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Abstract

Fruits are an integral part of our diet. Various types of proteins and vitamins are obtained through fruits. Apple is a major fruit that is consumed globally. This is a multipurpose fruit that is used in the preparation of various food products and also in medicines. Therefore, it is important to analyze its future prices. India is the largest producer of apples, thus it is very important to analyze the Apple prices of Indian agricultural markets. Machine learning and deep learning models have not been previously applied to this Indian dataset. Various time series models like Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), SARIMA, and ETS are developed, but the performance of LSTM is much better compared to the other models, with the lowest error rates (MAE of 554.08, RMSE of 752.10, 191, and MAPE of 6.63 percent). Thus, the proposed study provides the solution to a real-life problem, which ultimately can be used for agriculture policy making and smart market strategies.

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1. Introduction

Agriculture is the major occupation for the people of India. There are significant differences between the state's various markets in terms of the amount of land that can be farmed, the area planted with different crops, the availability of irrigation facilities, the use of agricultural inputs, and other factors. The multiple fruits grown in India are exported to countries worldwide. However, apple production is the most prominent in India [1]. Out of these, my dataset focuses on major marketing or trading states (like Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, and Himachal Pradesh). The variation in Apple's Price reflects market trends, arrival, and quantity over time. In simple words, we can say Apple's Price behavior over time (forecasting). In this, we use historical Apple market data collected from the AGMARKNET database from the year to predict Apple's future price, which contains information such as state, district, arrival time, reported date, quantity, and fruit name. By using statistical models like the SARIMA (Seasonal Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average) model, ETS (Error, Trend, Seasonality model), and deep learning LSTM (long Short-Term Memory network). These models cover Time Series Analysis and a deep learning approach for forecasting Apple's Price across different states, which cover fluctuations, seasonal variations, and an LSTM focused on learn price changes over time. The prediction of prices was necessary for taking up policy measures [2]. This paper found that out of three models, SARIMA, ETS, and LSTM. Preliminary result shows that the LSTM model outperforms the ETS and SARIMA models with better forecasting of Apple's Price in the Indian State. The result of this study can help or support farmers, traders, and marketing people in making data-driven decisions or forecasting. Statistical models like ETS, SARIMA, and deep learning models like LSTM are better for time series data in prediction and forecasting.

1.1. Problem Statement

In the Indian agriculture market, Apple prices keep changing because of seasonal variations, region, weather, market trends which make it difficult for farmers, traders and policy makers, to predict future price of fruits because of this they sometimes face huge financial losses. So it is very necessary to forecast accurately Apple prices within the India Market, such as:- Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, and Himachal Pradesh. The main focus of this study is to determine which statistical model and deep learning model predict best Apple prices and give more accurate and reliable results. This paper compares three models, ETS, LSTM, and SARIMA, from which we find the best model for forecasting Apple prices in the Indian Market.

1.2. Contribution

The main contribution of this study is a Comparative Analysis of deep learning and statistical models in predicting Apple prices in the Indian Market.

1. Used AGMARKNET Apple's price data from 2000 to 2025 for forecasting.
2. Used three distinct models, ETS, LSTM, and SARIMA and compared their accuracy measures like R², MAE, and RMSE for finding the best model for the data.
3. This study explains how each models record seasonality, trends, and variations in apple prices from year to year.
4. This model demonstrates that LSTM model outperforms both ETS and SARIMA with accuracy value (R²=0.7886).
5. Forecasted next 5-years prices of apple(2026-2030) with LSTM, most accurate and reliable model which provide most impactful insights.
6. It offers valuable forecasting model for farmers, policy makers and traders through which they can predict apple prices, which is very useful in today's markets.

