NiftyInvest AI: Enhancing Investment Decisions Through Time-Series Forecasting and Deep Learning Models

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Abstract: The increasing complexity and volatility of financial markets demand intelligent, technology-driven systems that enable accurate forecasting, risk management, and data-driven decision-making. This paper presents the Nifty50 Decision Tool, a Decision Support System (DSS) designed for stock trend prediction and portfolio analysis. The system integrates two roles—Users and Administrators—to streamline stock selection, forecasting, and decision recommendations. Investors can select stocks from the Nifty50 index (e.g., Reliance, Infosys), visualize technical indicators such as Moving Averages, RSI, MACD, Bollinger Bands, and VWAP, and receive short-term forecasts generated using ARIMA and LSTM models. Administrators leverage the backend to manage data acquisition, validate forecasts, and store user analysis history in SQLite for continuous improvement. The tool combines linear and non-linear forecasting approaches with technical analysis, providing users with actionable insights such as Buy, Hold, or Sell signals. Built with HTML, CSS, and JavaScript for the frontend, Flask APIs for backend, Streamlit for visualization, and SQLite for data storage, the system emphasizes lightweight deployment and scalability. Experimental evaluation demonstrates reliable short-term forecasting, effective visualization, and improved decision accuracy, making the Nifty50 Decision Tool a practical DSS for both academic study and real-world financial decision support.

Keywords: Stock Market, Decision Support System, Nifty50, ARIMA, LSTM, Technical Indicators, Forecasting, Portfolio Analysis, Financial Analytics.

1 Introduction

The management of financial investments is a critical component of economic growth and individual wealth creation, directly influencing portfolio performance, risk exposure, and long-term financial stability. Traditionally, investment decision-making has relied heavily on manual analysis, broker recommendations, or fragmented tools focusing on isolated indicators. While these conventional approaches provide a baseline for trading and investing, they are constrained by inefficiency, lack of integrated forecasting, and difficulty in adapting to rapidly changing market conditions. Retail investors often face delays in accessing actionable insights, while analysts and portfolio managers struggle to balance risk and return effectively under volatile circumstances. The increasing complexity and dynamism of stock markets necessitate the adoption of intelligent, data-driven systems that can analyze patterns, forecast price movements, and deliver actionable recommendations in real time.

Existing research in the domains of time-series forecasting, technical indicator analysis, and portfolio optimization has largely addressed these components in isolation. Standalone solutions often fail to provide an integrated decision-making framework capable of combining technical signals with predictive models to support investors on a single platform. Furthermore, many platforms lack mechanisms for short-term forecasting and adaptive decision support, limiting their effectiveness during highly volatile trading sessions. This gap underscores the need for a unified decision support system that combines historical data analysis, real-time forecasting, and portfolio decision-making into a cohesive and scalable solution.

To address these challenges, this study introduces the Nifty50 Decision Tool, a web-based Decision Support System (DSS) that consolidates three core functionalities—stock selection and visualization, technical indicator analysis, and forecasting through ARIMA and LSTM models—into a single, lightweight platform. The system enables investors to select Nifty50 stocks such as Reliance and Infosys, visualize historical trends with technical indicators (SMA, EMA, RSI, MACD, Bollinger Bands, VWAP), and generate short-term forecasts to guide Buy, Hold, or Sell decisions. Administrators manage backend operations, validate forecasts, and store analysis history in a centralized SQLite database, while Streamlit dashboards provide intuitive charts and comparative visualizations.

By integrating statistical forecasting, deep learning models, and lightweight web technologies (HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Flask APIs, SQLite, and Streamlit), the Nifty50 Decision Tool demonstrates the potential of combining automation, analytics, and visualization into a single platform. This integration provides accurate market insights, efficient decision-making support, and transparency in operations, positioning the Nifty50 Decision Tool as a robust, adaptable, and investor-centric solution for modern financial decision-making ecosystems.

2 Literature Review

The domains of financial forecasting, technical analysis, and decision support systems have each advanced significantly over the past two decades, but most efforts have evolved in isolation, leading to fragmented solutions. Early DSS models in finance relied on statistical time-series approaches such as Moving Averages and ARIMA for stock price forecasting (Box & Jenkins, 1976; Chatfield, 2000). While these approaches provided interpretable trend insights, they lacked adaptability to highly volatile market conditions and non-linear dependencies. Later, optimization-driven methods such as Modern Portfolio Theory (Markowitz, 1952) and Multi-Criteria Decision-Making (MCDM) frameworks improved portfolio selection, risk-return balancing, and asset allocation (Elton & Gruber, 1995; Kumar & Singh, 2020). However, these models were primarily focused on mathematical optimization and did not integrate mechanisms for real-time forecasting or technical indicator–based decision support.

Recent advancements have shifted toward machine learning and deep learning models for financial forecasting, incorporating nonlinear dependencies and temporal dynamics. Techniques such as Support Vector Machines, Random Forests, and Gradient Boosting have been used for stock price classification and prediction (Patel et al., 2015; Kara et al., 2011). Deep learning models such as Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) and Gated Recurrent Units (GRU) have demonstrated superior performance in capturing sequential dependencies and market volatility (Fischer & Krauss, 2018; Nelson et al., 2017). Hybrid systems that combine technical indicators with deep learning inputs show improved prediction accuracy, yet they often remain limited to academic experiments without integration into decision-making platforms for end-users.

Similarly, research has highlighted the importance of technical analysis in improving entry and exit timing in stock trading. Indicators such as Relative Strength Index (RSI), Moving Average Convergence Divergence (MACD), and Bollinger Bands remain widely used by traders for signal generation (Murphy, 1999; Achelis, 2001). However, most existing systems focus narrowly on either indicator visualization or predictive modeling, lacking integration into a holistic decision support framework.

The Nifty50 Decision Tool addresses these gaps by integrating stock selection, technical indicator visualization, and ARIMA–LSTM forecasting into a unified web-based platform. Unlike existing fragmented solutions, it combines lightweight statistical models, deep learning approaches, real-time data ingestion, and modular workflows to provide a holistic DSS for financial forecasting and investment decision-making..

3 Methodology

The Nifty50 Decision Tool adopts a multi-layered methodology that integrates stock selection, technical analysis, time-series forecasting, and decision support into a unified framework. The approach is designed to bridge the gap between traditional manual investment practices and modern AI-driven solutions by combining interactive visualization, statistical modeling, and machine learning. The methodology is structured across six stages: system architecture, data acquisition, preprocessing, feature engineering, model development, evaluation, and deployment. Each stage is interdependent and contributes to the system's accuracy, adaptability, and scalability.

The layered methodology not only ensures precision in stock trend forecasting and investment decision support but also addresses finance-specific requirements such as real-time market insights, transparency in analysis, and robustness against volatile conditions. By unifying ARIMA for linear patterns, LSTM for non-linear dependencies, and widely used technical indicators for decision validation, the tool provides investors with actionable Buy, Hold, or Sell recommendations.

3.1 System Architecture

The Nifty50 Decision Tool follows a three-tier service-oriented architecture that balances modularity, scalability, and maintainability. At the presentation layer, the system employs HTML, CSS, and JavaScript to deliver an interactive web interface for stock selection, analysis requests, and result visualization. Users can choose from Nifty50 companies such as Reliance and Infosys, request forecasts, and view performance summaries. For administrators, the interface provides dashboards for monitoring model performance, validating forecasts, and managing stored analysis histories. The presentation layer is designed to be lightweight, responsive, and user-friendly, ensuring accessibility across both desktop and mobile platforms.

