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## ABSTRACT

This project presents an integrated flood monitoring and early warning system leveraging both Internet of Things (IoT) and Machine Learning (ML) technologies. The system is designed to collect real-time water level and temperature data using IoT sensors connected to an ESP32 microcontroller. These readings are displayed locally on an LCD and transmitted to cloud platforms like ThingSpeak for remote access and analysis. Additionally, a GSM module is employed to send SMS alerts based on predefined thresholds. To enhance predictive capabilities, a Machine Learning model is trained using historical sensor data to classify flood risk levels—Normal, Caution, or Flood—and to forecast potential flood events. This combination of real-time monitoring and intelligent prediction enables timely alerts, improving disaster preparedness and response. The prototype demonstrates efficient communication between hardware components and cloud services, while the ML component adds a layer of smart decision-making, reducing false alarms and enhancing system accuracy. The solution is cost-effective, scalable, and suitable for deployment in flood-prone or remote areas. Ultimately, this project aims to contribute to sustainable disaster management and community safety through the convergence of IoT and AI-driven technologies.

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## **LIST OF ABBREVIATION**

ML	MACHINE LEARNING
IoT	INTERNET OF THINGS
SVM	SUPPORT VECTOR MACHINE
GPRS	GENERAL PACKET RADIO SERVICE
ESP32	ESPRESSIF SYSTEM'S 32-BIT MICROCONTROLLER
SMS	SHORT MESSAGE SERVICE
LM35	LINEAR MONOLITHIC CENTIGRADE TEMPRATURE SENSOR
GSM	GLOBAL SYSTEM FOR MOBILE COMMUNICATION
LCD	LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY
WI-FI	WIRELESS FIDELITY

# **CHAPTER 1**

## **1.1 INTRODUCTION**

A Flood Monitoring System is a sophisticated, real-time solution aimed at detecting, monitoring, and mitigating the risks posed by potential flooding events. Floods can cause widespread devastation, and early detection is crucial for minimizing the damage to both lives and property. This system operates by integrating a range of sensors, data communication networks, and data processing technologies to provide continuous monitoring of environmental conditions that may lead to floods .

At the core of the system are water level sensors that are strategically placed in rivers, lakes, or reservoirs to continuously measure and track water levels. In addition to these sensors, rainfall gauges are installed to monitor precipitation levels in a given area. Rainfall is a key factor that often contributes to rising water levels, and by tracking both rainfall and water levels, the system can offer a comprehensive view of the risk of flooding. This data is collected in real-time and transmitted through communication networks, which may include wireless, satellite, or cellular connections, to a central processing unit where the information is analyzed.

The system's data processing capabilities are critical for translating raw sensor data into actionable insights. By using advanced algorithms, the system assesses the current conditions and compares them with historical patterns to evaluate the likelihood of flooding. If the water levels rise beyond a certain threshold or rainfall patterns indicate impending danger, the system can automatically trigger an alert. These alerts are sent out through multiple communication channels, such as text messages, emails, or mobile applications, ensuring that the public, government agencies, and emergency response teams are promptly informed.

Another important feature of a Flood Monitoring System is its ability to integrate with meteorological data. By combining sensor data with weather forecasts, the system can improve its prediction accuracy, offering more reliable early warnings. This is especially important in regions that are prone to sudden or flash floods, where even a few minutes of advance notice can make a significant difference in emergency preparedness.

A Flood Monitoring System is an advanced, real-time solution designed to detect, monitor, and mitigate the risks associated with potential flooding events. Floods are among the most devastating natural disasters, capable of causing significant damage to infrastructure, agriculture, and human lives. The system is built around a network of integrated components, including environmental sensors, data communication networks, data processing units, and alert mechanisms.

At its core, the system relies on strategically placed water level sensors in rivers, lakes, or reservoirs to continuously measure and track water levels. In addition to these, rainfall gauges are used to monitor precipitation levels, which are a major contributing factor to rising water levels. The data collected from these sensors is transmitted in real time via various communication networks such as wireless, cellular, or satellite connections to a central processing unit, where it is analyzed using advanced algorithms.

The processing unit plays a critical role by evaluating the collected data against historical patterns and predefined thresholds to assess the likelihood of flooding. If the system detects that water levels or rainfall intensity have exceeded safe limits, it can automatically issue alerts to warn the public, emergency services, and government authorities.

These alerts are disseminated through multiple channels, including SMS, emails, mobile applications, and public address systems, ensuring timely and wide-reaching communication. Furthermore, the system can be enhanced by incorporating additional sensors such as soil moisture monitors, which help determine the saturation level of the ground—a key factor in surface runoff and flash flooding. Another significant feature is the integration with meteorological data, which allows the system to include weather forecasts in its analysis. This enhances prediction accuracy, especially in cases of sudden or flash floods, where early warning by even a few minutes can save lives.

After a flood event, the collected data can also be used for post-event analysis, helping to refine the system and improve future responses. As climate change increases the frequency and severity of extreme weather events, the need for such intelligent, responsive systems becomes more critical than ever.

## 1.2 MOTIVATION

The motivation behind the development of a Flood Monitoring System stems from the urgent need to mitigate the devastating impacts of floods, which are among the most frequent and destructive natural disasters worldwide. Floods cause widespread loss of life, damage to infrastructure, and displacement of communities, often with little warning. Traditional methods of flood prediction and response are not always reliable or timely, leading to costly consequences. The increasing unpredictability of weather patterns due to climate change has further heightened the risk of severe flooding in many regions.

The primary motivation is to enhance public safety by providing an efficient, real-time system capable of detecting rising water levels and weather conditions that signal potential flooding. By leveraging advancements in sensor technology, data analysis, and communication networks, the Flood Monitoring System can deliver timely and accurate flood warnings, allowing authorities and residents to take proactive measures. Early detection and warnings enable better preparedness, reducing the risk of loss of life, property damage, and disruption of economic activities.

Additionally, this system addresses the need for a more data-driven approach to flood management. With real-time monitoring and historical data collection, authorities can make informed decisions about disaster planning, infrastructure development, and emergency response. Ultimately, the motivation for this system lies in its potential to save lives, protect assets, and strengthen the resilience of communities against the growing threat of floods.

One of the primary motivations behind the Flood Monitoring System is the desire to improve public safety by creating an early detection and warning mechanism. In flood-prone areas, early warning systems can be the difference between life and death. When communities and local authorities have accurate, real-time data on rising water levels and changing weather conditions.

Floods are one of the most devastating natural disasters, causing significant loss of life, property, and resources every year. The unpredictability of rainfall patterns, rapid urbanization, and climate change have further exacerbated the frequency and intensity of flooding events, especially in vulnerable regions. This calls for an effective and proactive approach to mitigate flood-related risks and ensure the safety of communities.

Furthermore, the Flood Monitoring System serves as a crucial tool in shifting from reactive to preventive disaster management strategies. It enables government agencies and planners to make more informed decisions regarding infrastructure development, land use policies, and disaster preparedness. By compiling and analyzing long-term environmental data, the system contributes to improved urban planning and the design of resilient drainage and water management systems.

