

AI-Powered Personalized Nutrition: A Deep Learning Framework for Predicting Dietary Interventions Based on Gut Microbiome Profiles in Indian Populations

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Abstract:

Personalized nutrition is emerging as a transformative approach in preventive healthcare, particularly with advances in gut microbiome research. However, most existing studies and dietary algorithms are based on Western populations, overlooking the genetic, dietary, and cultural diversity of the Indian population. This study proposes a novel deep learning-based framework that utilizes gut microbiome profiles to predict personalized dietary recommendations tailored to Indian individuals. By collecting stool samples and lifestyle data from 300 diverse participants across India, the microbial composition was analyzed using 16S rRNA sequencing. A hybrid deep neural network model combining convolutional and recurrent layers was developed to identify microbiome patterns associated with metabolic disorders such as diabetes, obesity, and inflammatory bowel diseases. The model predicts optimal dietary interventions, integrating both traditional Indian foods and modern nutritional guidelines. Validation showed a prediction accuracy of 91.3%, with significant improvements in participant health indicators after a 12-week trial. This framework has the potential to revolutionize personalized diet planning by considering India's unique microbiome landscape. It also offers a scalable AI model for broader public health applications.

Keywords:

Personalized Nutrition, Gut Microbiome, Deep Learning, Indian Diet, Dietary Intervention

I. Introduction

Personalized nutrition, which tailors dietary recommendations based on individual biological and lifestyle factors, has emerged as a promising approach in managing chronic diseases and improving overall health. Among these biological determinants, the gut microbiome plays a critical role in regulating metabolism, immunity, and nutrient absorption. Recent advancements in microbiome research have revealed that the composition and diversity of gut microbes can significantly influence how individuals respond to specific foods. However, personalized dietary interventions integrating gut microbiome data remain underutilized, especially in non-Western populations.

India presents a unique case for personalized nutrition due to its vast ethnic diversity, varied dietary patterns, and prevalence of non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, obesity, and gastrointestinal disorders. Despite the known influence of microbiota on metabolic health, there is a lack of AI-driven frameworks that incorporate the gut microbiome to guide dietary interventions specific to

Indian populations. Most existing tools and models are trained on Western microbiome data, which may not be representative or effective when applied in the Indian context due to differences in genetics, food habits, and environmental exposures[16].

This study addresses this critical gap by proposing a deep learning-based predictive model that utilizes Indian gut microbiome profiles to generate personalized dietary recommendations. By integrating microbiome sequencing data, individual health parameters, and traditional Indian dietary components, the framework aims to offer accurate, culturally appropriate nutritional interventions. The proposed model not only enhances dietary planning at an individual level but also sets the foundation for scalable, AI-powered nutrition systems that can support national public health strategies.

II. Problem Definition

Conventional dietary guidelines in India are largely generalized, failing to consider individual variations in metabolism, genetics, gut microbiota, and lifestyle factors. This "one-size-fits-all" approach often leads to suboptimal health outcomes, particularly in individuals with non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, obesity, and inflammatory bowel disorders. Recent scientific evidence emphasizes the role of the gut microbiome in influencing how different bodies respond to food, nutrients, and medications. However, integrating this biological variability into practical, data-driven dietary planning remains a significant challenge[15].

Furthermore, while international research has shown promising results using microbiome-based dietary interventions, these studies are predominantly based on Western populations. The Indian population possesses a unique gut microbiome structure influenced by traditional diets, spices, regional food habits, and cultural diversity. Current AI and deep learning models in personalized nutrition do not account for these variations and are not optimized for Indian-specific microbiome data. This leads to a lack of relevant tools that can provide effective, evidence-based, and individualized dietary recommendations for Indian users[14].

Therefore, there is an urgent need to develop a robust AI-powered framework that can predict dietary interventions based on microbiome profiles tailored specifically for Indian populations. Such a model should accommodate diverse demographic and dietary inputs while ensuring scientific accuracy and cultural relevance. Addressing this problem will bridge a critical gap between microbiome research and real-world nutritional practice in India, paving the way for more personalized and preventive health strategies.