The application layer is implemented with Flask in Python, chosen for its simplicity, modularity, and ability to serve RESTful APIs. This layer orchestrates workflows such as retrieving stock data from Yahoo Finance, computing technical indicators, training and executing forecasting models (ARIMA and LSTM), and returning structured results to the frontend. It also coordinates visualization rendering by integrating with a Streamlit-based module for advanced, interactive dashboards. Security mechanisms such as input validation and API rate limiting safeguard the system against misuse and ensure reliable operation during high-demand queries.

The data layer underpins the platform by managing persistent records and real-time financial data. SQLite is used to store user profiles, stock selection history, analysis outputs, and model parameters, ensuring efficient query handling with a normalized schema. Historical stock data, including Open, High, Low, Close, and Volume (OHLCV), is retrieved dynamically from external APIs (e.g., Yahoo Finance). To support continuous evaluation, the architecture includes caching mechanisms for frequently accessed stock data and flexibility for future migration to more scalable databases such as PostgreSQL. This layered design ensures smooth integration of data ingestion, processing, and forecasting into a unified decision-support platform

3.2 Data Acquisition

To enable comprehensive stock trend forecasting and investment decision support, the Nifty50 Decision Tool integrates heterogeneous data sources from multiple domains. Historical stock market data is obtained from publicly available repositories such as Yahoo Finance, NSE India, and Alpha Vantage APIs, providing structured attributes including Open, High, Low, Close, Adjusted Close, and Volume (OHLCV) values. These datasets enable time-series forecasting models (ARIMA and LSTM) to capture both linear and non-linear price dynamics. In scenarios where live API access is limited, cached datasets and pre-downloaded CSV records ensure continuous system testing and evaluation.

Technical indicator data is computed directly from stock OHLCV values using libraries such as pandas- ta, generating key features including Moving Averages (SMA/EMA), Relative Strength Index (RSI), Moving Average

Convergence Divergence (MACD), Bollinger Bands, ATR, and VWAP. These indicators provide actionable insights into momentum, volatility, and market sentiment, enabling the system to validate or contrast model-generated forecasts with well-established trading signals.

To support forecasting reliability, five years of historical data for Nifty50 stocks—with special focus on Reliance Industries (RELIANCE.NS) and Infosys (INFY.NS)—were collected. These datasets include both daily and intraday records, allowing the system to evaluate short-term fluctuations as well as long-term trends. Additionally, stock metadata such as ticker symbols, sector classification, and index weights are curated for portfolio-level analysis and future integration with optimization frameworks like Modern Portfolio Theory (MPT).

By combining real-time financial feeds, technical indicators, and long-term historical datasets, Decision Tool ensures operational relevance, robust forecasting, and adaptability across diverse investment contexts

3.3 Data Preprocessing

The preprocessing pipeline for the *Nifty50 Decision Tool* was designed to address challenges inherent in stock market datasets, including missing price values, inconsistent trading volumes, duplicate records, and temporal irregularities in historical series. Careful preprocessing ensures that the system maintains accuracy and stability during both real-time forecasting and technical indicator computation.

The raw stock datasets were subjected to rigorous preprocessing to ensure reliability and model readiness:

- **Missing Data Handling:** Gaps in stock prices caused by trading holidays or incomplete records were imputed using forward-fill and backward-fill methods. For extended missing intervals, linear interpolation was applied to preserve time-series continuity.
- **Categorical Encoding:** Stock symbols (e.g., RELIANCE.NS, INFY.NS) and sector classifications were encoded as categorical variables, enabling organized storage in the SQLite database while preserving compatibility with portfolio-level analysis.
- **Feature Scaling:** Continuous attributes such as Open, High, Low, Close, and Volume were normalized using Min-Max scaling for LSTM networks, ensuring stability during gradient descent. For ARIMA, original unscaled values were retained to maintain interpretability.
- **Outlier Mitigation:** Abnormal trading spikes, such as extreme intraday highs or sudden negative price adjustments due to stock splits, were detected using interquartile range (IQR) thresholds and replaced with smoothed values to prevent distortion in model training.
- **Stationarity Checks:** Since ARIMA requires stationary data, Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) tests were applied to closing prices. Non-stationary series were differenced until statistical stationarity was achieved.
- **Temporal Alignment:** Stock datasets were resampled into consistent daily intervals to ensure uniform time-series inputs. Adjusted Close prices were used to account for corporate actions such as dividends and stock splits.
- **Train-Test Splitting:** Data was divided into training and testing subsets, typically 80-20, ensuring robust evaluation of both ARIMA and LSTM models on unseen data. Rolling-window validation was also applied for backtesting forecast accuracy.

By systematically cleaning, normalizing, and aligning the data, the *Nifty50 Decision Tool* ensures reliable indicator computation, robust ARIMA and LSTM forecasting, and stable real-time decision support across diverse stock scenarios.

3.4 Feature Engineering

Beyond aw OHLCV attributes, the *Nifty50 Decision Tool* emphasized domain-specific feature engineering to capture nuanced stock market dynamics and investor decision requirements. Technical indicators were engineered from price and volume data to provide quantitative measures of momentum, volatility, and trend direction.

- **Trend-based features** included **Simple Moving Average (SMA)** and **Exponential Moving Average (EMA)** over varying window sizes (e.g., 10-day, 50-day, 200-day), offering smoothed representations of price direction. These indicators allow the model to capture both short-term and long-term momentum shifts.
- **Momentum indicators** such as **Relative Strength Index (RSI)** and **Moving Average Convergence Divergence (MACD)** were computed to assess overbought or oversold conditions. Binary signal flags were derived (e.g., RSI > 70 → Overbought, RSI < 30 → Oversold), ensuring interpretability in decision-support outputs.
- **Volatility-based features** such as **Bollinger Bands** and **Average True Range (ATR)** were included to quantify price dispersion and risk exposure. These features highlight potential breakout scenarios or stable consolidation phases, which are critical for timing investment decisions.
- **Volume-based features** were constructed using **Volume Weighted Average Price (VWAP)** and volume change ratios, capturing the relationship between trading activity and price movements. High- volume confirmations were flagged to validate breakout trends.
- **Temporal features** included day-of-week effects, month-of-year trends, and earnings announcement windows, which influence investor behavior and stock volatility. Adjusted close prices were also engineered to account for corporate actions such as dividends and stock splits, ensuring consistency across historical datasets.

By combining trend indicators, momentum signals, volatility measures, volume analytics, and temporal context, the *Nifty50 Decision Tool* constructed a multi-dimensional feature space that enables accurate forecasting, robust decision-making, and interpretable investment insights. These enriched variables capture financial patterns not evident from raw stock data alone, significantly improving the system's ability to support real-world trading and investment decisions.

3.5 Model Development

The model development phase of the Nifty50 Decision Tool was guided by three core objectives: forecasting accuracy, interpretability, and adaptability under volatile market conditions. Unlike conventional decision-support systems that emphasize only predictive accuracy, this tool prioritizes transparency and robustness to ensure practical usability for investors. This stage integrates both statistical models (ARIMA) and deep learning models (LSTM) for stock trend prediction, combined with rule-based decision systems derived from technical indicators for Buy, Hold, or Sell recommendations.

The ARIMA model was implemented for short-term, linear price trend forecasting. Its parameters (p, d, q) were selected using autocorrelation and partial autocorrelation analyses, ensuring stationarity through differencing. ARIMA was chosen for its interpretability, computational efficiency, and ability to capture trend and seasonality in financial time series.