It also supports effective allocation of emergency resources by identifying high-risk zones in advance. Beyond emergency response, the system plays a vital role in educating and empowering communities, increasing public awareness of flood risks, and fostering a culture of preparedness.

Ultimately, the motivation behind this project is to bridge the gap between traditional flood control measures and the capabilities offered by modern technology. The goal is to develop a scalable, reliable, and cost-effective solution that not only mitigates the immediate impacts of flooding but also contributes to building long-term resilience in vulnerable communities. By delivering actionable intelligence and timely alerts, the Flood Monitoring System helps minimize socioeconomic losses, protect critical infrastructure, and, most importantly, save lives. In a world facing the growing threat of climate-induced disaster.

One of the most urgent motivations for designing and deploying a Flood Monitoring System is the critical need to improve public safety and reduce human and material losses. Early warning systems have proven to be one of the most effective tools in disaster risk management, as they provide crucial information that allows people and authorities to prepare and respond before a disaster strikes.

In the context of floods, even a few minutes of advance notice can mean the difference between life and death. Therefore, the core objective of the system is to create a reliable, efficient, and intelligent mechanism capable of continuously monitoring environmental conditions such as rainfall intensity, water levels in rivers and reservoirs, soil saturation, and weather forecasts. By integrating data from a wide range of sources, including sensors, satellites, meteorological services, and historical flood records, the system can generate accurate real-time assessments and predictive models that inform decision-making and guide emergency responses.

## 1.3 PROBLEM STATEMENT

The problem addressed by the Flood Monitoring System is the lack of an efficient, real-time mechanism for predicting and responding to flood risks, which leads to widespread damage, loss of life, and disruption of communities. Floods are among the most common and devastating natural disasters, yet traditional flood prediction methods often fail to provide timely and accurate warnings, resulting in delayed evacuation and inadequate preparation. In many flood-prone regions, there is no reliable way to continuously monitor rising water levels and weather conditions, leaving authorities and residents vulnerable to sudden and unexpected flooding events.

Moreover, the increasing unpredictability of extreme weather due to climate change has further intensified the need for an effective flood monitoring solution. Current systems often lack the ability to integrate real-time sensor data with weather forecasts, which is crucial for providing accurate flood risk assessments. Additionally, the absence of a comprehensive system for collecting and analyzing flood data hampers long-term planning and disaster mitigation efforts.

The primary problem, therefore, is the need for a real-time flood monitoring system that can continuously track water levels, analyze environmental data, and provide early warnings to reduce the loss of life and damage to infrastructure. This system should also support data-driven decisionmaking by storing historical data to aid in future flood prevention and risk management efforts. Without such a system, communities remain vulnerable to the devastating impacts of floods, with little ability to prepare or respond effectively.

Floods are one of the most frequent and devastating natural disasters, causing significant loss of life, property damage, and disruption of livelihoods. In the context of India, rapid urbanization, deforestation, improper waste management, and climate change have exacerbated flood risks in both urban and rural areas. Despite various structural and non-structural measures in place, the country continues to face challenges in implementing effective and sustainable flood mitigation strategies. Infrastructure, insufficient funding, poor coordination among agencies, and limited community engagement. This necessitates the development of innovative, community-centric, and technology driven mitigation strategies to minimize the impact of floods and enhance resilience. Floods are among the most frequent and devastating natural disasters, affecting millions of lives and causing extensive damage to property, infrastructure, agriculture, and ecosystems. In India, the impact of

floods has been aggravated in recent years due to a combination of factors, including unplanned urbanization, deforestation, inefficient drainage systems, encroachment on natural waterways, improper waste management, and the increasing effects of climate change. These factors have led to a significant rise in the frequency, intensity, and unpredictability of flooding events, causing widespread disruption in both urban and rural areas.

Despite the implementation of structural measures such as dams, embankments, and reservoirs, as well as non-structural measures like flood zoning, early warning systems, and disaster management plans, the existing flood mitigation strategies in India often fall short of effectively addressing the problem. This inadequacy arises due to several reasons: outdated infrastructure that fails to withstand extreme events, fragmented responsibilities and poor coordination between agencies, lack of funding and resources for implementing innovative solutions, and insufficient community involvement in flood risk management.

Urban areas, in particular, face severe challenges due to inadequate stormwater drainage systems and the encroachment of floodplains, leading to urban flooding even during moderate rainfall. On the other hand, rural areas suffer from the loss of agricultural productivity, displacement of communities, and long-term socio-economic impacts. The situation is further compounded by the absence of robust data collection systems, limited access to real-time flood forecasting, and the lack of integration of modern technologies like GIS, satellite imagery, and IoT-based monitoring systems into flood management practices.

The Flood Monitoring System is designed to address a critical and persistent problem: the absence of a reliable, efficient, and real-time mechanism for predicting, monitoring, and responding to flood risks.

## 1.4 OBJECTIVES

1.4.1 To Enhance real-time flood monitoring through IoT devices, satellite data, and advanced forecasting models for timely alerts: Enhancing real-time flood monitoring through the integration of IoT devices, satellite data, and advanced forecasting models represents a transformative approach to disaster risk reduction and management. Internet of Things (IoT) devices, such as water level sensors, rain gauges, flow meters, and soil moisture detectors, play a pivotal role by continuously

collecting environmental data from strategic locations like rivers, reservoirs, low-lying areas, and urban drainage systems.

1.4.2 To Develop accurate flood risk maps using GIS and predictive analytics to guide urban planning and zoning regulations:- Developing accurate flood risk maps using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and predictive analytics is a crucial step in improving flood preparedness, guiding urban development, and formulating effective zoning regulations.

1.4.3 To Strengthen infrastructure resilience by monitoring and maintaining dams, levees, and drainage systems to handle extreme events:- Strengthening infrastructure resilience by monitoring and maintaining critical flood-control structures such as dams, levees, and drainage systems is essential to ensuring that communities can withstand and recover from extreme weather events. These infrastructures serve as the first line of defense against flooding by controlling water flow, preventing overflows, and channeling excess water away from populated areas

1.4.4 To Promote nature-based solutions like wetland restoration and reforestation to reduce runoff and mitigate flood impacts:- Promoting nature-based solutions such as wetland restoration and reforestation is a highly effective and sustainable approach to reducing surface runoff and mitigating the impacts of floods. Unlike conventional, engineered flood control measures—which often involve hard infrastructure like concrete embankments or storm drains—nature-based solutions work with the environment to enhance its natural ability to absorb, store, and slowly release water.

1.4.5 To Improve community preparedness through awareness campaigns, training programs, and local participation in flood response efforts:- Improving community preparedness through awareness campaigns, training programs, and local participation in flood response efforts is a critical component of reducing the impact of floods and saving lives. While technological solutions and infrastructure improvements are essential for managing flood risks, community engagement plays an equally important role in ensuring that people are equipped to respond effectively when disasters occur. When communities are well-prepared, they are better able to take appropriate actions, reduce vulnerabilities, and recover more quickly. Awareness campaigns are foundational to educating the public about flood risks, early warning systems, and the steps they should take before, during, and after a flood.