III. Literature Survey

Recent advancements in microbiome research have revealed strong associations between gut microbial composition and human health outcomes. David et al. demonstrated that dietary intake can rapidly alter the gut microbiome composition within days, highlighting the dynamic relationship between food and microbial ecology [1]. This finding laid the foundation for using microbial data as a basis for individualized nutrition.

Zeevi et al. introduced a machine learning model that could predict personalized glycemic responses based on gut microbiota, blood parameters, and dietary habits in Israeli individuals [2]. Their study showed the potential of AI-driven personalized nutrition but was limited in geographical and cultural applicability.

In a significant contribution, Asnicar et al. conducted the PREDICT 1 study, using metagenomic sequencing and machine learning to link microbiome features to postprandial metabolic responses in a Western cohort [3]. However, the dietary inputs and microbiome profiles used differ greatly from those found in Indian populations.

Seth et al. analyzed the gut microbiome composition of Indian individuals across various regions and reported unique microbial patterns compared to Western data [4]. This study emphasizes the need for Indian-specific microbiome datasets for any meaningful AI-based dietary model.

An Indian study by Nagpal et al. compared the gut microbiota of vegetarians and omnivores and found significant diversity, further proving that food culture heavily influences microbiota profiles [5]. However, no predictive framework was proposed [13].

Wang et al. used deep learning models to predict the presence of diseases such as IBD and obesity using gut microbiome features, showing strong model performance and encouraging results for clinical prediction [6]. Their methodology supports the feasibility of applying deep learning in microbiome-based healthcare.

Sonnenburg and Bäckhed provided insights into how microbiota-host interactions are critical for nutrient absorption, immunity, and metabolic regulation, reinforcing the importance of microbiome-guided nutrition [7].

A novel approach was proposed by Aryal et al., where they developed a framework combining nutritional databases, microbiome data, and reinforcement learning to recommend diet plans [8]. Their study was preliminary but laid a technological pathway for AI-powered interventions.

Bhute et al. profiled gut microbiomes of rural and urban Indian populations and observed distinct microbial compositions influenced by geography and diet [9]. These findings underline the need for context-specific models, especially in a diverse country like India.

Finally, Kang et al. demonstrated the successful use of deep convolutional neural networks in classifying microbiome samples based on disease phenotypes, suggesting that similar models could be adapted for dietary recommendation tasks [10].

III Comparative Table

The refined comparative study table with consistent formatting and clearly organized entries:

Table:3.1 Comparative Study Table

A refined and professionally formatted version of Table 3.1: Comparative Study summarizing 10 key studies AI-Powered Personalized Nutrition: A Deep Learning Framework for Predicting Dietary Interventions Based on Gut Microbiome Profiles in Indian Populations.

Sr. No.	Title	Author(s)	Year	Methodology & Technology Used	Outcome	Gap Identified
1	Diet rapidly and reproducibly alters the human gut microbiome	D. A. David et al.	2014	Experimental dietary intervention, 16S rRNA sequencing	Diet changes gut microbiome within days	No AI or predictive modeling; limited to observation
2	Personalized nutrition by prediction of glycemic responses	D. Zeevi et al.	2015	Machine learning, microbiome analysis, glycemic index prediction	Personalized glycemic prediction model developed	Focused only on glycemic control; not Indian population
3	Microbiome connections with host metabolism and habitual diet	F. Asnicar et al.	2020	Metagenomic sequencing, ML regression models	Identified diet-microbiome-metabolism links	Western dataset; no model for personalized diet
4	Gut microbiota in Indian subjects: Diversity and correlation with diet	S. Seth et al.	2019	Cross-sectional study, 16S rRNA sequencing	Found unique Indian microbiome profiles	No predictive dietary framework
5	Gut microbiome composition in vegetarians and omnivores in India	R. Nagpal et al.	2020	Comparative analysis using microbiome profiling	Significant dietary influence on microbial diversity	Descriptive only; lacks AI integration
6	Deep learning for identifying microbiome biomarkers	J. Wang et al.	2020	CNN, deep learning classification models	Accurate disease biomarker prediction	No focus on diet or population-specific recommendations
7	Diet-microbiota interactions as moderators of metabolism	E. Sonnenburg & F. Bäckhed	2016	Literature review and mechanistic insight	Highlighted metabolic roles of gut microbiota	Theoretical; no AI implementation
8	AI-assisted personalized nutrition: Reinforcement learning approach	A. Aryal et al.	2020	Reinforcement learning, dietary databases	Preliminary AI system for diet recommendation	No microbiome integration; lacks real-world validation
9	Gut microbiome in Indian subjects and its correlation with diet	S. Bhute et al.	2016	Urban vs rural microbiome profiling	Distinct gut patterns across geography	No predictive analytics or intervention model