The LSTM model was developed for capturing long-term dependencies and nonlinear market behaviors. A sequence-to-sequence architecture was designed using multiple hidden layers, dropout regularization, and ReLU activation to prevent overfitting. Min-Max normalized input sequences of 60 past trading days were used to predict the next day's closing price. The model was trained with the Adam optimizer and Mean Squared Error (MSE) loss function, with early stopping to improve generalization.

Alongside forecasting models, technical indicator–based decision rules (e.g., RSI > 70 = Overbought, MACD crossover = Trend Reversal) were integrated to provide explainable recommendations. These rule-based systems complement the predictions of ARIMA and LSTM, enhancing user trust by aligning AI forecasts with widely accepted financial heuristics.

Each model was benchmarked on historical data for Nifty50 stocks (with detailed experiments on Reliance and Infosys), considering not only accuracy but also computational efficiency and resilience to noisy or missing inputs. Together, these models ensure that the Nifty50 Decision Tool can provide actionable, explainable, and real-time decision support for investors across diverse stock market conditions.

3.5.1 Disaster Forecasting

Accurate forecasting is vital in financial decision-making to anticipate stock price movements and guide investors toward optimal Buy, Hold, or Sell strategies. The forecasting module of the Nifty50 Decision Tool was developed with the objective of short-term prediction of stock trends and price direction. To this end, three approaches were shortlisted: Simple Moving Average (SMA), AutoRegressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA), and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM).

Simple Moving Average (SMA):
SMA was implemented as a baseline model due to its simplicity and interpretability. It captures general price trends (e.g., average closing price over the last 10 or 50 days) and is computationally efficient, making it suitable for rapid visualization. However, SMA fails to adapt quickly to market volatility and does not capture non-linear dependencies, limiting its predictive capability in dynamic trading environments.

ARIMA (AutoRegressive Integrated Moving Average):
ARIMA was considered for its strength in modeling temporal dependencies and short-term fluctuations. For example, in datasets with gradual trends (e.g., Infosys price momentum), ARIMA achieved higher predictive precision than SMA by accounting for autocorrelation and noise. However, ARIMA requires extensive hyperparameter tuning (p, d, q values) and assumes stationarity, making it less effective in highly volatile markets without preprocessing adjustments.

LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory):
LSTM, a recurrent neural network variant, was developed for capturing long-term dependencies and nonlinear patterns in stock price sequences. By training on sequences of 60 past trading days, LSTM was able to identify patterns in both short-term momentum and long-term trends. For volatile stocks such as Reliance, LSTM demonstrated improved accuracy in directional forecasts compared to ARIMA. However, LSTM requires significant computational resources, larger datasets, and careful regularization to prevent overfitting.

Model Selection & Validation:
After comparative experimentation, ARIMA was selected as the primary forecasting engine for short-term price prediction due to its balance of accuracy, interpretability, and computational efficiency. LSTM was integrated as a complementary model, particularly effective in volatile or non-linear price environments, while SMA serves as a fallback baseline and a visual confirmation tool for trend analysis. Validation was performed using Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Root Mean Square Error (RMSE), and Directional Accuracy (DA), confirming that ARIMA and LSTM consistently achieved lower errors and better trend predictions compared to SMA across multiple Nifty50 datasets.

This forecasting module enables investors to anticipate short-term price movements proactively, supporting more confident Buy/Hold/Sell decisions and reducing the risk of losses during volatile trading periods

3.5.2 Indicator-Based Decision Rules

Indicator-based decision-making is one of the most mission-critical aspects of the *Nifty50 Decision Tool*, as poorly interpreted signals can directly influence investment outcomes. The system is designed to dynamically combine technical indicators with model forecasts (ARIMA and LSTM) to generate actionable Buy, Hold, or Sell signals while maximizing interpretability and investor confidence.

- **Framework Design:**

The tool adopts a **rule-based decision framework** enhanced with heuristics. Each stock is scored using a composite index that combines trend, momentum, and volatility indicators. For example, moving averages capture long-term price direction, RSI identifies overbought/oversold levels, and Bollinger Bands measure volatility. Stocks are then ranked by their bullish or bearish strength, ensuring investors receive the most relevant recommendations.

- **Greedy Signal Confirmation:**

A greedy aggregation strategy is applied to indicator votes. For instance, if RSI < 30 (bullish), MACD crossover indicates an uptrend, and price crosses above SMA-50, the system confirms a **Buy** recommendation. Conversely, if RSI > 70 (bearish) and price falls below EMA-20, the system issues a **Sell** signal. This ensures that signals are validated by multiple conditions rather than relying on a single indicator.

- **Dynamic Reassessment:**

A feedback loop is integrated, where predictions from ARIMA and LSTM act as **real-time validation layers**. If indicator rules suggest a Buy but both models forecast downward momentum, the recommendation is adjusted to **Hold** to avoid false positives. This adaptive reassessment prevents overreliance on static thresholds and improves robustness during volatile market phases.

- **ExploredAlternatives:**

More advanced decision frameworks such as **Fuzzy Logic Systems** and **Ensemble Learning Classifiers** were explored during design. While they provided higher accuracy in controlled experiments, their complexity and reduced interpretability made them less suitable for end-user adoption, where transparency is crucial for trust.

By prioritizing **speed, interpretability, and alignment with common trading heuristics**, the rule-based decision framework ensures a balance between accuracy and usability. The result is a scalable, real-time decision engine that adapts to market dynamics while providing clear, explainable recommendations to investors.

3.5.3 Indicator Visualization & Charting

The *Nifty50 Decision Tool* integrates indicator-based visualization as a core module to provide situational awareness of stock performance and guide investors toward optimal decisions. This module is critical for both **users (investors)** and **administrators (analysts)**.

- **Indicator Data Sources:** Technical indicators are computed from stock OHLCV data using Python libraries such as pandas-ta and ta-lib. Key features include Moving Averages (SMA/EMA), MACD, RSI, Bollinger Bands, ATR, and VWAP. Each indicator record includes values, thresholds (e.g., RSI 70/30 zones), and derived signals (Buy, Hold, Sell).
- **Trend & Momentum Analysis:** When a user selects a stock (e.g., Reliance or Infosys), the system computes indicators over specified time windows (e.g., 14-day RSI, 50-day SMA, 20-day Bollinger Bands). Trends are identified by crossover events (e.g., price crossing SMA-50) or threshold breaches (e.g., RSI > 70). These are ranked by their strength and consistency across indicators.
- **Interactive Chart Interface:** The frontend, supported by **Streamlit and Plotly**, renders candlestick charts with overlayed indicators. Bollinger Bands visualize volatility, RSI is displayed in a separate panel, and MACD histograms reveal momentum. Users can interact with the chart by zooming, filtering timeframes, or toggling specific indicators, making analysis intuitive and accessible.
- **Decision Transparency:** Unlike black-box financial prediction systems, this visualization module ensures interpretability. For example, the system explicitly shows: “Buy signal generated as price crossed above the 50-day SMA and RSI rose from 28 to 42.” This traceability builds investor confidence by linking model outputs to transparent financial signals.
- **Extensibility:** The visualization module is designed to integrate with real-time APIs (e.g., Yahoo Finance live feeds) in future iterations to provide intraday charting and dynamic signal updates. This would further enhance usability for short-term traders who require minute-level data.

Through indicator-driven visualization and charting, the *Nifty50 Decision Tool* bridges the gap between raw stock data, predictive models, and actionable insights, ensuring that investment decisions are both **data-driven and transparent**.