1.4.6 To Enable coordinated emergency response by integrating data-driven systems for resource deployment and evacuation planning:- The integration of data from multiple sources—such as flood monitoring systems, weather forecasts, satellite imagery, and IoT-based sensors—can create a comprehensive, real-time picture of the flood event. By analyzing this data using advanced algorithms and geographic information systems (GIS), emergency response teams can predict flood progression, identify areas of high risk, and anticipate infrastructure challenges such as road closures or damaged bridges.

## 1.5 SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS:

Software Requirements for the Flood Monitoring System Using Machine Learning

1.5.1 Language: Python Language

1.5.2 Machine Learning and AI Frameworks:

- Scikit-Learn: For machine learning tasks, including data splitting, model selection (Random Forest Classifier), and evaluation metrics (accuracy score, confusion matrix)
- NumPy: For numerical operations and array manipulation.
- Pandas: For data manipulation and analysis.

1.5.3 Data Visualization Libraries:

- Matplotlib: For creating static, interactive, and animated visualizations.
- Seaborn: For statistical data visualization and improving the aesthetics of Matplotlib plots.

1.5.4 Software:

- Jupyter Notebook or other Python IDE
- Required libraries installed .

### 1.5.5 Hardware Requirements for the Flood Monitoring System using IoT

ESP 32:- In a flood-prone area, an array of ESP32-based sensors could be deployed at key locations such as near rivers, reservoirs, or urban drainage systems. Each ESP32 device would collect realtime water level data and transmit it via Wi-Fi to a centralized system. If a certain water level threshold is exceeded, the system could trigger automated flood alerts sent to local emergency teams, public agencies, and affected residents. The central system could also analyze historical data from the sensors to predict future flooding trends, guiding urban planning decisions and providing actionable insights for flood risk management.

SIM 900 Module:- The SIM900 is a GSM/GPRS module that allows microcontrollers like the ESP32 or Arduino to connect to mobile networks, enabling communication through SMS, voice calls, and internet data via GPRS. Its primary role in a flood monitoring system would be to provide wireless communication in areas where Wi-Fi or Bluetooth connectivity is not available or where cellular networks are more reliable.

LM 35 Temperature Sensor:- The LM35 temperature sensor is a versatile, analog temperature sensor that can be used in a variety of applications, including flood monitoring systems. The LM35 provides precise temperature readings in Celsius and operates with a wide voltage range (typically 4V to 30V), making it well-suited for environmental monitoring. In the context of a flood monitoring system, the LM35 sensor can be used in several ways to provide valuable data that complements the water level and rainfall measurements. Here's how the LM35 temperature sensor can be integrated into a flood monitoring system.

UltraSonic Sensor:- The ultrasonic sensor plays a key role in a flood monitoring system by measuring the distance between the sensor and the water's surface, allowing it to effectively monitor water levels in real-time. These sensors use ultrasonic waves to detect the proximity of objects, and in the case of flood monitoring, they are used to measure the distance from the sensor to the water's surface, which provides an accurate measurement of water level changes. Below is a detailed explanation of the use of ultrasonic sensors in flood monitoring systems. The ultrasonic sensor is a

critical component in a flood monitoring system due to its ability to provide accurate, real-time water level measurements in an efficient and non-invasive manner. Its ability to integrate with other environmental sensors, trigger automated alerts, and monitor infrastructure makes it an essential tool for flood detection, early warning, and long-term flood risk management. With its cost effectiveness, low maintenance, and ease of integration, the ultrasonic sensor is a valuable asset in ensuring the safety and preparedness of communities vulnerable to flooding.

LCD Display 16x2:- In an IoT-based flood monitoring project, the 16x2 LCD display plays an important role in providing real-time visual feedback and information to users and operators.

## CHAPTER 2

### LITERATURE REVIEW

1. Minakshi Roy Prakar Pradhan Jesson George Nikhil Pradhan "Flood Detection and Water Monitoring System Using IOT". International Journal Of Engineering And Computer Science Volume 9 Issue 07 July 2020, Page No. (25113-25115) [1]

An IoT early flood detection and alert system using the Arduino is thus, a proposed solution to this problem. The system consists of various sensors which are temperature, humidity, water level flow and ultrasonic sensors and also includes an Arduino controller, a Wi-Fi module, an LCD, an IoT remote server-based platform and an android application with constructed user friendly GUI relaying all the vital information involved in the picture in a visual format. The above-mentioned sensors measure the various environmental and weather-related parameters and monitor them constantly. Developing early warning systems may be complicated, with many facets to the system requirements and many additional intricacies, when within a developing country. This paper has tried to propose a potential and economic solution to the problem of floods. The research paper titled "Flood Detection and Water Monitoring System Using IoT" by Minakshi Roy, Prakar Pradhan, Jesson George, and Nikhil Pradhan, published in the International Journal of Engineering and Computer Science in July 2020, presents an innovative and cost-effective approach for early flood detection and alerting. The system leverages the power of the Internet of Things (IoT) and Arduino-based technology to offer a practical solution for flood management, especially in regions that face challenges due to unpredictable weather patterns, insufficient infrastructure, or limited resources. The system described in the paper is composed of a variety of sensors, including temperature, humidity, water level, flow, and ultrasonic sensors, each playing a crucial role in continuously monitoring the environment and detecting early signs of potential flooding. The temperature and humidity sensors monitor atmospheric conditions, while the water level and flow sensors measure the changes in water bodies, allowing the system to track rising water levels, which is a key indicator of flooding risk. The ultrasonic sensors are specifically used to measure the water levels in rivers, reservoirs, or other water bodies, offering a non-contact method of monitoring, which reduces maintenance issues compared to traditional methods.

2.Muhammad Ahmad Baballe Zainul-Abideen Abbati “A Review of Flood Detection Systems” (2017)[2]

Flooding is one of the most dangerous natural disasters that can occur due to rising water levels. The damage caused by the flood will be more harmful and the time taken for recovery will take a long period of time. The only way to reduce the damage and save the lives of people is to frequently detect the water level. The level of the water in systems such as dams, reservoirs, etc., is to be frequently tested and monitored. The water level can be predicted by the proposed system. The Internet of Things (IoT) is an embedded system of hardware and software.

The paper emphasizes that the damage caused by floods is often exacerbated by the lack of early detection and effective warning systems, which can delay evacuation and disaster management efforts. The ability to accurately measure and predict water levels in systems such as dams, reservoirs, and rivers is critical in reducing the risks associated with floods. The authors highlight that frequent monitoring of water levels is essential to minimize damage and loss of life. By detecting abnormal water levels early, authorities can take proactive measures to mitigate the effects of the flood, such as issuing warnings, conducting evacuations, or reinforcing vulnerable infrastructure.

3. Mr. Megharaj Bhosale, Mr. Mahesh Chavan, J G Natividad “Review on Flood Monitoring and Early Warning” Volume 7 Issue I, Jan 2019[3]

J G Natividad and J M Mendez have developed flood monitoring and early warning system using ultra sonic sensor in the northern portion of the province of Isabela, more specifically the municipalities near Cagayan River. The system mainly consists of Arduino, ultrasonic sensors, GSM module, web-monitoring and SMS early warning system. Ultra-sonic sensor is used to measure the water level so that the flood can be monitored. Solar panel operated microcontroller is connected with ultra-sonic sensor and GSM module. All the sensor data is transmitted to the server by using the GSM.