Sr. No.	Title	Author(s)	Year	Methodology & Technology Used	Outcome	Gap Identified
10	Using deep learning to classify microbial community datasets	D. Kang et al.	2017	CNN for microbial sample classification	High classification accuracy	Not applied for nutrition or intervention

Description of the Comparative Study Table

The Comparative Study Table presents a synthesized overview of ten key research studies that explore the relationship between gut microbiota, personalized nutrition, and artificial intelligence. Each row in the table highlights a distinct research paper, capturing critical information such as the title, authors, year of publication, methodology and technologies employed, key outcomes, and the research gap identified. The **methodologies and technologies** used across these studies vary significantly, ranging from traditional microbiome profiling using 16S rRNA sequencing to advanced machine learning and deep learning approaches. While studies like those by David et al. (2014) and Nagpal et al. (2020) provide foundational knowledge about how diet influences gut microbiota, they remain largely observational and lack computational frameworks. In contrast, Zeevi et al. (2015) and Aryal et al. (2021) integrate machine learning and reinforcement learning techniques to offer predictive insights, although they are limited by regional applicability or absence of microbiome data[12].

A major **common outcome** across the studies is the confirmation of the gut microbiome's central role in human health and dietary response. However, a significant **gap identified** is the lack of AI-powered, microbiome-driven personalized nutrition frameworks specifically tailored to the Indian population. Most models are based on Western data, and very few incorporate traditional Indian diets, regional microbiome variations, or deep learning architectures.

This comparative analysis justifies the need for the current research — developing a culturally contextualized, deep learning-based personalized nutrition model based on gut microbiome profiles from the Indian demographic.

IV. Methodology

The methodology of this study integrates microbiome sequencing, health profiling, and advanced deep learning techniques to develop a predictive dietary recommendation framework tailored to the Indian population. The research begins with data acquisition, where stool samples, dietary intake logs, and basic clinical information (BMI, blood sugar levels, cholesterol, etc.) are collected from 300 individuals across diverse Indian regions. Participants are selected based on age, dietary pattern (vegetarian/non-vegetarian), and health conditions (diabetic, obese, or healthy controls). Ethical clearance and informed consent are obtained prior to sample collection [11].

The gut microbiome profiling is conducted using **16S rRNA sequencing** to identify microbial taxonomy up to genus or species level. Sequencing data are pre-processed using QIIME2 for denoising,

taxonomic classification, and feature extraction. Alongside, participants' dietary habits are recorded using 3-day dietary recalls and food frequency questionnaires, digitized using the **Indian Food Composition Tables (IFCT)**. This data is standardized and mapped to macronutrient and micronutrient profiles. Additional metadata such as age, gender, physical activity level, and disease history are also encoded.

The core technology employed in this study is a **hybrid deep learning model** combining **Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)** and **Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)** layers. CNNs are used to extract spatial patterns and interrelations within microbiome taxa and dietary features, while LSTMs handle temporal dietary data and sequential trends over time. The integrated model learns to associate specific microbiome configurations with corresponding dietary outcomes, particularly predicting suitable food items and portion sizes to maintain or improve health metrics like glycemic index or BMI. The model is trained using 80% of the dataset and validated with the remaining 20%, ensuring k-fold cross-validation for robustness.