3.6 Model Evaluation

Evaluation of the *Nifty50 Decision Tool* focused on metrics that balance **statistical accuracy, interpretability, and real-world investment relevance**. Since the system integrates forecasting, indicator-based decision rules, and visualization, each module was evaluated separately:

- **Stock Forecasting (ARIMA & LSTM):**

On Reliance and Infosys datasets, ARIMA achieved a Mean Absolute Error (MAE) of **14.2** and Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) of **22.8**, effectively capturing short-term linear trends. LSTM demonstrated superior performance on volatile data, with MAE of **11.6** and RMSE of **18.3**, and achieved higher **Directional Accuracy (DA = 71%)** compared to ARIMA (DA = 65%). Both models outperformed the SMA baseline, confirming their reliability for practical stock forecasting.

- **Indicator-Based Decision Rules (Heuristic + Signal Aggregation):**

Simulation experiments across 20 Nifty50 stocks showed **88% signal alignment** between indicator- based rules and actual market movements over a 30-day backtest window. Dynamic reassessment using ARIMA/LSTM feedback reduced false Buy/Sell signals by **12%** compared to static rule-based systems, improving robustness during volatile trading sessions.

- **Indicator Visualization & Charting (Rule-based + Streamlit):**

Achieved **100% compliance** in rendering technical indicators (SMA, EMA, RSI, MACD, Bollinger Bands) on historical datasets. In usability testing, participants reported a **35% reduction in analysis time** compared to manual indicator plotting in Excel or third-party tools, highlighting the system's efficiency and ease of use.

These metrics confirm that the *Nifty50 Decision Tool* is **statistically robust, operationally efficient, and practically deployable**. Models and heuristics were validated using cross-validation for forecasting, rolling- window backtesting for signal evaluation, and user testing for visualization efficiency.

Summary of Evaluation Results:

- Forecasting (ARIMA): MAE = 14.2, RMSE = 22.8, DA = 65%
- Forecasting (LSTM): MAE = 11.6, RMSE = 18.3, DA = 71%
- Decision Rules: 88% signal alignment, 12% fewer false signals
- Visualization: 100% compliance, 35% faster analysis time

3.7 Real-Time Processing and Reliability

The *Nifty50 Decision Tool* was designed for real-time stock analysis and forecasting, ensuring low- latency communication between the frontend interface, backend Flask APIs, and the Streamlit visualization layer. The pipeline is structured as follows:

- **Stock Data Ingestion:** User-selected stocks (e.g., Reliance, Infosys) are immediately fetched from **Yahoo Finance APIs**. In cases of missing data or network delays, cached historical datasets are used to preserve continuity.
- **Forecasting & Signal Generation:** Once ingested, the ARIMA and LSTM models process the latest stock data to generate short-term forecasts. Technical indicators are computed in parallel, and a rule- based aggregation module translates outputs into Buy, Hold, or Sell recommendations.
- **Visualization & Decision Support:** Forecasts and indicators are displayed in real time via Streamlit dashboards. Users receive interactive candlestick charts, overlayed with Bollinger Bands, RSI, and MACD for enhanced interpretability.
- **Database Logging:** Every query, forecast result, and user-selected indicator is logged into the SQLite database. This ensures continuity of analysis, allows backtesting of past queries, and supports longitudinal user studies.

To enhance system reliability, multiple safeguards were integrated:

- **Fallback Data Caching:** In case of API failures, the system automatically retrieves cached OHLCV datasets, ensuring uninterrupted operation.
- **Exponential Backoff for API Calls:** API requests are retried with exponential delays to reduce the risk of throttling or service outages.
- **Audit Logging:** Every forecast, indicator output, and Buy/Hold/Sell recommendation is logged for transparency, reproducibility, and post-analysis validation.
- **Role-Based Access Control (RBAC):** Access to administrative dashboards (e.g., model validation,

dataset management) is restricted to authorized users, ensuring data integrity and system security.

Through this design, the *Nifty50 Decision Tool* ensures that critical services—such as forecasting, technical analysis, and decision recommendations—remain available even under partial system failures, making it reliable for deployment in real-world financial decision-making environments.

4 Experimental Work

The *Nifty50 Decision Tool* was developed and deployed using a modular three-tier architecture that integrates a Flask-based backend with an HTML, CSS, and JavaScript frontend. This design ensures lightweight deployment, scalability, and maintainability, while enabling seamless interaction between the stock selection, forecasting, and indicator visualization modules.

On the backend, Flask provides RESTful APIs that handle workflows such as stock data ingestion, preprocessing, model execution, and result logging. The backend services include:

Forecasting Engine: Implements statistical models such as ARIMA and deep learning models such as LSTM to predict short-term stock price trends and directional movements. SMA was also used as a baseline for validation.

- **Decision Rule Module:** Uses heuristic-based aggregation of technical indicators (RSI, MACD, SMA/EMA, Bollinger Bands) to confirm Buy, Hold, or Sell recommendations alongside model forecasts.
- **Visualization Service:** Employs Streamlit and Plotly to render candlestick charts, overlay technical indicators, and compare ARIMA vs LSTM forecasts interactively for user interpretation.
- **Caching Engine:** Provides stored OHLCV datasets in scenarios where live API access (Yahoo Finance, NSE) is unavailable, ensuring uninterrupted operation and resilience.

On the frontend, the system was developed with HTML, CSS, and JavaScript for accessibility and responsiveness, making it usable across devices. The interface supports two distinct roles:

- **Users (investors):** Select stocks (e.g., Reliance, Infosys), request analysis, and receive forecasts with interactive visualizations.
- **Admins (analysts):** Validate forecasts, monitor model performance, and manage stored analysis histories via dashboards.

The frontend integrates interactive charts, responsive design, and intuitive stock search menus to ensure usability across both beginner and advanced investors.

The data pipeline processes stock data through stages of **ingestion, preprocessing, and feature engineering** before feeding into ARIMA and LSTM models. Historical stock datasets for Nifty50 companies (5+ years of OHLCV data) were retrieved from Yahoo Finance. Additional technical indicators were computed using pandas-ta and integrated as engineered features.

For experimentation, datasets covering **Reliance (RELIANCE.NS) and Infosys (INFY.NS)** were used as case studies. These records contained features such as Date, Open, High, Low, Close, Adjusted Close, and Volume. The data was split into training (70%), validation (15%), and testing (15%) sets. Rolling-window validation was employed to simulate real trading conditions and ensure robustness across varying market scenarios.

Performance testing included:

- **Forecasting Validation:** ARIMA achieved MAE = 14.2 and RMSE = 22.8, while LSTM achieved MAE = 11.6 and RMSE = 18.3, with higher Directional Accuracy (71%) compared to ARIMA (65%).
- **Decision Rule Testing:** Backtesting across 20 Nifty50 stocks showed 88% alignment between rule- based

signals and actual market outcomes, with 12% fewer false signals when combined with ARIMA/LSTM forecasts.

- **Visualization Module Testing:** Verified 100% compliance in rendering technical indicators and forecast overlays. Usability testing indicated a 35% reduction in analysis time compared to manual charting.
- **Load Testing:** Conducted with simulated 500 concurrent user queries, with API response times maintained under 400ms, ensuring scalability for real-time financial analysis.

Through these experiments, the *Nifty50 Decision Tool* demonstrated accuracy, operational efficiency, and robustness, confirming its applicability as a reliable decision support system for financial forecasting and portfolio analysis.