The system developed by Natividad and Mendez consists of several key components, including an Arduino microcontroller, ultrasonic sensors, a GSM (Global System for Mobile Communications) module, and a web-monitoring system. The main function of the ultrasonic sensor is to measure the water level in rivers, reservoirs, or other bodies of water. Since ultrasonic sensors use sound waves

to detect the distance between the sensor and the water surface, they are effective in non-contact monitoring, making them ideal for measuring water levels in flood-prone areas. These sensors continuously monitor the water level, providing real-time data to the system.

The Arduino microcontroller acts as the central processing unit of the system, receiving data from the ultrasonic sensors and processing it for further action. The microcontroller is programmed to monitor the water levels and evaluate whether they exceed predefined thresholds that indicate potential flooding. The system is designed to operate using solar power, which makes it independent of external electricity sources, a crucial feature for areas that may experience power outages during flooding or extreme weather events. The use of solar panels ensures that the flood monitoring system remains operational even during adverse conditions.

#### 4. Kiran Jadhav, Aniket Patil, Ajay Yamkar, Mrunmai Nagtode “IOT BASED FLOOD MONITORING AND ALERTING SYSTEM” Volume:04/Issue:04/April-2022[4]

India has a sub-tropical monsoonal climate characterized by heavy rainfall which in turn causes massive flooding. To avert such situations, it is very important to monitor and receive timely emergency alerts about the flow of water and water level situation based of the riverbed. This project focuses on developing a system based on advanced sensors and Wi-Fi module that will sense the current water level and flow of water in riverbeds, in case of the level reaching the threshold, system will generate early email alerts making everyone aware of the flood possibilities. We have connected all the sensors to Arduino UNO, which helps us to process and store data. The system is enabled to send email alerts as well to notify a larger audience.

The Arduino microcontroller serves as the central processing unit (CPU) in the flood monitoring system, playing a crucial role in ensuring the proper functioning of the entire setup. It acts as the brain of the system, receiving data from the ultrasonic sensors, which continuously measure the water level in rivers, reservoirs, or other water bodies prone to flooding. These sensors emit sound waves and measure the time it takes for the waves to return after hitting the water surface, allowing them to calculate the distance between the sensor and the water level. The Arduino microcontroller processes this data and evaluates whether the water levels exceed predefined thresholds that indicate the likelihood of a flood. If the water level rises beyond the critical threshold, the system can trigger an alert or initiate other responses, such as sending notifications or activating emergency protocols.

The system is designed to function autonomously, making it suitable for deployment in remote or flood-prone areas where access to a stable power supply may be unreliable. To ensure uninterrupted operation, especially during emergencies, the entire flood monitoring system is powered by solar panels. This renewable energy source ensures the system remains operational even in the event of power outages, which are common during flooding or extreme weather conditions. The use of solar energy eliminates the reliance on external electricity grids, which may be damaged or unavailable during such natural disasters. By using solar panels, the system can continue to function autonomously without requiring external interventions, making it an ideal solution for rural or isolated areas that are often vulnerable to flooding.

5. J. Mosavi, A. Ozturk, and K. W. Chau, "Flood prediction using machine models:

Literature review," in Water, vol. 10, no. 11, pp. 1536, 2018.[5]

Flood prediction is a vital aspect of disaster risk management, aiming to mitigate the devastating impact of floods on human life, property, and the environment. In their literature review, J. Mosavi, A. Ozturk, and K. W. Chau provide a comprehensive analysis of various machine learning (ML) models employed for flood forecasting. The review covers techniques like Support Vector Machines (SVM), Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), Random Forests, and ensemble methods, which have shown significant promise in predicting flood events with high accuracy. The authors discuss the strengths of ML in modeling nonlinear relationships and processing large, complex datasets, often outperforming traditional methods. They also examine the challenges of data quality, real-time prediction, and model generalization. The review concludes with recommendations for future research, including the integration of remote sensing data, Internet of Things (IoT) sensors, and the development of real-time flood prediction systems to enhance early warning capabilities and improve disaster preparedness.

The authors delve into several machine learning models that have been used for flood prediction, including Support Vector Machines (SVM), Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), Random Forests, and ensemble methods. Each of these models has shown promise in addressing the challenges of flood forecasting, particularly when dealing with nonlinear relationships and large, high-dimensional datasets that are typical of environmental data. Support Vector Machines (SVM), for example, are effective in classification tasks and can be used to predict flood events based on past

data, while Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) are particularly powerful in identifying complex patterns and learning from vast amounts of historical data to forecast future floods. Random Forests, an ensemble method, combine the outputs of multiple decision trees to improve prediction accuracy and reduce the risk of overfitting. These models are particularly adept at handling noisy, incomplete, or inconsistent data, which is often encountered in environmental studies.

## Comparison Between Different Research Paper:

The table 1 covers the advantages and disadvantages of the literature reviewed.

Table 2.1: Analysis of Literature Review

Research paper	Advantage	Disadvantage	Gap
[1]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Real time monitoring of environmental parameters</li> <li>- Cost effective solution for developing areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dependence on technology and internet connectivity</li> <li>- Initial setup costs for hardware and development.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Limited focus on scalability for larger areas</li> <li>- Lack of integration with existing disaster management system</li> </ul>
[2]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investigates water Discharge risks, which is crucial for flood management in hydroelectric generation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Limited focus on urban flood scenarios</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More research needed on urban vs rural flood management</li> </ul>

[3]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Email alerts for early warning</li> <li>- Real time flood monitoring through various sensors (DHT11, HC-SR04, flow sensor)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Requires internet connectivity for real time data transmission and alerts</li> <li>- No power backup included</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No advanced AI prediction model</li> <li>- Lack of integration with government or disaster response systems</li> </ul>
[4]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Utilizes solar power, SMS alerts and web monitoring for real-time updates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Relies heavily on GSM coverage, which</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Limited to specific geographical areas</li> </ul>
		may be inconsistent in remote areas	
[5]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Machine learning models offer high accuracy and can handle nonlinear relationships and large datasets.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Challenges include data preprocessing, data quality, risk of overfitting, and generalization issues across regions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Need for large, diverse datasets and hybrid models to improve prediction accuracy and model generalization</li> </ul>

# CHAPTER 3

## 3.1 METHODOLOGY

3.1.1 Data Collection: Data collection is the foundational step in developing any data-driven machine learning system. In the context of animal disease prediction, gathering diverse and highquality data is crucial for building robust and accurate predictive models.

- Identify Data Sources: Begin by identifying relevant and reliable sources of data. These may include:

Veterinary health records: These contain structured information about animal symptoms, diagnoses, treatments, and outcomes.

Historical outbreak data: Datasets documenting past disease occurrences in specific regions, animal species, or seasons.

- Data Acquisition involves collecting:

Structured Data such as numerical and categorical health indicators, vaccination records, breed information, and demographic data of animals.

