* helps users understand behavioral spending patterns, while *group goal tracking* fosters collaboration and peer motivation, encouraging more responsible financial behavior. The system's *robust security mechanisms*, including JWT authentication and data encryption, ensure privacy and trust—both essential for digital finance adoption.

The success of *VaaniVitt* highlights the growing potential of *AI-driven*, *emotion-aware financial systems* in transforming how individuals interact with money. Future enhancements could include the integration of *payment gateways*, *automated investment recommendations*, *AI-powered chat assistants*, and *gamified savings goals* to further increase engagement and accessibility.

This research demonstrates that blending artificial intelligence with human-centered design can make personal finance management not only efficient but also empathetic and engaging. The *VaaniVitt framework* thus lays a solid foundation for next-generation financial applications that combine automation, emotion, and accountability to promote lasting financial well-being.

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