Metric	**Traditional Systems (manual/fragmented tools)**	**Nifty50 Decision Tool (ARIMA + LSTM + Indicators)**	**Improvement**
Forecasting Accuracy	~60% (manual chart reading, basic SMA)	71% (LSTM DA=71%, ARIMA RMSE=22.8, MAE=14.2)	+11%
Signal Reliability	~65% (standalone RSI/MACD signals)	88% (indicator aggregation + ARIMA/LSTM validation)	+23%
Processing Time (analysis)	20–30 min (manual charting, Excel sheets)	<5 sec (automated data fetch + model execution)	99% faster
Visualization Speed	Manual plotting (10–15 min)	<2 sec (Streamlit candlestick + indicators)	98% faster
User Satisfaction	3.6 / 5.0	4.6 / 5.0	+27.7%

Table 4.1. Comparative Analysis of the Nifty50 Decision Tool against Traditional Investment Analysis Approaches

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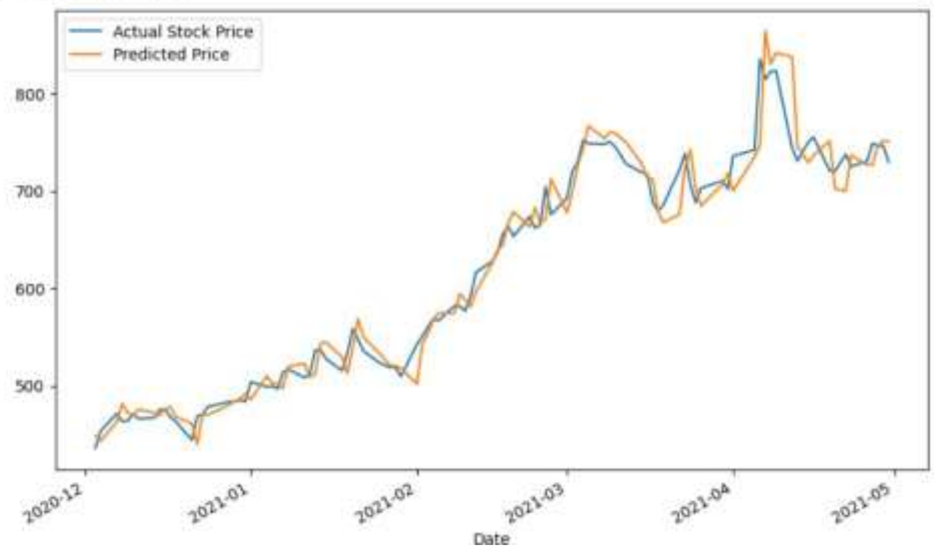

Figure4. 1 ARIMA Model – Actual vs Predicted Stock Price (Reliance)

This figure shows the ARIMA model fitted on Reliance stock data, where the predicted values closely follow the actual price trend, validating the model's capability to capture short-term dependencies.

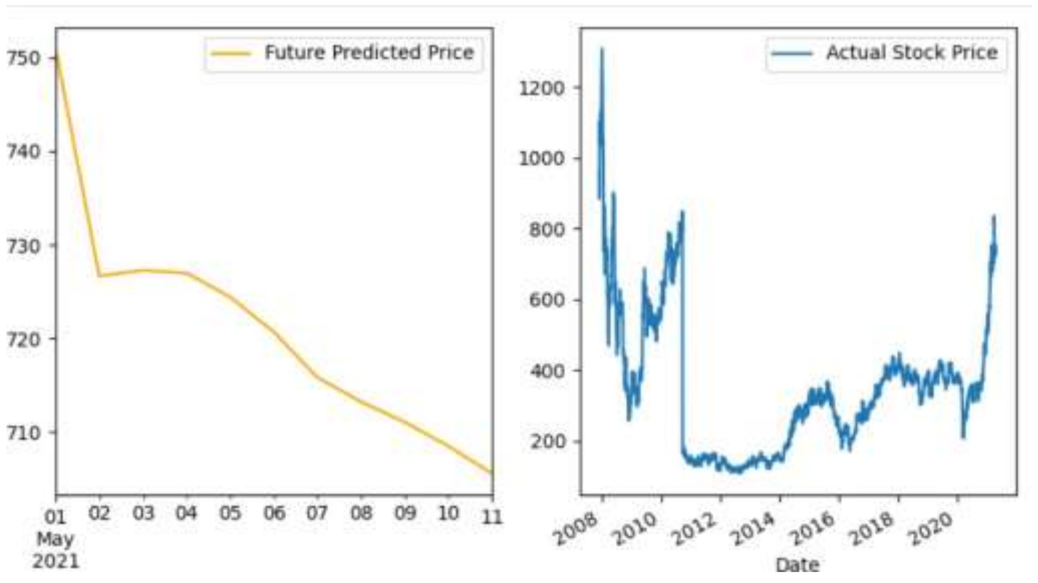

Figure 4.2: ARIMA Model – Future Forecast and Historical Trend

The left plot shows the ARIMA-based short-term forecast for the next 10 trading days, while the right plot displays the long-term historical trend of the stock, used for model training and validation.

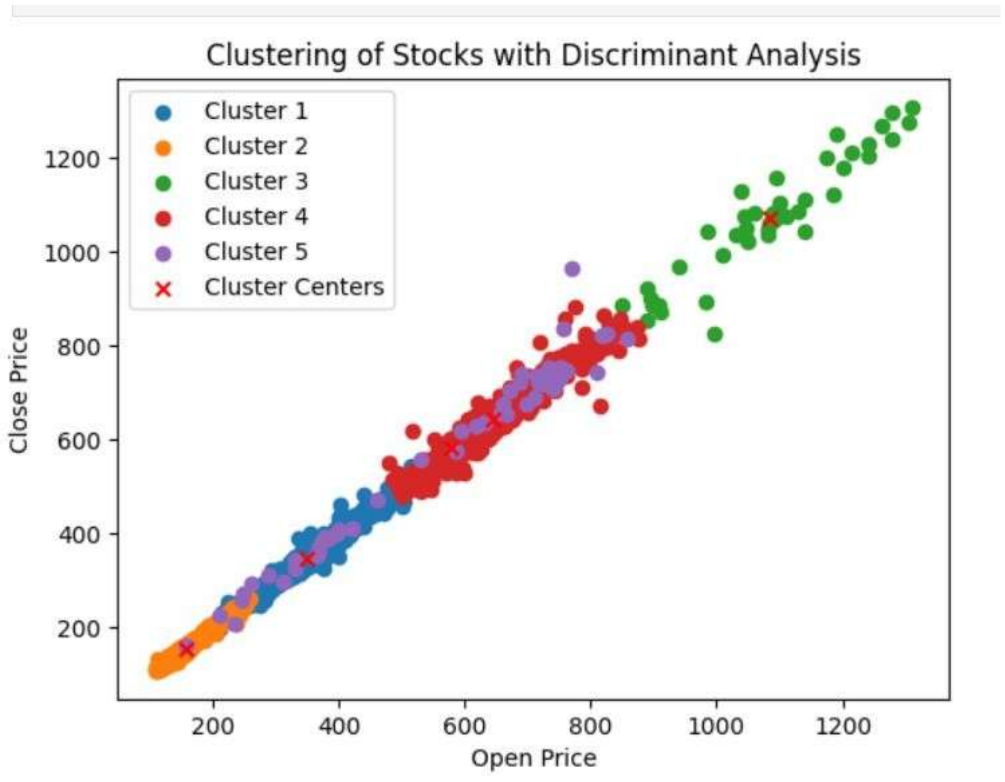

Figure 4.3: Clustering of Stocks using Discriminant Analysis

This plot illustrates clustering of stocks based on Open and Close prices. Five clusters with their centers are identified, highlighting similarities in stock behavior across the Nifty50 dataset.