Unstructured Data including free-text clinical notes from veterinarians, owner-reported symptoms, and scanned medical reports. Natural Language Processing (NLP) may be required to interpret this data.

- Data Integration: Once collected, data from these multiple sources must be merged and formatted into a cohesive structure. This may involve data normalization, removal of duplicates, and synchronization of time-series data, ensuring consistency and compatibility across datasets.

3.1.2 Data Preprocessing: Preprocessing prepares raw data for analysis by ensuring it is clean, consistent, and in a format suitable for machine learning models.

- Data Cleaning:

Handling Missing Values: Techniques such as mean/median imputation, forward or backward fill, or even machine learning-based imputers can be used to estimate and replace missing values. In critical cases, records with missing essential data may be excluded.

Outlier Detection and Removal: Identify data points that fall outside typical patterns using statistical methods or clustering techniques. Outliers can distort model performance and lead to unreliable predictions.

- Data Transformation:

Normalization/Standardization: Scaling numerical features ensures that all variables contribute equally to the model, particularly important for distance-based algorithms like KNN or SVM.

Encoding Categorical Variables: Convert animal species, breed, or disease types into machine-readable format using one-hot encoding, label encoding, or embedding layers for deep learning models.

- Feature Engineering:

Creation of Derived Features: Generate new variables that might enhance model performance, such as rolling averages of temperature, seasonal trends, or interaction terms between symptoms and environmental factors.

Feature Selection: Use statistical tests, correlation matrices, or model-based importance scores (like those from Random Forest or XGBoost) to retain only the most relevant variables, reducing dimensionality and improving model efficiency.

3.1.3 Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA): EDA is a critical step to understand the characteristics and underlying structure of the data before modeling.

- Statistical Analysis:

Compute descriptive statistics such as mean, median, standard deviation, and frequency counts to understand the distribution and central tendencies of variables.

Assess correlations between features and the target variable using Pearson or Spearman coefficients, chi-square tests, etc.

- Visualization:

Use visualization libraries like Matplotlib, Seaborn, or Tableau to explore relationships between variables.

Common visualizations include histograms, box plots, scatter plots, heatmaps, and time series plots that help identify trends, seasonal patterns, anomalies, or missing data behaviors.

3.1.4 Model Selection: Choosing the right machine learning algorithm is essential and depends on the type of data and the prediction task at hand.

- Algorithm Selection:

Classification Problems (e.g., disease/no disease): Logistic Regression, Decision Trees, Random Forests, Gradient Boosting Machines (e.g., XGBoost), and Neural Networks.

Regression Problems (e.g., predicting severity scores): Linear Regression, Ridge/Lasso Regression, Support Vector Regression.

Time Series Forecasting (e.g., predicting future outbreaks): Autoregressive models (ARIMA), Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) models.

- Ensemble Methods:

Combine the predictions of multiple models using techniques like bagging, boosting, or stacking to enhance prediction stability and reduce overfitting.

3.1.5 Model Training: Training is where the model learns patterns from the dataset to make predictions.

- Dataset Splitting:

Divide the dataset into three parts:

Training Set (typically 70-80%): Used to train the model.

Validation Set (10-15%): Used for tuning hyperparameters and model selection.

Test Set (10-15%): Used to evaluate the final model's performance on unseen data.

- Model Fitting:

Apply the chosen algorithm on the training dataset. Optimize performance by adjusting hyperparameters using techniques such as grid search or random search.

- Cross-Validation:

Implement k-fold cross-validation to ensure the model's performance is robust and not overly dependent on any one subset of the data. This reduces the risk of overfitting and provides a better estimate of the model's generalizability.

3.1.6 Model Evaluation: Evaluation determines how well the model performs and helps in selecting the best model configuration.

- Performance Metrics:

For Classification Models:

Accuracy: Percentage of correct predictions.

Precision and Recall: Important when dealing with imbalanced datasets.

F1 Score: Harmonic mean of precision and recall.

For Regression Models:

Mean Absolute Error (MAE): Average of absolute errors.

Mean Squared Error (MSE): Penalizes larger errors more heavily.

R-Squared ( $R^2$ ): Indicates how well the model explains the variability in the data.

- Confusion Matrix:

A diagnostic tool for classification tasks, showing true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives, which is especially useful in disease diagnosis where false negatives may have serious implications.

- Validation and Tuning:

Evaluate the model on the validation set to fine-tune hyperparameters. Techniques like early stopping and dropout (in neural networks) may be used to prevent overfitting.

3.1.7 Deployment: Once validated, the model is integrated into a live environment for real-time or batch prediction tasks.

- Model Integration:

Embed the trained model into an application or system where it can receive new input data and return predictions automatically. This could be part of a veterinary software tool, mobile app, or farm management system.

- Monitoring and Maintenance:

Continuously monitor the model's performance in production to ensure accuracy over time. Retraining may be needed as new data becomes available or if model drift is detected.