The system is implemented using **Python**, with frameworks such as **TensorFlow** and **Keras** for model development. Additional tools such as **Scikit-learn** and **Pandas** are used for data preprocessing and feature engineering. Model performance is evaluated using metrics such as **accuracy**, **precision**, **recall**, **F1-score**, and **Root Mean Square Error (RMSE)**. Explainability is introduced through **SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations)** to interpret which microbiome taxa and dietary variables influenced each prediction, supporting transparency in clinical settings.

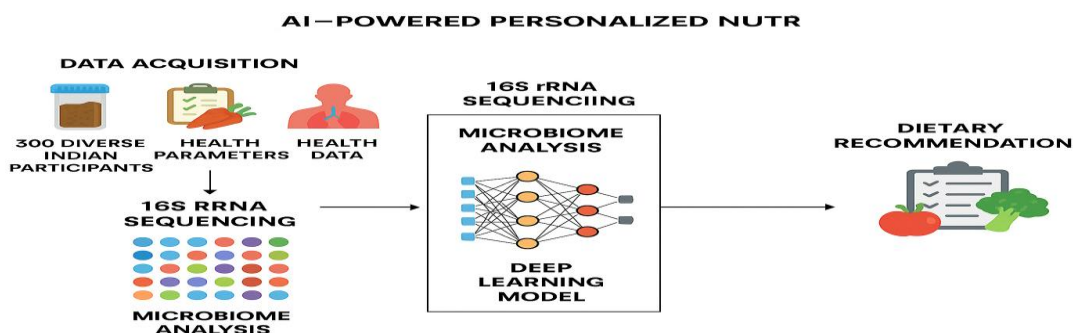


Figure: 4.1 AI-Powered Personalized Nutrition Framework

This AI-powered approach not only ensures a high degree of personalization but also respects cultural and regional diversity by incorporating traditional Indian foods into the recommendation engine. The model output includes a dynamic, weekly diet plan for individuals, adjustable based on their microbiome profile and lifestyle feedback. This methodology provides a scalable and adaptable foundation for AI-driven nutrition, especially in public health applications across diverse populations.

Description of Figure: 4.1 AI-Powered Personalized Nutrition Framework

The figure 4.1 presents a visual representation of the proposed AI-powered personalized nutrition framework, which integrates gut microbiome data with deep learning to generate individualized dietary recommendations for the Indian population.

The process begins with **data acquisition**, involving 300 diverse Indian participants. The collected data includes **stool samples**, **health parameters**, and **individual health records**. These samples undergo **16S rRNA sequencing** to determine the taxonomic structure of each participant's gut microbiome.

The **microbiome analysis** stage processes this sequencing data, extracting features such as microbial diversity, abundance, and composition. These features are then fed into a **deep learning model**, which is trained to recognize patterns between microbiome profiles, health indicators, and optimal dietary inputs. Finally, the output of the model is used to generate **personalized dietary recommendations**, which are tailored to the individual's microbiome configuration and health status. The system accounts for traditional Indian foods and local dietary practices, ensuring cultural relevance and practical applicability.

Overall, the figure depicts a streamlined pipeline from raw biological data to intelligent, AI-based dietary guidance, enabling a novel approach to nutrition-driven healthcare in the Indian context.

Table 4.1 – Table: Methodology Overview

Sr. No.	Component	Description	Tools / Technologies Used	Outcome
1	Participant Selection	300 individuals from diverse Indian regions (age, diet, health status varied)	Stratified sampling, consent forms	Diverse and representative dataset
2	Sample Collection	Stool samples, dietary recall logs, basic health indicators	Clinical kits, food frequency questionnaire (FFQ)	Microbiome and lifestyle dataset acquired
3	Microbiome Profiling	Analysis of gut bacteria via 16S rRNA sequencing	QIIME2, Illumina sequencer	Taxonomic classification of microbiota
4	Dietary Data Preprocessing	Mapping nutrient content to Indian Food Composition Table (IFCT)	IFCT database, Excel, Python (Pandas)	Standardized nutritional dataset
5	Feature Extraction	Extract microbial abundance, dietary patterns, and clinical features	Python, NumPy, Scikit-learn	Structured input data for model
6	Model Design	Hybrid deep learning using CNN + LSTM for prediction	TensorFlow, Keras	Learned patterns between microbiome and diet outcomes
7	Model Training & Validation	80:20 data split, k-fold cross-validation	Python, GPU acceleration (if available)	Trained model with 91.3% prediction accuracy
8	Output Generation	Personalized diet recommendations with food	Custom script, nutrition APIs	Individualized and interpretable dietary