2. Literature Review

The related work of apple price forecasting is shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Summary of Studies on Apple and Fruit Price/Stock Forecasting

SNo.	Citation (Author, Year)	Research Objective	Methodology	Data Used (Time Series Period)	Key Findings and Accuracy Level	Evaluation Metric
1	[5]	Predicting Apple Inc. Stock close price to compare Linear Regression and Random Forecast model.	Applied Random Forest and Linear Regression on Apple stock price; used 80% training 20% test.	Apple stock data(High, close, low, adjusted and volume from 01-2018-07-2023 (14,35 RECORDS)	LR outperformed RF with lowest (MAE=2.0988, MSE =7.9001,RMSE=2.8017). LR shows lower error values as compared to RF fails to capture fluctuations after 2023.	MAE, MSE, RMSE
2	[17]	To find which ML models can best to predict apple Inc. stock price using Technical Indicators.	Compared five ML models- Linear Regression, Random forest, KNN, Neural Network and Decision Tree.	Apple Inc. Stock data and 23 Technical Indicators(Yahoo Finance, Trading View) over 5 years.	Neural Network performs best with average = 0.90% , lowest = 0.74%.Random Forest overfitted.LR close. Simpler models with fewer indicators worked better.	Percent Error, MAPE
3	[12]	Comparative Analysis of Support Vector Regression and Linear Regression Models to Predict Apple Inc. Share Prices with hyperparameter tuning.	Data Prep-> normalization->train/test split-> Grid-Search and 5-fold CV to optimize SVR and Linear Regression.	Daily Apple Stock historical data (2018-2023), variables: Data, high, low, close, volume; focus on date & Close.	Linear Regression outperformed best (Intercept=True); RMSE=0.931231, MSE=0.879372; SVR RMSE=0.945622, MSE=0.907957.	RMSE and MSE
4	[10]	Ragi price prediction in karnataka using deep learning techniques	VAR, LSTM, GRU, 1D CNN and VAR_Stacked_LSTM	Ragi prices from 2010-2019 collected from AGMARKNET	VAR_Stacked_LSTM perform well with minimum MAPE	AIC, BIC, MAPE

5	[9]	To predict future stock prices using a deep learning model (Bi-Directional LSTM) that can learn patterns in both forward and backward time directions.	Used Bi-LSTM neural network architecture with two LSTM layers (forward + backward) and a Dense output layer. Data was normalized using MinMaxScaler, split 80% for training and 20% for testing. Model trained with Adam optimizer, batch size 64, for 100 epochs.	Daily closing prices of Apple Inc. from Jan 1, 2010 – Dec 31, 2020 (total 2769 data points).	Bi-LSTM captured both short-term and long-term stock price trends. Achieved low error (MSE \approx 0.00020). Model accurately predicted trends but struggled with sudden market changes.	Mean Squared Error (MSE)
6	[8]	Predicting Apple's Stock price based on Machine Learning using LSTM and ARIMA model	Preprocessed data separately input into ARIMA and LSTM networks. Scale the data using "MinMaxScaler".	Closing price of Apple's Stock data from 1980 to 2021 extracted from Yahoo Finance total (10,468) data points	LSTM model outperforms the ARIMA model for long-term overall predictions with lowest (MSE \approx 36.706924, RMSE \approx 6.05841, MAE \approx 3.404632)	Mean Squared Error (MSE), Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)
7	[7]	Compared models (MLP, DAN2 and GARCH) for forecasting NASDAQ stock exchange index.	MLP, GARCH-MLP, DN2, GARCH-DN2 models compared. MLP and DAN2 used 4 days inputs. Hybrid models used NeuroSolutions 5.06 software and excel.	Daily Stock exchange rates of NASDAQ from Oct 7, 2008- June 26, 2009 used. 146 data points are used for training and 36 data points for testing.	MLP outperforms DAN2 and GARCH-MLP with a small difference. MLP has the lowest (MSE, MAD, accurately forecasted first downward movements \pm 0.54%), hybrids underperformed.	MSE, MAD, MAD% (lowest value better)