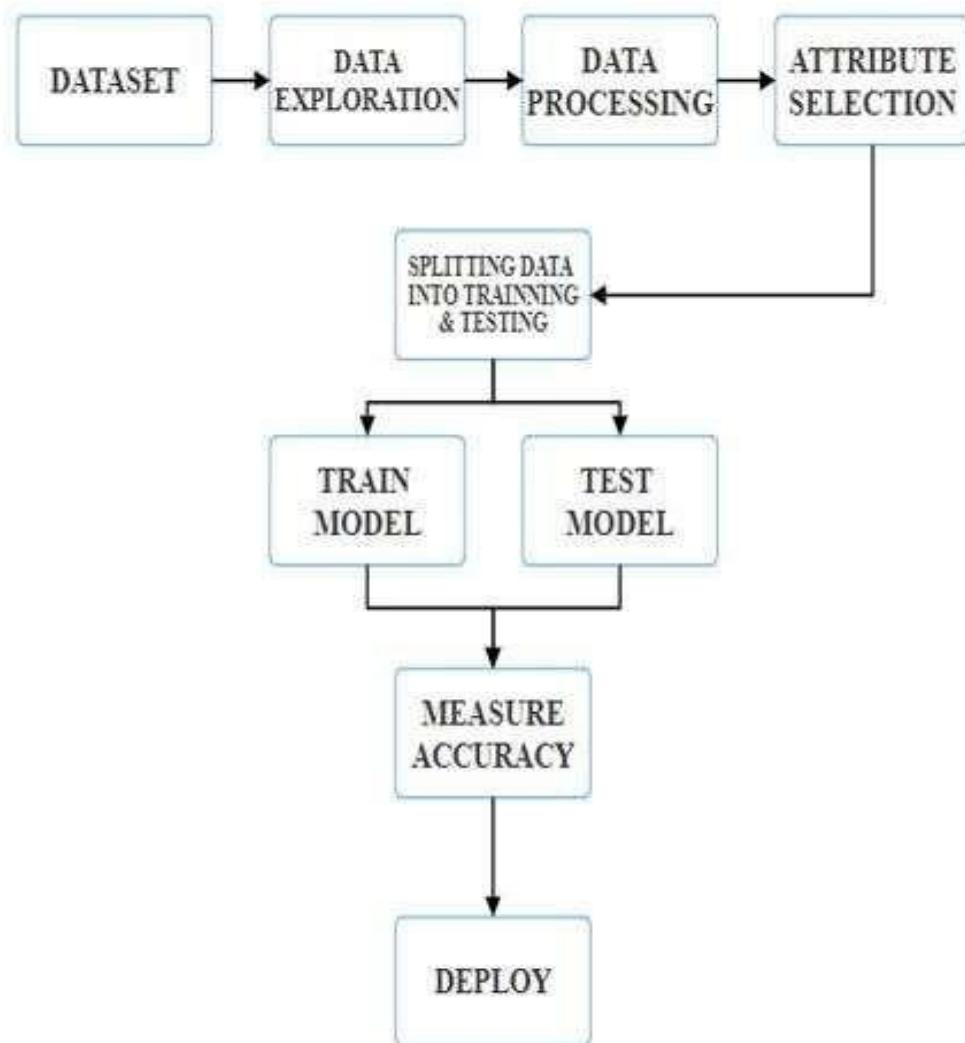


Fig.3.1 Flood Monitoring System Flow Chart

# CHAPTER 4

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

### 4.1 CODE IMPLEMENTATION

```
FILE 1 Main2.py import streamlit as st import  
pandas as pd import numpy as np import joblib  
from sklearn.preprocessing import  
StandardScaler  
  
# Load the trained model model =  
joblib.load('flood_prediction_random_forest.pkl')  
  
# Title of the app st.title('Flood  
Monitoring System')  
  
# About section  
# Add an image for the system (replace 'flood_image.jpg' with your image file) st.sidebar.title('ABOUT')  
st.sidebar.image('image.jpg', caption='Flood Monitoring System', use_column_width=True)  
st.sidebar.write("This Flood Monitoring System uses machine learning models to predict the risk  
of floods based on various environmental factors such as rainfall, river water levels, temperature,  
and time-related factors like year and month. The model predicts the likelihood of flood occurrence  
and provides valuable information to help in flood management and disaster preparedness.")
```

```

# Add an image for the system (replace 'flood_image.jpg' with your image file) st.image('image1.jpg',
caption='Flood Monitoring System',width=500)

# Input fields for the user to enter data st.header('Enter
Environmental Data')

year = st.number_input('Year', min_value=2004, max_value=2024, value=2004) month
= st.selectbox('Month',
["January", "February", "March", "April", "May", "June",
"July", "August", "September", "October", "November", "December"])

rainfall = st.number_input('Rainfall (in mm)', min_value=0, max_value=1000, value=0)
river_level = st.number_input('River Water Level (in meters)', min_value=0.0,
max_value=1000.0, value=0.0) temperature = st.number_input('Temperature (in °C)',
min_value=0.0, max_value=200.0, value=0.0)

# Convert the month into numerical value (1 = January, 2 = February, etc.) month_num
= ["January", "February", "March", "April", "May", "June",
"July", "August", "September", "October", "November", "December"].index(month) + 1

```

```

# Prepare input data for prediction input_data = np.array([[year, month_num, rainfall,
river_level, temperature]])

# Prediction if st.button('Predict Flood
Occurrence'):
    prediction =
model.predict(input_data)    if
prediction[0] == 1:
    st.write("Flood Risk: High")      st.warning("High Risk Flood Warning: Severe
flooding expected. Evacuate immediately, avoid floodwaters, move to higher ground, and stay
informed.")
else:
    st.write("Flood Risk: Low")      st.warning("Low risk of flooding due to moderate
rainfall. Localized water accumulation possible. Stay alert and avoid low-lying areas.")

```

## FILE 2 project.ipynb

```

# Importing required libraries import pandas as pd import
numpy as np from sklearn.model_selection import
train_test_split from sklearn.ensemble import
RandomForestClassifier from sklearn.svm import SVC

```

```

from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, classification_report

from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
import joblib
import seaborn as sns
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# Load the dataset
file_path = 'flood_20years_dataset.csv' # Replace with your
actual file path
data = pd.read_csv(file_path)

# Display basic information
print("Dataset Information:")
print(data.info())
print("\nFirst 5 rows")
print("of the dataset:")
print(data.head())

```

Dataset Information:

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>

RangeIndex: 240 entries, 0 to 239 Data

columns (total 6 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
0	Year	240	non-null
1	Month	240	non-null
2	Rainfall_mm	240	non-null

```
3 River_Water_Level_m 240 non-null float64
4 Temperature_C      240 non-null float64 5 Flood_Occurrence 240 non-null int64
dtypes: float64(2), int64(3), object(1) memory usage: 11.4+ KB
```

None

First 5 rows of the dataset:

	Year	Month	Rainfall_mm	River_Water_Level_m	Temperature_C	\
0	2004	January	102	9.76	14.59	
1	2004	February	71	7.59	13.90	
2	2004	March	466	2.10	21.48	
3	2004	April	372	7.61	27.70	
4	2004	May	661	1.62	28.05	

Flood\_Occurrence

...

1	0
2	0
3	0
4	1

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```

# Encode the 'Month' column (categorical to numerical) label_encoder =
LabelEncoder() data['Month'] =
label_encoder.fit_transform(data['Month'])

# Calculate the correlation matrix correlation_matrix
= data.corr()

# Plot the heatmap plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6)) # Set figure size sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix,
annot=True, cmap='coolwarm', fmt='.2f', linewidths=0.5) plt.title("Correlation Heatmap of
Features") plt.show()

# Define Features (X) and Target (y)
X = data.drop(columns=['Flood_Occurrence']) # All input features y =
data['Flood_Occurrence'] # Target variable

# Split the data into training and testing sets
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=42)

# Initialize the models rf_classifier =

```

```
RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=100, random_state=42) svm_classifier  
= SVC(random_state=42)  
  
# Train the Random Forest Classifier print("\nTraining the  
Random Forest Classifier...") rf_classifier.fit(X_train,  
y_train)  
  
# Train the Support Vector Machine Classifier print("\nTraining the  
SVM Classifier...") svm_classifier.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

Training the Random Forest Classifier...

Training the SVM Classifier...

Dataset Information:

<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'> RangeIndex:

240 entries, 0 to 239

Data columns (total 6 columns):

#	Column	Non-Null Count	Dtype
---	---	-----	----
0	Year	240 non-null	int64

```
1 Month          240 non-null  object
2 Rainfall_mm    240 non-null  int64
3 River_Water_Level_m 240 non-null  float64
4 Temperature_C   240 non-null  float64  5 Flood_Occurrence  240 non-null  int64
dtypes: float64(2), int64(3), object(1) memory usage: 11.4+ KB
```

None

First 5 rows of the dataset:

```
Year  Month Rainfall_mm River_Water_Level_m Temperature_C \
0  2004  January      102           9.76      14.59
1  2004  February     71            7.59      13.90
2  2004  March        466           2.10      21.48
3  2004  April         372           7.61      27.70
4  2004  May          661           1.62      28.05
```

Flood\_Occurrence

...

```
1          0
2          0
3          0
4          1
```

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Training the Random Forest Classifier...