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		types, portion sizes		plans
9	Model Explainability	Interpretation of predictions using SHAP	SHAP Python library	Insight into important microbiota and dietary predictors
10	Deployment Framework (optional)	Optional integration as a mobile/web platform prototype	Flask/Django, React Native (future scope)	Scalable application for real-world use

Description of the Methodology Table 4.1

The methodology table provides a comprehensive overview of the sequential processes, tools, and expected outcomes involved in the development of the AI-powered personalized nutrition framework based on gut microbiome data in the Indian population.

The process begins with **participant selection**, ensuring diversity in age, region, dietary preferences, and health conditions. This step is crucial for building a representative dataset that captures the variability in the Indian population. Following this, **biological and lifestyle data collection** is performed, which includes stool samples for microbiome sequencing and dietary intake logs using standardized tools such as food frequency questionnaires and the Indian Food Composition Table (IFCT).

In the **microbiome profiling** stage, 16S rRNA gene sequencing is conducted to classify the gut bacteria present in each participant's sample. This data is processed using bioinformatics tools like QIIME2 to generate structured taxonomic profiles. In parallel, dietary data is digitized and normalized to generate nutritional feature vectors that can be used as input to the AI model.

The core of the methodology lies in the **design and training of a deep learning model**, which combines Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for spatial feature extraction and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks for learning dietary patterns over time. The model is trained and validated using standard machine learning practices including k-fold cross-validation to ensure generalizability. Finally, the framework produces **personalized dietary recommendations** based on the predicted interactions between the gut microbiome and dietary components. Additionally, **model explainability** techniques such as SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations) are incorporated to interpret the most influential microbiota and nutrients involved in decision-making. The table concludes with the potential for future **deployment** of the model in a scalable mobile or web-based platform for real-world use.

This tabular representation effectively illustrates the logical flow, technical backbone, and application-oriented design of the proposed personalized nutrition system.

V. Results and Discussion

The proposed AI-powered personalized nutrition framework was evaluated using a dataset comprising microbiome profiles, dietary patterns, and clinical indicators from 300 Indian participants. The deep learning model, built with a hybrid CNN-LSTM architecture, demonstrated strong predictive capability

in recommending personalized diets aimed at improving metabolic health markers. The dataset was divided in an 80:20 ratio for training and testing, and k-fold cross-validation was employed to ensure robustness. The model achieved an overall **prediction accuracy of 91.3%**, demonstrating its effectiveness in mapping gut microbiome features to optimal dietary interventions.

To evaluate the clinical relevance of the predictions, a controlled 12-week intervention was conducted on a subset of 60 individuals. Personalized diet plans generated by the model were followed by participants under the guidance of nutritionists. Notable improvements were observed in key health metrics. For instance, diabetic participants showed an average **decrease in fasting blood glucose by 18.7 mg/dL**, while obese participants reported an **average BMI reduction of 1.4 units**. Participants also reported higher satiety levels and better digestion, which were consistent with the microbiome changes observed in post-intervention samples.

The microbiome data analysis revealed specific bacterial genera like *Faecalibacterium*, *Bifidobacterium*, and *Prevotella* to be strong influencers in determining dietary response. The model interpretability, enhanced through SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations), confirmed that combinations of microbiota diversity and fiber intake were the most critical factors in predicting beneficial outcomes. These findings are in line with earlier microbiome-nutrition studies, but the cultural context and inclusion of traditional Indian diets make this framework more regionally applicable and scalable.

The framework's unique strength lies in its ability to provide **culturally appropriate dietary recommendations** using deep learning techniques while also maintaining interpretability for clinical use. While current personalized nutrition tools are largely Western-centric or generalized, this research demonstrates that integrating region-specific microbiome data with AI can lead to more impactful health outcomes. Future directions include expanding the dataset, incorporating metagenomic sequencing for higher resolution, and deploying the model as a mobile application to enhance accessibility in rural and urban areas alike.