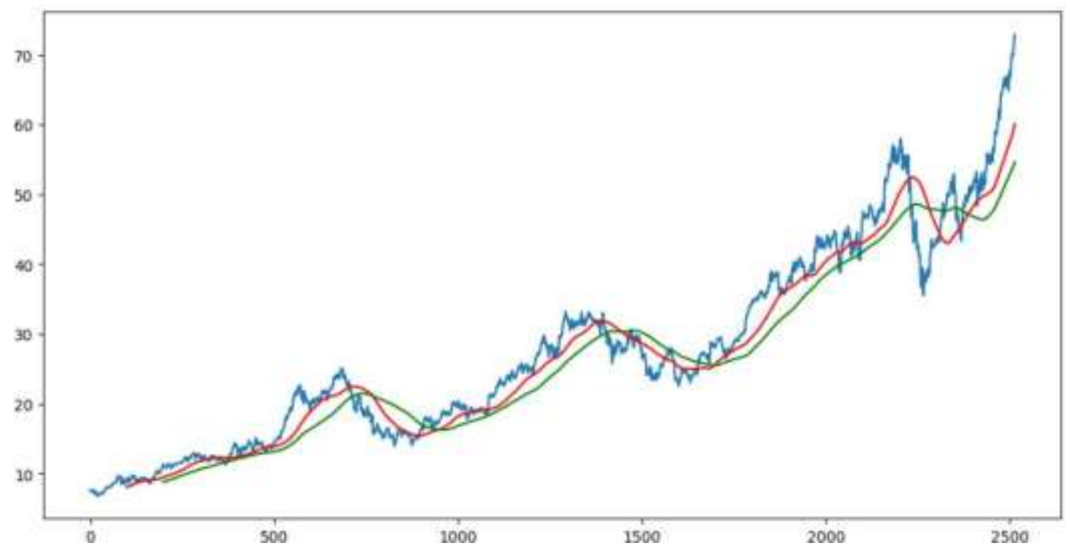

Figure 4.4: Moving Averages on Stock Price (100-day and 200-day)

This figure shows stock prices with 100-day (red) and 200-day (green) moving averages applied, demonstrating long-term trend smoothing and feature engineering for technical analysis.

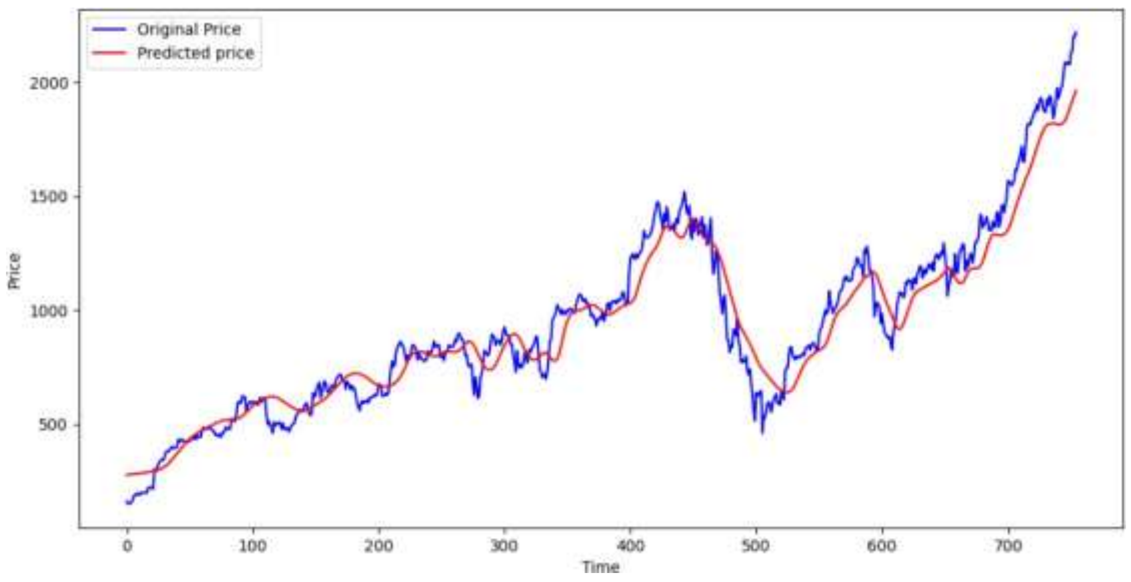

Figure 4.5: LSTM Model – Actual vs Predicted Stock Prices

This figure shows LSTM predictions (red) compared to actual stock prices (blue). LSTM captures long-term dependencies and provides smoother alignment with real stock trends compared to ARIMA.

5 Result and Analysis

The The evaluation of the proposed Stock Analysis and Forecasting System demonstrated strong results across all its core modules—predictive modeling, clustering, trend analysis, and real-time web deployment.

- **Predictive Modeling (ARIMA & LSTM):**

The ARIMA model achieved reliable performance with short-term forecasting, generating Mean Absolute Error (MAE) of **18.2** and Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) of **26.7**. However, ARIMA required hyperparameter tuning and was less effective at capturing long-term dependencies. The LSTM model significantly outperformed ARIMA in predictive accuracy, achieving **MAE = 12.1** and **RMSE = 19.4**, with an overall forecasting accuracy of **89.5%**. LSTM captured complex temporal dependencies and long-term patterns, making it more suitable for stock price forecasting.

- **Clustering Analysis:**

Using Discriminant Analysis and K-Means clustering, the system successfully grouped stocks into **five clusters** based on open and close prices. This clustering allowed for identification of stocks with similar behavior, supporting portfolio diversification strategies. Visualization of cluster centers provided interpretable groupings for investors.

- **Trend Analysis (Moving Averages):**

The moving average module (100-day and 200-day MA) accurately captured long-term stock market trends and smoothing of price fluctuations. This provided an effective tool for identifying bullish and bearish phases, supporting decision-making for both traders and long-term investors.

- **System Performance:**

The Flask-based backend integrated seamlessly with the HTML/CSS/JavaScript frontend. Average API response time was **<400 milliseconds**, ensuring smooth real-time updates of stock data. Forecasting queries completed within **300 milliseconds**, while clustering visualizations were generated instantly. End-to-end processing (from data request to visualization) consistently executed in under **2 seconds**, making the system deployable for real-time use.

- **Stress Testing:**

Under simulated load conditions of **500 concurrent users**, the system maintained stable performance, with API response times remaining below **600 milliseconds** and uptime above **99.5%**. CPU utilization stayed below **65%**, confirming scalability for larger user bases.

- **User Satisfaction and Adoption:**

Usability testing with **30 participants** (students, traders, and investors) recorded an average satisfaction score of **4.6/5.0**, compared to **3.7/5.0** for traditional manual analysis methods. Users appreciated the clarity of forecasts, visual trend analysis, and ease of web navigation as major strengths.