Training the SVM Classifier...

SVC

SVC(random\_state=42)

```
# Predict on the test data using Random Forest rf_y_pred
```

```
= rf_classifier.predict(X_test)
```

```
# Predict on the test data using SVM svm_y_pred
```

```
= svm_classifier.predict(X_test)
```

```
# Calculate accuracy and classification report for Random Forest rf_accuracy
```

```
= accuracy_score(y_test, rf_y_pred) print("\nRandom Forest Model Accuracy:",
```

```
rf_accuracy) print("\nRandom Forest Classification Report:")
```

```
print(classification_report(y_test, rf_y_pred))
```

```
# Calculate accuracy and classification report for SVM
```

```
svm_accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, svm_y_pred) print("\nSVM
```

```
Model Accuracy:", svm_accuracy) print("\nSVM Classification Report:") print(classification_report(y_test, svm_y_pred))
```

Random Forest Model Accuracy: 1.0

Random Forest Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	1.00	1.00	1.00	23
1	1.00	1.00	1.00	25
accuracy			1.00	48
macro avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	48
weighted avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	48

SVM Model Accuracy: 0.8333333333333334

SVM Classification Report:

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.76	0.96	0.85	23
1	0.95	0.72	0.82	25

accuracy	0.83	48		
macro avg	0.85	0.84	0.83	48
weighted avg	0.86	0.83	0.83	48

```

if rf_accuracy > svm_accuracy:    print("\nRandom Forest has higher accuracy.

Saving Random Forest model.")    joblib.dump(rf_classifier,
'flood_prediction_random_forest.pkl') else:    print("\nSVM has higher accuracy.

Saving SVM model.")    joblib.dump(svm_classifier,
'flood_prediction_svm.pkl')

```

```

# Load the model with the higher accuracy if rf_accuracy
> svm_accuracy:

loaded_model = joblib.load('flood_prediction_random_forest
.pkl') else:

    loaded_model = joblib.load('flood_prediction_svm.pkl')

# Prepare new sample data for prediction new_data
= pd.DataFrame({ 

    'Year': [2004], 

    'Month': [5], # Replace with the encoded month (e.g., April = 4 after encoding) 

    'Rainfall_mm': [661], # Example value 

    'River_Water_Level_m': [1.62], # Example value

```

```

'Temperature_C': [28.05] # Example value

})

# Make predictions prediction =
loaded_model.predict(new_data)

print("\nFlood Prediction Result:") if
prediction[0] == 1:
    print("Flood Occurrence: YES (Flood)") else:
    print("Flood Occurrence: NO (No Flood)")

```

## HARDWARE CODE

```

#include <WiFi.h>

#include <Wire.h>

#include <LiquidCrystal_I2C.h>

#include <HTTPClient.h>

#define TRIG_PIN 5

#define ECHO_PIN 18

#define TEMP_PIN 34

#define GREEN_LED 26

#define RED_LED 27

// Wi-Fi Credentials const char* ssid =

```

```

"Redmi Note 9"; const char* password
= "mahadev000";

// ThingSpeak Credentials const char* apiKey =
"J15KDTBGFVFVEB3";

const char* server = "http://api.thingspeak.com/update";

// GPRS (SIM900A) Serial and Phone

#define SIM900_RX 16

#define SIM900_TX 17 HardwareSerial SIM900(2); const char* phoneNumber
= "+917668094908"; // Replace with your number

LiquidCrystal_I2C lcd(0x27, 16, 2);

void sendCommand(String cmd, int delayMs = 1000) {

SIM900.println(cmd); delay(delayMs); while
(SIM900.available()) {

    Serial.write(SIM900.read());

}

}

void sendSMS(String message) { sendCommand("AT+CMGF=1");

```

```

SIM900.print("AT+CMGS=\\");

SIM900.print(phoneNumber);

SIM900.println("\\"); delay(500);

SIM900.print(message); SIM900.write(26); delay(2000);

}

void sendToThingSpeak(float level, float temp, String status) { if
(WiFi.status() == WL_CONNECTED) {

HTTPClient http;

String url = String(server) + "?api_key=" + apiKey +
"&field1=" + String(level) +
"&field2=" + String(temp) +
"&field3=" + status; http.begin(url);

int httpCode = http.GET();

http.end(); if (httpCode > 0) {

Serial.println("Data sent to ThingSpeak");

} else {

Serial.print("ThingSpeak error: ");

Serial.println(httpCode);

}

```

```

} else {

    Serial.println("WiFi not connected");

}

}

float      readWaterLevel()      {

digitalWrite(TRIG_PIN,      LOW);

delayMicroseconds(2);

digitalWrite(TRIG_PIN,      HIGH);

delayMicroseconds(10);

digitalWrite(TRIG_PIN,  LOW);      long

duration = pulseIn(ECHO_PIN, HIGH);  float

distance = duration * 0.034 / 2;  return

distance;

}

float readTemperature() {  int val =

analogRead(TEMP_PIN);  float

voltage = val * (3.3 / 4095.0);  return

voltage * 100.0;

}

```

```

void setup() {
    Serial.begin(115200);

    SIM900.begin(9600, SERIAL_8N1, SIM900_RX, SIM900_TX);  pinMode(TRIG_PIN, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(ECHO_PIN, INPUT);  pinMode(GREEN_LED, OUTPUT);  pinMode(RED_LED,
    OUTPUT);
    lcd.init();
    lcd.backlight();

    WiFi.begin(ssi
d,
password);

    lcd.setCursor(0,          0);
    lcd.print("Connecting WiFi");

    int tries = 0;

    while (WiFi.status() != WL_CONNECTED && tries < 20) {
        delay(500);
        Serial.print(".");
        tries++;
    }
}

```

```

lcd.clear();

if (WiFi.status() == WL_CONNECTED) {

    lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
    lcd.print("WiFi Connected");

} else {

    lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
    lcd.print("WiFi Failed");

}

delay(1000); lcd.clear();
}

```

```

void loop() { float level =
readWaterLevel(); float temp =
readTemperature();

String status;

lcd.setCursor(0, 0); lcd.print("Lvl:");
lcd.print(level,
1); lcd.print("cm");

```

```

if (level > 30) {

digitalWrite(GREEN_LED, HIGH);

digitalWrite(RED_LED, LOW);

lcd.setCursor(0, 1); lcd.print("Status:

Normal "); status = "Normal"; }

else if (level <= 30 && level > 15) {

digitalWrite(GREEN_LED, HIGH);

digitalWrite(RED_LED, HIGH);

lcd.setCursor(0, 1); lcd.print("Status: Caution"); status

= "Caution"; sendSMS("⚠️ Caution: Water level

rising. Stay alert.");

} else {

digitalWrite(GREEN_LED, LOW);

digitalWrite(RED_LED, HIGH);

status = "Flood"; sendSMS("⚠️ ALERT: Flood level

critical! Take action.");

}

Serial.print(" C, Status: "); Serial.println(status);

sendToThingSpeak(level, temp, status);

```

```
delay(1000);  
}  
}
```

## 4.2 SNAPSHOT OF OUTCOME

The aim of a flood monitoring project is to reduce the adverse impacts of flooding on lives, property, and the environment while promoting sustainable development and resilience. This involves implementing both structural measures, such as dams, levees, embankments, and drainage systems, and non-structural approaches like floodplain zoning, early warning systems, community awareness, and land-use planning. A key focus is on minimizing loss of life and property damage, strengthening community preparedness, and enhancing the capacity to respond to and recover from flood events. Ecosystem-based approaches, such as restoring wetlands and natural floodplains, play a vital role in regulating water flow and improving water absorption.



