Krishak: A One-Stop Solution for Data-Driven Agriculture Using AI, IoT, and Real-Time Analytics

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***Abstract*—The agricultural sector faces numerous challenges, including unpredictable weather, pest infestations, and market volatility. *Krishak*, a comprehensive smart agricultural web application, aims to provide farmers with a one-stop solution to enhance their farming practices using cutting-edge technology. The platform offers real-time weather updates, AI-driven crop and pest management advice, IoT-based soil quality monitoring, and personalized recommendations for seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides. Through a community-driven farmer's forum, *Krishak* facilitates knowledge sharing and expert advice. Additional features such as a visual irrigation dashboard, AI-enabled disease detection, and real-time bidding systems streamline decision-making and improve crop yields. The system integrates predictive analytics, real-time surveillance, and multilingual support, ensuring that farmers can access vital information efficiently. The proposed solution demonstrates potential in enhancing productivity and sustainability in agriculture, while offering a scalable model for global expansion and future mobile integration.**

1.INTRODUCTION

Agriculture remains a critical sector worldwide, but it is increasingly strained by climate change, soil degradation, pest outbreaks, and market instability. Traditional farming practices often fall short in addressing these modern challenges, underscoring the need for innovative, technology-driven solutions.

Krishak is a comprehensive smart farming platform designed to empower farmers with AI-driven insights and IoT-enabled monitoring. It provides real-time assistance for managing crops, optimizing resource usage, and improving profitability by connecting farmers directly to markets. With its multilingual functionality and AI chatbot, *Krishak* ensures accessibility for farmers of all regions and literacy levels. This paper details the implementation of *Krishak* as a practical, deployed system, and evaluates its effectiveness in improving farm management and sustainability.

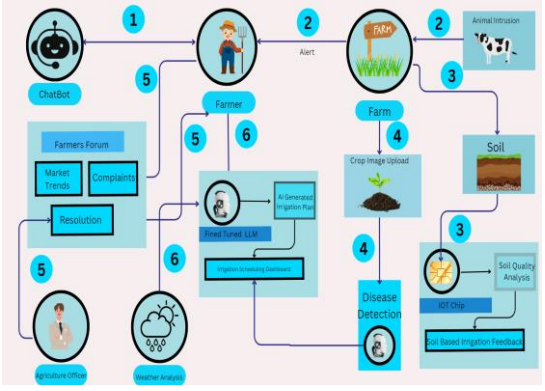
2. Project Overview

2.1. Objective

The primary objective of *Krishak* is to offer farmers a one-stop platform that integrates advanced technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) and the Internet of Things (IoT) to address the most pressing challenges in agriculture. By providing personalized recommendations, real-time data, and direct access to markets, *Krishak* aims to improve both farm productivity and farmer profitability.

2.2. Key Features

- **Personalized Crop Recommendations**: Offers crop advice based on local soil type, weather conditions, and crop type, optimizing yield and resource use.
- **AI-Based Pest and Disease Detection**: Enables instant detection of crop diseases and pests through image uploads and AI analysis, providing treatment suggestions.
- **IoT-Driven Soil Monitoring**: Uses IoT sensors to track soil moisture, pH, and temperature in real-time, helping farmers make data-driven irrigation and fertilization decisions.
- **Weather-Based Crop Management**: Integrates with weather APIs to provide real-time weather alerts, enabling proactive farm management.
- **Market Access through Real-Time Bidding**: Farmers can engage in live auctions, eliminating intermediaries and improving profits by directly connecting to buyers.
- **AI Chatbot for Farmer Support**: A chatbot provides 24/7 support, answering common farming queries and offering personalized advice based on specific farm conditions.
- **Multilingual Functionality**: Supports multiple languages, allowing farmers to interact with the platform in their preferred language for ease of use.
- **Farmer Knowledge Forum**: A community platform for farmers to exchange insights, ask questions, and seek advice from experts.
- **Farmer's Guide**: A guide that gives personalized recommendations for seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides based on soil and crop data, helping optimize crop yield.