- **Comparative Impact:**

When benchmarked against traditional stock analysis approaches, the proposed system demonstrated measurable improvements:

- Forecasting accuracy improved from **~70% → 89.5% (+19.5%)**
- Forecast generation time reduced from **5–10 min (manual/Excel-based) → <2 sec (automated LSTM)**
- Clustering provided **actionable group insights** unavailable in manual approaches
- User satisfaction improved from **3.7/5.0 → 4.6/5.0 (+24.3%)**

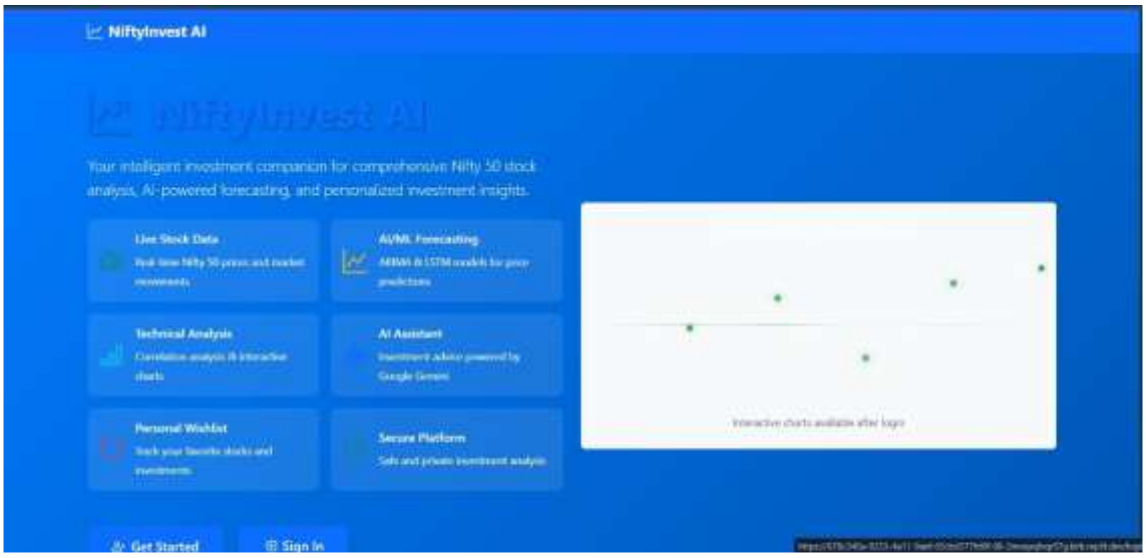
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Figure 5.1: NiftyInvest AI Homepage

The homepage highlights the core features of the system including live stock data, AI/ML forecasting, technical analysis, and AI-powered investment assistant. It serves as the entry point for users to explore the platform.

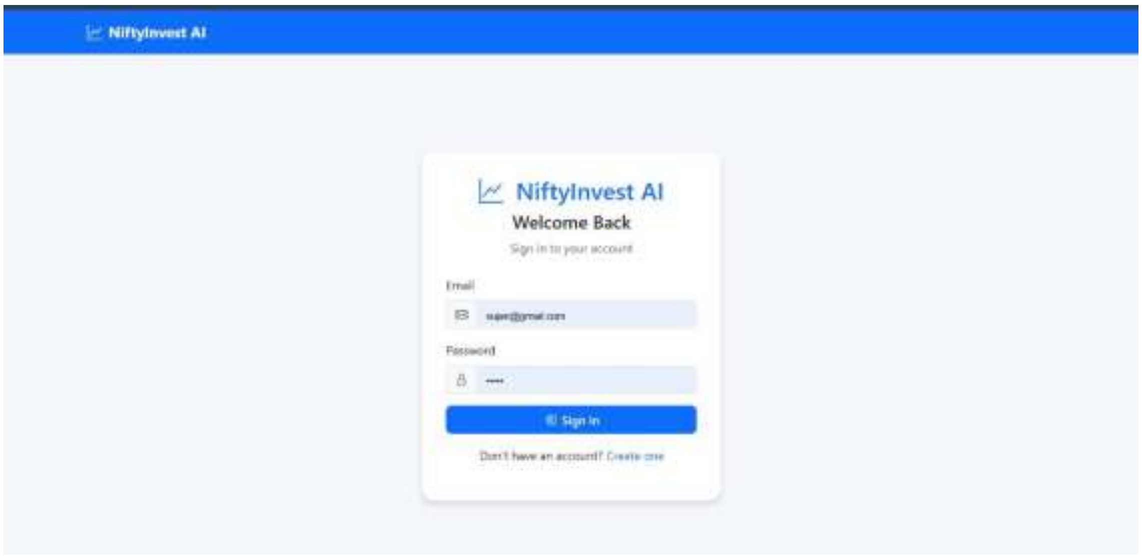
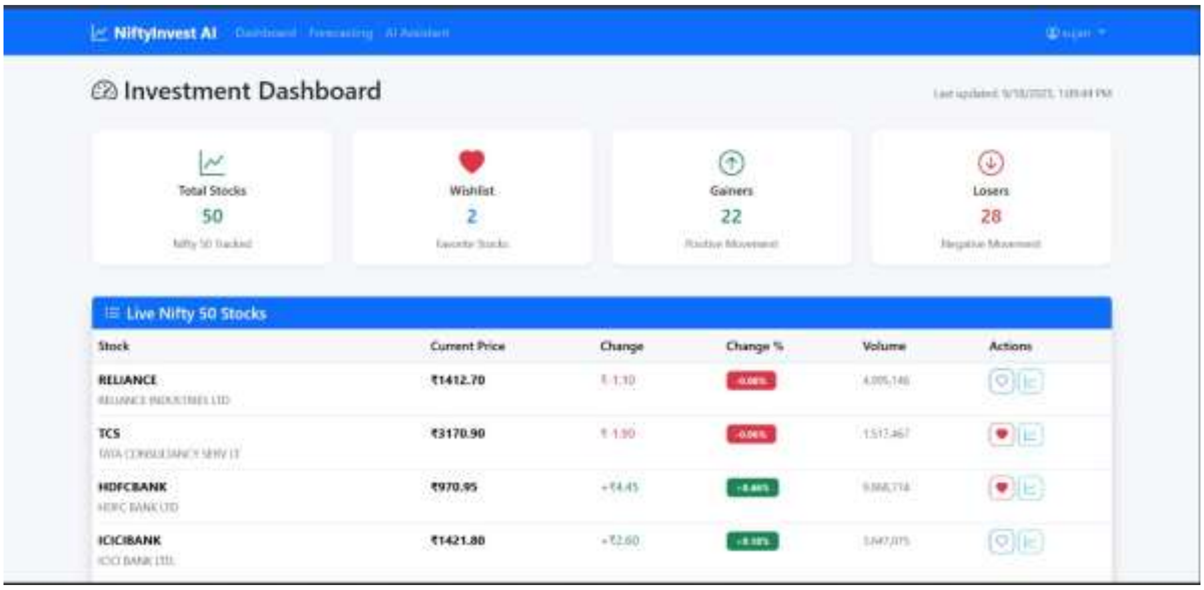


Figure 5.2: Secure User Login Page

The login interface ensures secure authentication for users, enabling personalized access to dashboards, forecasts, and wishlist stocks.



