

boxes along with class names and the distances of the objects identified after being processed by the device.

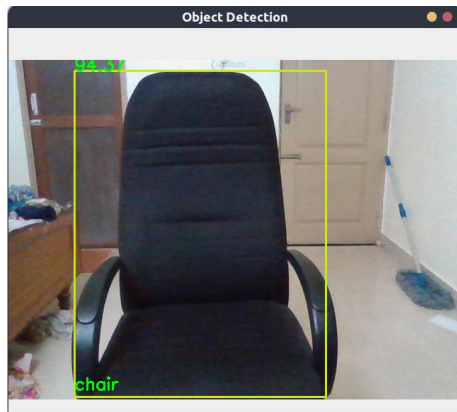


Fig 6: Output from the Detector

V. CONCLUSION

A significant development in assistive technology is the Smart Voice Assistant for Visually Impaired People, which was created utilizing a Deep Learning Paradigm. The system improves visually impaired people's accessibility, independence, and inclusion by combining voice command technology with deep learning algorithms. With its customizable, hands-free interface, users can browse, retrieve information, and complete tasks more confidently and easily. The importance of inclusive design principles in developing technology that satisfies a wide range of user needs is demonstrated by this project. As time goes on, more improvements to the Smart Voice Assistant might potentially improve people's quality of life and enable those who are blind or visually impaired to fully engage in the digital world.

To mitigate latency concerns associated with the Raspberry Pi module's response time, data transmission to a cloud server for processing has been adopted. Moreover, enhancing operational efficiency has been realized through concurrent threading of the image capturing process and the text-to-speech synthesis component. These adaptations mark significant strides in improving the functionality and performance of the Smart Voice Assistant, reinforcing its effectiveness in aiding individuals with visual impairments.

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