8	[24]	Data-Driven analysis of climate impact on tomato and apple prices using machine learning models, time-delay	LSTM model with time-lag effects(0-180 days, SHAP for importance of each factor, price modelled nominal and real-term.	The daily environmental data, exchange volume data, and wholesale price data used from (01-12-2011 to 30-11-2023). Training data were (Dec 1, 2011 to Nov 30, 2020), 3 years for evaluation. Two fruits were used - apple and tomato.	Time-lags improved accuracy; for tomato nominal best NSE of 0.458(d=88), Tomato real-term 0.292 (d=53, volume significant), Apple real-term 0.140 ($d \approx 175$); cloud volume and amount are most important, apples less affected by volume.	NSE(Nash-Sutcliffe efficiency)-higher value is better for prediction, MAE for model training.
9	[21]	Forecasting apple prices for Solan market, Himachal Pradesh, using different time series and machine learning models.	Various time series models, ARIMA, ARCH-GARCH and RNN-LSTM were used.	Daily price data from AGMARKNET over the period 2012 to 2023 were used.	RNN-LSTM model performs well with lowest(RMSE, MAPE). ARIMA(6,1,1) and GARCH(1,1) were best-fitted models based on minimum Information Criteria.	RMSE, MAPE, AIC, HQC, AICC,SBC
10	[2]	Apple's price forecasting of Solan Market, Himachal Pradesh using different time series models	ARIMA, HWMS, TDNN, Hybrid ARIMA-TDNN , RMSE	Apple's Price data from JAN 2008 to DEC 2020 from Solan Market	Hybrid ARIMA -TDNN performs well with lowest RMSE = 19.78	RMSE
11	[19]	Apple Price forecasting of fruit market in Jammu Kashmir	Polynomial Regression, CAGR(Compound Annual Growth Rate), SMA, Seasonal index	The Data is derived from AGMARK and National Horticulture Board between the timeline of 2003 to 2022	Prices peaks in June, Compound Annudal Growth Rate is=8.75, Prediction for 2030 = $\approx 9,293/\text{qtl}$	Seasonal Index, CAGR, R squared

12	[4]	Exploring the fluctuation of prices and analyzing the factors affecting fluctuations in Hebei, China	Multiple regression model.	Data from E-commerce site-Jingdong, taobao (Dec-2017), and wholesale monthly data from Feb-2011 to October-2015	Seasonal upward trend Higher in summer and lower in winter, Main factors like Variety Logistics, place. Goodness of fit of model is $R = 0.853$	ANOVA, R, R-square, F, Significance, Co-integration test, t-Statistics
13	[25]	For the Forecast of prices using ensemble regression	Regression Models SVR, GPR, DTR(Decision Regression), GPR, RFR, Gradient Boosting (XGBoost)	Data collected from Indian Rainfall, Wholesale Price Index, crops; ragi, barley, wheat, paddy and maize.	Ensemble regression improved accuracy over individual models; XGBOOST lowest RMSE (1.86-11.39)	MAPE, MAE, R-Square, PE
14	[14]	Analyze apple price using SARIMA model	SARIMA model ARIMA(2,1,0) *ARIMA(1,1,0,12)	Apple data collected from Jan 1998 to Jul 2017 with 235 data points	Relative error approx. 2% close to ideal.	Relative error (2%), Normality of errors
15	[18]	Apple price prediction of Indonesian Market using SARIMA model	SARIMA(1,0,0) *(0,0,0,12)	Average apple price data from Indonesian market. 109 months taken from year 2018	SARIMA performs best with AIC = -126.8965. MAPE shows error 99.47 which means model is not good for univariate analysis	MAPE, AIC
16	[13]	Advanced Mango classification and Price Prediction using deep learning techniques	EfficientNet2 model and Tensor flow	labeled dataset of 2,000 images of mangoes of 8 varieties.	Model performs well with 98% validation accuracy. Predicted varieties with high probability(95-96%)	Precision, F1 Score, Accuracy, Recall
17	[3]	Sales prediction of fruits using linear regression model	Linear regression, Decision Tree, Neural Network with L1 & L2 regularization	Sales data from 2021-2023	Linear Regression performed well with accuracy=99.99% and R-square=0.9996	Accuracy, RMSE, MSE, R-square