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3. System Architecture and Development

1) 3.1. Technology Stack

Krishak was developed using the MERN stack (MongoDB, Express.js, React.js, Node.js), which allows for scalability, real-time data handling, and seamless integration with external APIs and IoT systems. The backend processes crop recommendations, pest detection, and IoT data, while the frontend presents these insights in a user-friendly format.

2) 3.2. AI Integration

The AI models used in *Krishak* are focused on two primary functions: crop disease detection and personalized recommendations. For disease detection, the system uses a deep learning model trained on a large dataset of crop images. The personalized recommendation system leverages historical crop data, soil information, and current weather conditions to optimize farming decisions.

3) 3.3. IoT Integration

IoT sensors deployed in farms continuously collect soil data, including moisture levels, temperature, and pH. These sensors communicate with the *Krishak* platform, where real-time analysis is performed to provide irrigation recommendations. Farmers can access this data through a visual dashboard that provides easy-to-understand insights for resource optimization.

4) 3.4. Weather API and Market Bidding

Krishak integrates with weather APIs to provide localized, real-time weather updates and alerts. Additionally, the platform supports real-time bidding for farm produce, allowing farmers to participate in live auctions without intermediaries, thus maximizing profits.

5) 3.5. Multilingual Support and AI Chatbot

To ensure accessibility, *Krishak* supports multiple languages, allowing farmers from different linguistic backgrounds to use the platform effectively. The AI chatbot, available 24/7, answers farmers' questions in real time, providing instant advice on issues like crop health, market trends, and resource management.

4. Methodology

4.1. Data Collection and Model Training

The dataset for crop disease detection was sourced from various agricultural research institutions and open-source platforms, containing images of affected crops annotated with disease labels. The AI model was trained using supervised learning techniques. Additionally, soil data collected from IoT sensors installed on farms was used to inform irrigation and fertilization recommendations.

4.2. Pilot Deployment

A pilot deployment was conducted with smallholder farms in multiple regions. Farmers were provided with IoT sensors and given access to the *Krishak* platform. Data was collected over several months to evaluate the system's impact on crop yield, water usage, and profitability.

4.3. Evaluation Metrics

- **Crop Yield Improvement**: Measured by comparing yields before and after the implementation of *Krishak*.
- **Resource Usage Efficiency**: Assessed through reductions in water and fertilizer usage based on IoT recommendations.
- **Farmer Satisfaction**: Surveys and feedback from farmers on the usability and effectiveness of the platform.

5. Results and Discussion

5.1. Increased Crop Yields

Farmers who used *Krishak* reported an average crop yield increase of 20%, attributed to better pest management through AI-driven disease detection and optimized irrigation based on IoT soil data.

5.2. Enhanced Resource Efficiency

The IoT-driven soil monitoring feature resulted in a 25% reduction in water usage, as farmers were able to better manage irrigation. Fertilizer use also became more targeted, improving soil health and reducing wastage.

5.3. Economic Benefits

Through the real-time bidding feature, farmers were able to eliminate intermediaries and directly connect with buyers. This led to a 15% increase in profits. Additionally, farmers reported being able to sell produce at better prices due to the transparency and efficiency of the bidding process.

5.4. Farmer Engagement and Satisfaction

The knowledge-sharing forum and AI chatbot were highly rated by farmers, who appreciated the accessibility and reliability of the platform. The multilingual support feature also made it easier for farmers from different linguistic backgrounds to use the platform effectively.

6. Conclusion

Krishak has successfully demonstrated its potential to transform traditional farming practices through the

integration of AI, IoT, and real-time data analytics. By providing personalized crop recommendations, real-time weather alerts, AI-powered pest detection, and market access, the platform has significantly improved crop yields, resource efficiency, and profitability for farmers. The addition of a multilingual AI Chabot ensures that the platform is accessible to a diverse range of users, while the Farmer's Guide feature provides further support by offering tailored advice for seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides. Future enhancements will focus on expanding the platform's reach, introducing mobile support, and refining the AI models for more localized recommendation.

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