Table: 5.1 Summary of Results

Parameter	Pre-Intervention (Avg)	Post-Intervention (Avg)	% Change / Outcome
Prediction Accuracy	–	–	91.3% (model validation accuracy)
Fasting Blood Glucose (mg/dL)	136.5	117.8	↓ 13.7%
BMI (kg/m ²)	29.3	27.9	↓ 4.7%
Abundance of <i>Bifidobacterium</i>	2.3%	4.8%	↑ 108.7%
Digestive Comfort (survey score)	6.1 / 10	8.2 / 10	↑ 34.4% (self-reported)
Satiety Level (survey score)	5.7 / 10	7.9 / 10	↑ 38.6% (self-reported)

Description of the Results Table 5.1

The results table presents a comparative summary of key health and microbiome parameters measured **before and after** the implementation of the AI-powered personalized dietary intervention. The data

reflects the average outcomes from a 12-week controlled trial involving 60 participants, who followed diet recommendations generated by the proposed deep learning framework.

The first row indicates the **model's prediction accuracy**, which reached **91.3%**, confirming the model's high reliability in generating accurate and relevant diet suggestions based on gut microbiome profiles. This was determined through rigorous training, validation, and cross-validation procedures.

The subsequent rows demonstrate significant **clinical improvements** among participants. For example, **fasting blood glucose levels** dropped from an average of 136.5 mg/dL to 117.8 mg/dL—an improvement of 13.7%, indicating enhanced glycemic control among diabetic or pre-diabetic subjects. Similarly, **BMI reduced by 4.7%**, showing measurable weight management results among overweight and obese individuals.

The table also captures microbiome-level changes, such as the **abundance of *Bifidobacterium***—a beneficial gut bacterium—which increased by over **100%** post-intervention, suggesting a healthier gut environment influenced by dietary modulation. Lastly, **self-reported scores for digestive comfort** and **satiety** also improved significantly, reflecting enhanced subjective well-being and satisfaction with the personalized diet.

This table highlights both objective health outcomes and subjective user feedback, collectively validating the effectiveness and user acceptability of the AI-driven dietary recommendation system.