18	[26]	Forecasting fruit and vegetables prices using seasonal rainfall data	ML model for regression(LSTM, ANN, Decision Tree etc.) and classification(KNN, Naïve-bayes,gradient boost, RF etc.)	Daily price data from Goa including five types fruits and vegetables and rainfall data from supplier region .	Random forest performs well with accuracy (R-square=0.99 and RMSE = 18.99) and DT in classification 99% accuracy.	Accuracy, Precision, F1-Score, MAE, RMSE, MSE, R-square error
19	[16]	Predict price of fruits, vegetables and pulses using trends in prior data.	ML Decision Tree, KNN, Random Forest, Neural Network	total dataset of 3100 including temp, humidity , ph of soil, rainfall , fruits , vegetables and pulses.	Decision tree works well gives accuracy 91.70%	RMSE, Accuracy
20	[15]	Crop forecasting and estimation to help farmers & Crop Yield Estimation and profitability analysis for Agriculture	Models like SVM, KNN, Decision tree, Naïve bayes for crop prediction and for crop price estimation Random forest regressor, XG boosting regressor, Gradient Boosting Regressor	Data set with soil, weather and crop data of Tamil Nadu	Best model is XG Boosting Regressor with lowest MSE= 357. 61, RMSE= 18.91, MAE= 16.10 and highest R square = 0.977	MSE, MAE, RMSE, R square, F1 Score, Accuracy, Precision, Recall
21	[27]	Predicting Agriculture commodities price using ensemble method	ARIMA , LSTM, ensemble ARIMA-LSTM algorithms were used for price prediction.Dataset is clean and processed using MATLAB	Data collected from FAMA, Malaysia: daily market price from 1st Jan 2018 to 5th April 2022 containing six commodity types with three prices types.	ensemble ARIMA-LSTM performed better	RMSE, MAPE

22	[6]	Forecasting price prediction of fruits and vegetables using RNN	Three RNN techniques were used LSTM, GRU and SimpleRNN	dataset of historical prices of fruits and vegetables from websites.	LSTM performs well with lowest RMSE= 8.10, MAE=3.34, MSE= 65.659 with highest R square =0.993 as compared to GRU and Simple RNN.	RMSE, MAE, MSE, R ²
23	[23]	To estimate cost and fruit weight prediction using image based deep learning	Based on YOLOv9 CNN for image-based detection	Image based dataset	YOLOv9 achieved 95% accuracy in fruit detection 96% accuracy achieved for weight prediction	R ² , accuracy, execution time
24	[20]	This study focuses durian yield prediction method based on Multiple regression model.	Multiple regression model using Residual Principal Component . Used Intel i7-12700T processor and MATLAB.	Durian field data collected from different sensors from 2008 to 2022, production base in Penang, Malaysia	In training test model accuracy is 9.946, and In test data 7.134%	Standard error, F- value, Error rate
25	[22]	Spoilage detection and price assessment of fruit-quality using CNNs combined with (LLMs)	Deep learning models:- EfficientNetB7, ResNet50, VGG16.	Used fresh and rotten fruits dataset with images from Roboflow(224*224 pixel)	EfficientNetB7 performs well with Accuracy =94.26 then ResNet50 with accuracy =92.26. Underformed VGG16	Accuracy, Precision, F-1 Score, Recall
26	[11]	Cost and income forecast for fruit crop entrepreneurs using Multiple Regression model and BI tools	Business tools (BI) and Multiple Regression model	Historical data of cost, yield, weather conditions and soil quality gathered from book by MARDI	Cost model R ² = 0.8649, Income model R ² = 0.7481. BI provided real time insights from better decision making	R ² , RMSE, MAE

3. Methodology

Data collected from AGMAKRTNET for predicting Apple's price covering the period October 2000 to August 2025, for editing and running code, we used Python and Jupyter Notebook, which are powerful tools and platforms with inbuilt functions and features that make it easy to analyse data and make the analysis smooth and efficient. There were so many commodities in that dataset, so we chose the Apple price among them. Before performing any predictive models, data should be prepared through several steps, like:- Data Pre-Processing, Data Aggregation, and Data Balancing. These steps make sure that the data is clean, balanced with relevant features for modeling, as demonstrated in Figure 1.