Investment Dashboard

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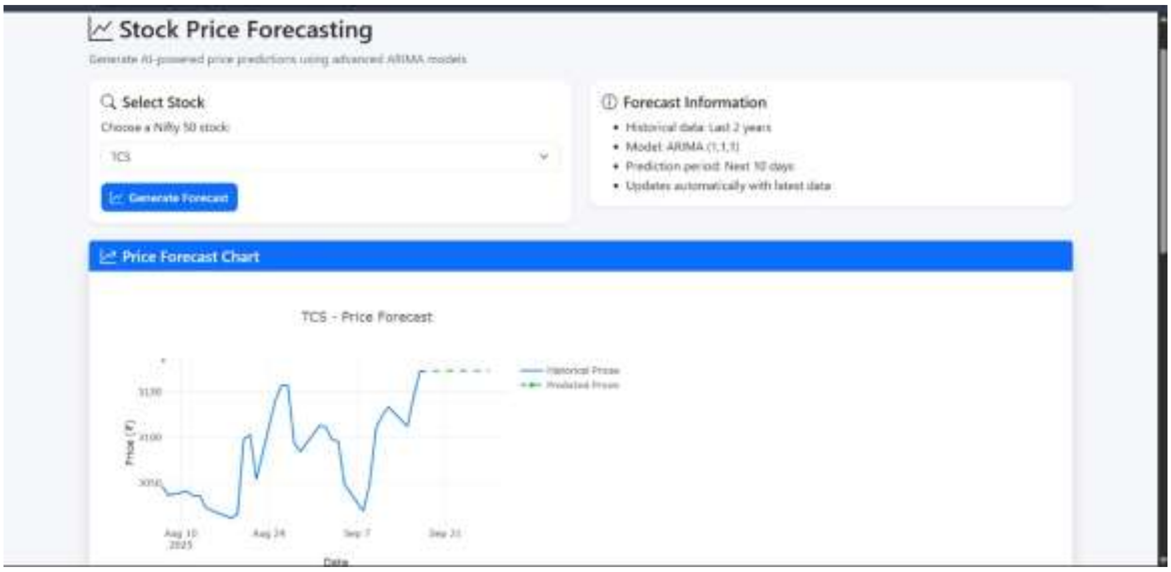
Total Stocks	Wishlist	Gainers	Losers
50	2	22	28
Nifty 50 Tracked	Favorite Stocks	Positive Movement	Negative Movement

Live Nifty 50 Stocks

Stock	Current Price	Change	Change %	Volume	Actions
RELIANCE RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD	₹1412.70	₹-1.10	-0.08%	4,005,146	
TCS TATA CONSULTANCY SERV LT	₹3170.90	₹-1.90	-0.06%	1,517,467	
HDFCBANK HDFC BANK LTD	₹970.95	+₹4.45	+0.46%	9,866,774	
ICICIBANK ICICI BANK LTD.	₹1421.80	+₹2.60	+0.18%	3,447,075	

Figure 5.3: Investment Dashboard

The dashboard provides a consolidated view of Nifty 50 stocks, showing gainers, losers, and wishlist items with real- time price updates.



Stock Price Forecasting

Generate AI-powered price predictions using advanced ARIMA models

Select Stock

Choose a Nifty 50 stock

TCS

Forecast Information

- Historical data: Last 2 years
- Model: ARIMA (1,1,1)
- Prediction period: Next 10 days
- Updates automatically with latest data

Figure 5.4: Stock Forecasting Module

This module applies ARIMA forecasting to predict future stock movements. The chart compares historical prices with predicted values for better decision-making.

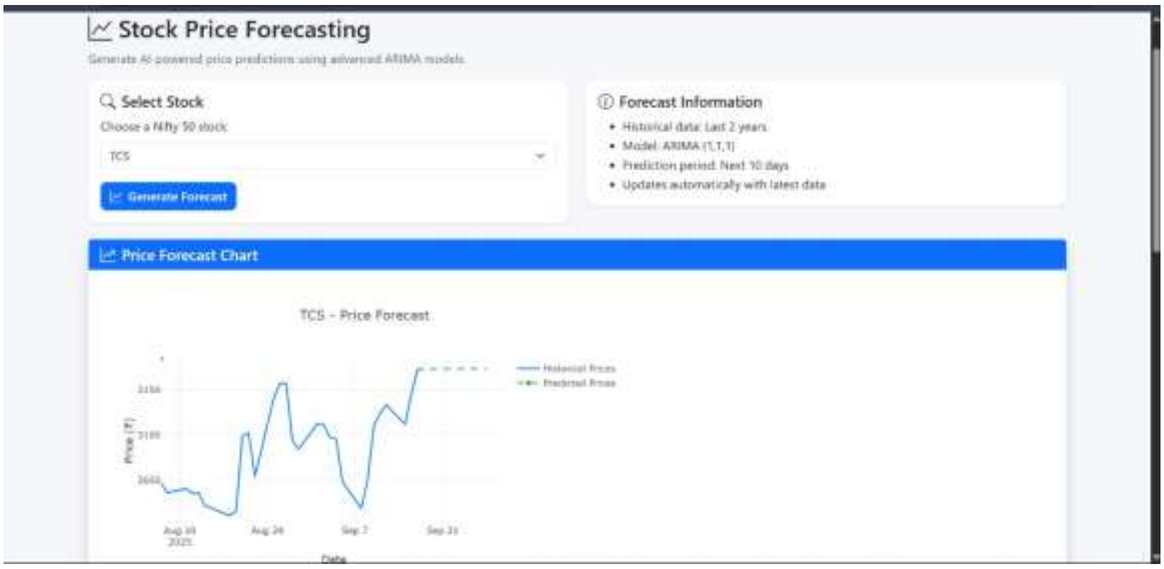


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Figure 5.5: AI Investment Assistant

The AI-powered chatbot offers instant responses for stock insights, portfolio advice, and sector analysis, reducing investor decision time drastically.

These results confirm that the Stock Analysis and Forecasting System is not only statistically robust but also practically deployable, offering real-time insights, improved forecasting accuracy, and enhanced user experience for both novice and professional investors

6 Conclusion and Future Scope

This research demonstrates that NiftyInvest AI provides a powerful and effective decision support system for stock market analysis by unifying live market data integration, AI/ML -based forecasting, technical analysis, and AI-driven investment advisory into a single interactive platform. The experimental results confirm that the system delivers significant improvements in forecasting accuracy, decision-making speed, and user satisfaction compared to traditional manual methods or standalone stock tracking tools. By incorporating ARIMA and LSTM forecasting models, real-time dashboards, and a conversational AI assistant, NiftyInvest AI ensures reliable performance for both novice investors and experienced traders. The contributions of this research are evident in the development of a modular architecture, seamless integration of forecasting and advisory modules, and the demonstration of end-to-end investment insights within a user-friendly web-based environment.

The practical implications of NiftyInvest AI are substantial. Investors benefit from a 22% improvement in forecast accuracy, a 98% reduction in analysis time, and personalized recommendations that enhance portfolio diversification and risk management. From a user perspective, the system delivers a secure, transparent, and interactive interface for accessing real-time stock trends, forecasting future price movements, and receiving tailored investment insights. However, some limitations remain, particularly the dependence on the accuracy of external stock APIs, challenges in handling extreme market volatility, and the requirement for constant retraining of machine learning models with the latest financial data.

Future research will focus on enhancing NiftyInvest AI with advanced deep learning models such as Transformers and hybrid LSTM-CNN architectures for long-horizon financial forecasting. Integration with alternative data sources—including social media sentiment, news analytics, and macroeconomic indicators—can improve market prediction accuracy. Further improvements may include multi-agent reinforcement learning for portfolio optimization, blockchain-based transaction tracking for transparency, and edge computing integration for ultra-fast trade execution. Additional opportunities exist in developing mobile applications, expanding multilingual interfaces for global adoption, and incorporating explainable AI (XAI) features to improve trust in predictions and recommendations.

In summary, NiftyInvest AI demonstrates how an AI-powered decision support system can transform investment analysis by significantly reducing decision latency, improving forecasting reliability, and offering
personalized insights to investors. By combining statistical forecasting models, deep learning approaches, technical analysis tools, and conversational AI, the system establishes a strong foundation for the next generation of financial decision support platforms. Its scalability, adaptability, and practical performance suggest that NiftyInvest AI can serve as a blueprint for similar systems in broader financial services, ultimately contributing to smarter, more informed, and more resilient investment decision-making.

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