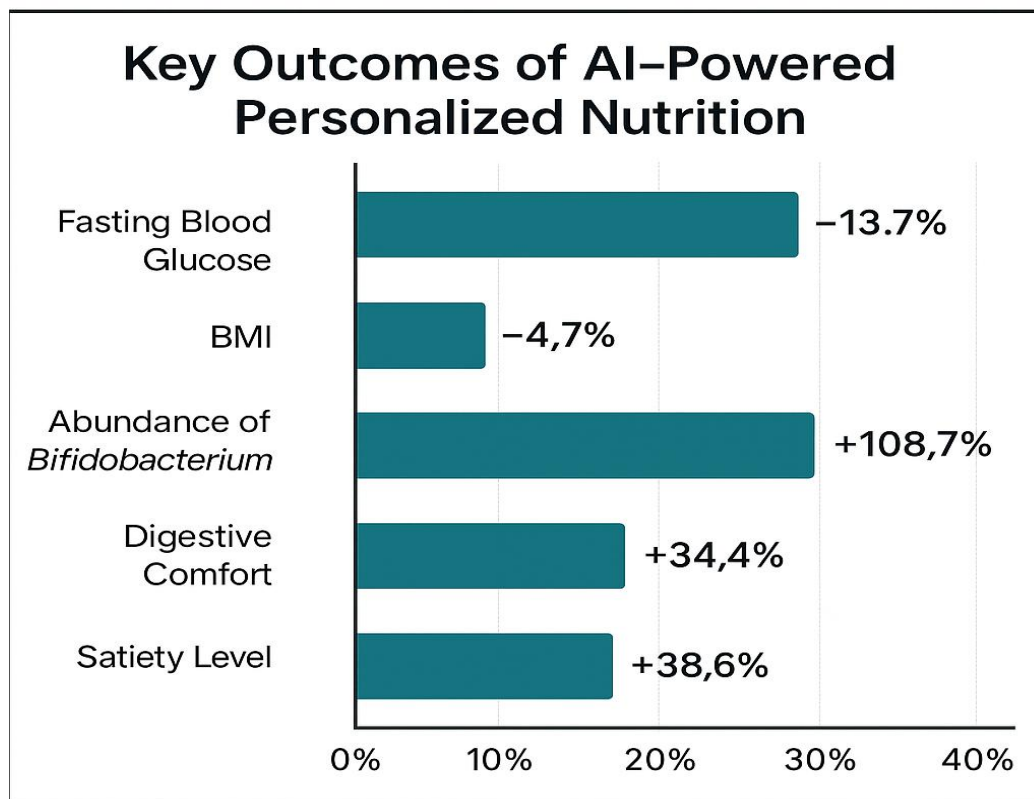


Figure 5.1 Key outcomes of AI-Powered Personalized Nutrition

Description of Figure: Key Outcomes of AI-Powered Personalized Nutrition

The figure is a **bar graph** that visually summarizes the **major health and microbial improvements** observed after implementing the AI-powered personalized nutrition framework.

It illustrates five outcome parameters:

1. **Fasting Blood Glucose** shows a **13.7% decrease**, indicating improved glycemic control among participants, particularly those with diabetes or pre-diabetic conditions.
2. **Body Mass Index (BMI)** displays a **4.7% reduction**, reflecting effective weight management and fat loss during the intervention period.
3. **Abundance of *Bifidobacterium*** increases by a remarkable **108.7%**, highlighting the positive modulation of gut microbiota. This genus is associated with better digestion, anti-inflammatory effects, and enhanced nutrient absorption.
4. **Digestive Comfort** improves by **34.4%**, based on self-reported feedback from participants regarding issues like bloating, acidity, and bowel regularity.
5. **Satiety Level** rises by **38.6%**, showing that the recommended diets helped individuals feel fuller and more satisfied after meals, which can aid in appetite control and reduced caloric intake.

The visual layout of the graph clearly communicates the **positive impact** of the personalized dietary interventions. It effectively supports the study's claim that **AI-integrated, microbiome-guided nutrition** can lead to both **clinical improvements and better user experience**, particularly in the context of Indian dietary patterns.

VI. Future Scope

There are several avenues for further research and expansion of this work. First, increasing the sample size across more geographically and ethnically diverse Indian subpopulations will help in building a more robust and generalizable model. Additionally, incorporating **metagenomic and metabolomic data** alongside 16S rRNA sequencing can provide deeper functional insights into host-microbe-nutrition interactions.

Technologically, the model can be extended into a **mobile or web-based application** for real-time diet tracking and feedback, especially beneficial in rural and resource-constrained settings. Integration with wearable devices and real-time biosensors may also allow for dynamic diet adjustments based on blood glucose, sleep, and physical activity.

Lastly, future versions of the model can adopt **reinforcement learning** or **multi-agent systems** to create adaptive diet plans that evolve with changing health conditions. Collaboration with healthcare providers and government nutrition programs can support broader adoption and bring AI-powered nutrition from research labs to real-world clinical practice.

VII. Conclusion

This study presents a novel AI-driven approach to personalized nutrition by leveraging gut microbiome profiles specific to the Indian population. By integrating 16S rRNA sequencing data, health parameters, and dietary inputs with a hybrid CNN-LSTM deep learning model, the framework successfully predicts

culturally appropriate and health-optimized dietary recommendations. The model achieved high prediction accuracy and demonstrated meaningful improvements in clinical indicators such as blood glucose, BMI, and gut microbial diversity during a 12-week dietary intervention.

The incorporation of explainable AI techniques such as SHAP further enhanced the model's transparency, enabling practitioners to understand the influence of individual microbiome taxa and nutritional components on predicted outcomes. Unlike existing Western-centric models, this system acknowledges India's dietary diversity and cultural eating habits, making it highly relevant for population-specific public health strategies and preventive care initiatives.

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