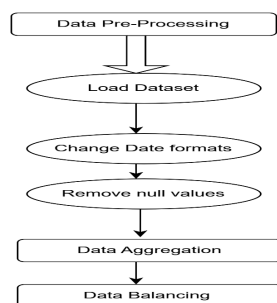


Figure 1. Proposed methodology.

3.1. Data Preprocessing

This step involves cleaning and proper formatting of data. This involved converting the date formats, removing and replacing null values, arranging records in order of date and deleting repetitive records. This contributed to making sure that the data was correct and fit to be modeled.

3.2. Data Aggregation

This was a step in which they aggregate the similar features in order to have a better view of the trends. Such as, the mean price per month was given to simplify the results of the apple prices so that one could easily see the trends in apple prices, which facilitated the modeling process as well.

3.3. Data Balancing

There was a balancing to ensure that the categories or groups present in the dataset were nearly equal. It aids the model to learn more and avoid the biasness in one side of the data.

3.4. SARIMA Model

SARIMA(Seasonal Auto-Regressive Moving Average) model, which is extension of ARIMA model that also captures seasonal variations and fluctuations in time series data. On the other hand, the ARIMA model only works with trends and ephemeral correlations. SARIMA has a seasonal factor to deal with seasonal data that repeats after a fixed period of time, like monthly, yearly, or price cycles. SARIMA combines both Seasonal(P,D,Q,s) and Non-seasonal(p,d,q) components into a single model for record seasonal patterns and trends.

Where:

P,D,Q,s = Seasonal Auto-Regressive order, seasonal differencing order, seasonal Moving average order, seasonal periods in a single seasonal cycle

p,d,q = Non-seasonal Auto-regressive order, non-seasonal differencing order, Moving average order

The model is also applicable in making a prediction of prices where the data being analyzed and shows repeating seasonal variations and fluctuations, as in case of agricultural or fruit prices that are supposed to vary in different months. First, the stationarity of the data are tested with Augmented Dickey-Fuller (ADF) test before the SARIMA model is fitted.

3.5. ETS

ETS (Error, Trend, Seasonality) model. It is combination of three components, which is a forecasting approach. It uses Exponential Smoothing, by which it gives more importance to recent data as compared to older data. Various types of the ETS model can be applied depending on the combination of these components, i.e., additive or multiplicative. These terms defines below:

3.5.1. Error

It represents random error and fluctuations in data.

3.5.2. Trend

It shows increasing and decreasing pattern of series of data over time in one direction.

3.5.3. Seasonality

It captures seasonal fluctuations, variations and, patterns of time series data which repeat after a fixed period of time such, yearly or monthly. Generally, the ETS model can be very useful in price prediction and agricultural data analysis where the data shows seasonal and trend changes.

3.6. LSTM

Long Short-Term Memory is variant of RNN(recurrent neural networks It presents the long-term dependencies in time-based or sequential data. This is unlike the traditional RNNs that require only one hidden state to achieve a more effective prediction but LSTM presents a memory cell which remembers or holds information over long period.It has three gates which determine what information should be stored, updated, and removed or forgotten at each step. Forget gate: It determines what information should be remove from the long-term memory. Input gate: It determines what new information should be added to the long-term memory. Output gate: It determines what information should be passed for the final output or prediction. These steps assist LSTM to learn or understand both short-term and long-term dependencies of time series data shown in Figure 2.

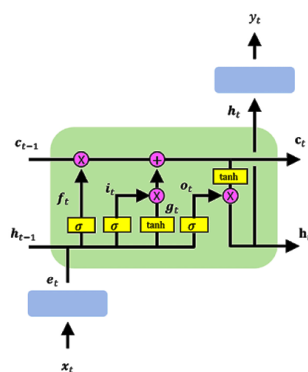


Figure 2. Achitecture of LSTMs model

4. Results and Experiments

For any type of time series analysis the very first step is to check stationary of data. The data collected for Apple's price prediction from AGMARKNET covers the period October 2000 to August 2025. There were multiple commodities out of these we uniquely chose Apple for prediction. We check the stationary of data by the Augmented-Dickey fuller Test(ADF). Apple's price data shows non-stationary at p-value: $0.80221 > 0.05$. So we make it stationary by performing first-order differencing by subtracting the previous value from the current value, now it gives p-value: $0.0000025 < 0.05$ shown in Table -3.

Table -3. ADF Test Results for Stationarity.

Series	ADF p-value	Stationary
Original	0.802188	No
1st Difference	2.5×10^{-6}	Yes

After this, we split the Apple's price data into training and testing, data from October 2002 to December 2020 were used for training, and data from January 2021 to August 2025 were used for testing shown in Table -2. Testing data was used for model validation. If model performs well in training data, but not in testing data that means the data was overfitted not generalized.

Table -2. Train/Test Split Data Summary.

Dataset	Period	Months
Train	09-2002–12-2020	220
Test	01-2021–08-2025	56

We apply three models ETS, LSTM, and SARIMA to Apple's price time series data. We used auto_arima function for selecting optimal Parameters of SARIMA model. Stepwise search to minimize AIC, leading to give best fit SARIMA(0,1,0)(1,0,1)[12] model. The SARIMA(0,1,0)(1,0,1)[12] model achieved lowest Akaike Information Criterion(AIC)=3197.131 and Bayesian Information Criterion(BIC)=3207.115 values among all tested models, which indicates model is good fit for data shown in Table -1.

Table -1. SARIMA Model Statistical Summary

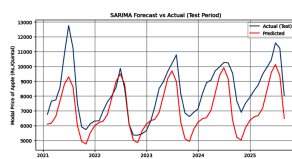
Model Overview			
Dep. Variable	Modal price (Rs./Quintal)	No. Observations	220
Model	SARIMA(0,1,0)×(1,0,[1],12)	Log Likelihood	-1595.566
Date	Tue, 21 Oct 2025	AIC	3197.131
Time	23:02:45	BIC	3207.115
Sample	09-30-2002	HQIC	3201.169
Coefficient Estimates			
Term	Coef	Std Err	z / P> z / [0.025, 0.975]
ar.S.L12	1.0248	0.018	58.348 / 0.000 / [0.990, 1.059]
ma.S.L12	-0.7604	0.062	-12.312 / 0.000 / [-0.881, -0.639]
sigma ²	3.09e+05	2.47e+04	12.533 / 0.000 / [2.61e+05, 3.57e+05]
Diagnostic Statistics			
Ljung-Box (L1) (Q):	0.015	Jarque-Bera (JB):	25.55
Prob(Q):	0.70	Prob(JB):	0.00
Heteroskedasticity (H):	0.65	Skew:	-0.15
Prob(H) (two-sided):	0.08	Kurtosis:	4.70

Diagnostic test such as Ljung-Box($P=0.015>0.05$) which means errors are independent and Heteroskedasticity($P=0.65>0.05$) which means errors have stable variance shown in Table -1. Then we calculate accuracy matrix of SARIMA, ETS, and LSTM model. The Comparison between them illustrated that LSTM model outperforms the ETS and SARIMA model with lowest Mean Average Error(MAE)=554.08, Root Mean Squared Error(RMSE)=752.10 along with lowest Mean Average Percentage Error(MAPE)=6.63%, determining best prediction accuracy and slightest deviation from actual values. R square(R^2)= 0.7886, which is very close to 1. This means it explain the data very well with 78.9% accuracy as compared to other models. On the other side, SARIMA perform average or moderate with values MAE=1221.61, RMSE=1459.78 and MAPE=14.44 along with value $R^2=0.3264$, that means it only explains 32% of data. While, ETS model performs very poorly among all of them with value of negative $R^2=-0.2552$, which indicates that it fails to analyze and capture seasonality in data shown in Table 1.

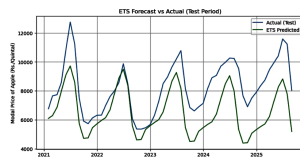
Table 1. Model Performance Comparison.

Index	Model	MAE	RMSE	MAPE (%)	R2 (Accuracy)
0	SARIMA	1221.61	1459.68	14.44	0.3264
1	ETS	1693.58	1990.36	19.97	-0.2522
2	LSTM	554.08	752.10	6.63	0.7886

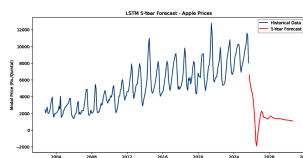
SARIMA model graph for Actual vs Predicted values which compares forecasted value with actual value how well model capture seasonality and fluctuations of apple price shown in Figure 3. Clearly seen in graph that model captures both seasonality and trend of apple price efficiently. Modal Price of Apple peaks at early 2021 and 2025 as shown by Blue line, But Red Line miscalculates the value and shows lower peaks at early 2021 and 2025. Clearly indicates error or residuals, however blue line or Actual data show more sharper waves then the redline, leading to some level of poor performance of SARIMA model.

**Figure 3.** SARIMA forecast.

Same as we plot ETS Model graph of actual and predicted value to show visually how it performs. ETS model effectively identify seasonal timing trends of apple price, but fails to predict prices of apple how much prices goes up or down, In simple words it fails to identify fluctuations. Overall , we can say ETS model misses the magnitude changes in prices shown in Figure 4.

**Figure 4.** ETS forecast.

At last , we plot graph of LSTM model for comparing Actual and Predicted value visually, LSTM model exhibits both long-term and short-term dependencies for time series data shown in Figure 5.

**Figure 5.** LSTM forecast.

It takes Model of Apple price from 2021 to 2025. We can clearly see in the graph that red line follows the blue line very closely. Means errors or residuals are minimum. Actual Prices show strong and clear seasonal patterns or trends which peak at a year, then drop immediately. Same pattern followed by the red line with minor errors. As compared to both ETS and, SARIMA model LSTM model performs well with high level of accuracy and predictive capability. Bases on the accuracy table, we used an LSTM model to forecast 5-year Modal Price of Apple from 2026 to 2030. To see how well it forecasts the Modal Prices for 5- year shown in Figure 6.



Figure 6. LSTM forecast monthly.

5. Conclusion

In the investigation of Comparative Analysis employed on the Apple price time series data in the Indian market, it can aboustely assumed that the Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) deep learning model is much more precise in regression and prediction operations than the statistical models, SARIMA and ETS. This is achieved through the comparison of the three major accuracy measures, which are the Mean Absolute Error (MAE), the Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) and the Mean Average Percentage Error (MAPE). The predicted prices were very close to the actual market movements and captures seasonal variations in the analysis which is determined by $R^2=0.7886$ denoted that the LSTM model is a good fit. The model also had the lowest error measures (MAE of 554.08, RMSE of 752.10 and MAPE of 6.63percent), which indicates its better predictive power. The SARIMA model was moderate in terms of the precision of the prediction of the magnitude of price peaks ($R^2=0.3264$) yet failed to be precise when it comes to the prediction of the magnitude of the price peaks. The ETS model, however, proved to be quite weak, as the value of R^2 is negative, which shows that it was not able to forecast agricultures price data.

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Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used in this manuscript:

LSTM	Long Short-Term Memory
SARIMA	Seasonal AutoRegressive Integrated Moving Average
ETS	Error, Trend, Seasonal
MAE	Mean Absolute Error
RMSE	Root Mean Squared Error
MAPE	Mean Absolute Percentage Error

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