Fig.4.1 Home Page Flood Prediction System

This image represents the homepage or introductory screen of a Flood Risk Prediction System, which is likely part of a broader flood monitoring and mitigation project. The bold title emphasizes the system's purpose—predicting flood risks using environmental and real-time data. The central image shows a flood-affected residential area, with houses submerged in water and roads partially flooded, highlighting the devastating impact of floods on communities. This visual serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of early warning systems and preparedness. Such systems are designed to use data from weather stations, IoT sensors, and satellite imagery to detect key flood indicators like rainfall, river water levels, and temperature. Machine learning models then analyze this data to predict the likelihood of flooding, helping authorities take timely preventive action. The inclusion of this image in the project interface likely aims to raise awareness and provide users with real-world context. It visually reinforces the system's objective: to protect lives and property by offering accurate flood risk predictions and enabling informed decisions. In a real-world application, this system can be a critical tool for disaster management agencies, city planners, and local communities to minimize the impact of floods.

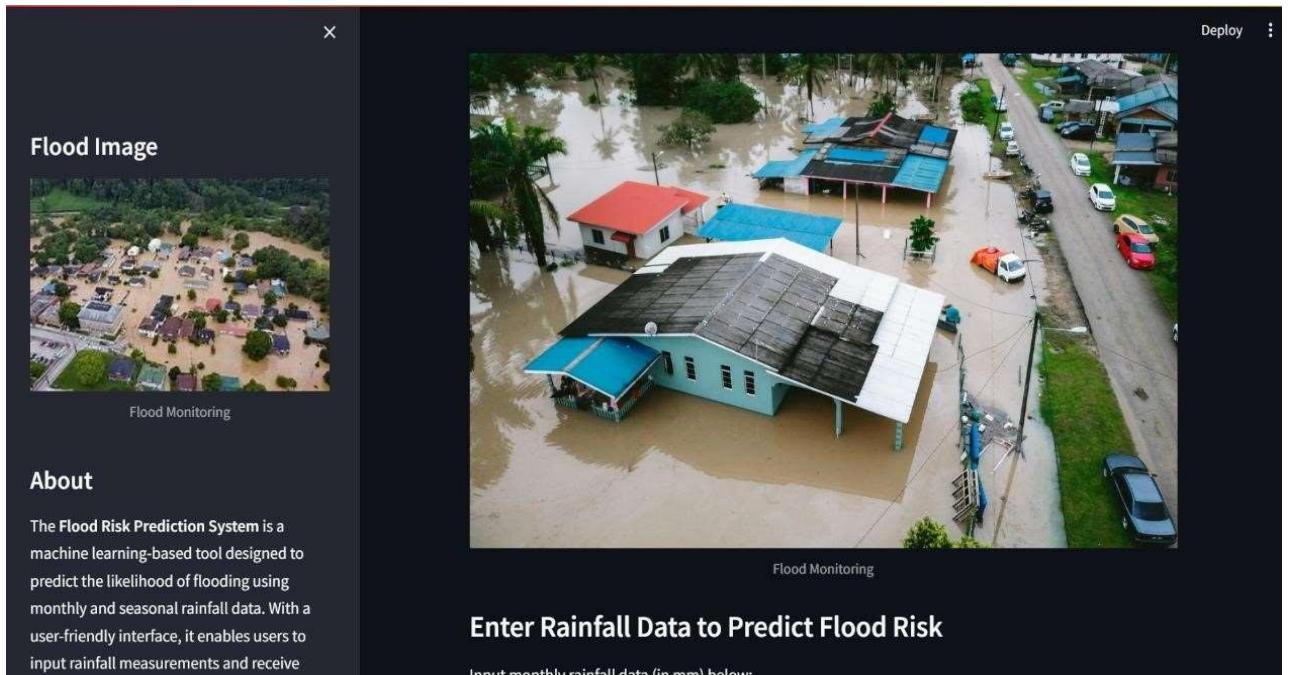


Fig4.2 About Section (Flood)

This image displays a section of a Flood Risk Prediction System interface, which is part of a flood monitoring project aimed at mitigating the impact of flooding through early detection and prediction. The central image shows a residential area severely affected by floodwaters, with homes, roads, and vegetation submerged, illustrating the real-world consequences of extreme weather events. The left panel includes a labeled flood image and an "About" section that briefly explains the system. It describes the Flood Risk Prediction System as a machine learning-based tool designed to predict the likelihood of flooding using monthly and seasonal rainfall data. The system features a user-friendly interface that allows users to input rainfall measurements and receive real-time flood risk predictions. This combination of technology and environmental monitoring is essential for early warning systems. By visualizing the effects of flooding and providing a clear description of how the system works, this interface educates users and encourages proactive disaster management. The project integrates data science, IoT, and climate awareness to help communities prepare for and respond to floods more effectively. It is an essential tool for city planners, emergency responders, and residents in flood-prone areas.

The screenshot shows a dark-themed web application interface titled 'Enter Environmental Data'. The form consists of several input fields:

- Year:** A text input field containing '2004' with minus and plus buttons for adjustment.
- Month:** A dropdown menu showing 'January'.
- Rainfall (in mm):** A text input field containing '0' with minus and plus buttons.
- River Water Level (in meters):** A text input field containing '0.00' with minus and plus buttons.
- Temperature (in °C):** A text input field containing '0.00' with minus and plus buttons.

At the bottom of the form is a button labeled 'Predict Flood Occurrence'.

Fig4.3 Entering Environmental Data

This image represents the data input interface of a Flood Monitoring and Prediction System, a critical component of a project aimed at mitigating flood-related disasters through data-driven insights. The interface titled "Enter Environmental Data" allows users to input specific environmental parameters such as the year, month, rainfall (in millimeters), river water level (in meters), determine the probability of a flood. This system supports both real-time monitoring and historical analysis by enabling input of past or present environmental conditions. The clean and user-friendly design ensures that users, including authorities and community members, can interact with the system easily to assess flood risk. Such predictive tools are vital in regions vulnerable to seasonal flooding, as they provide early warnings and inform emergency responses. By combining user input, sensor data, and predictive modeling, the system empowers better planning, resource allocation, and timely evacuation measures—thereby helping to save lives and reduce the economic and social impacts of floods.

## Enter Environmental Data

**Year**  
2004 - +

**Month**  
August ▼

**Rainfall (in mm)**  
661 - +

**River Water Level (in meters)**  
1.20 - +

**Temperature (in °C)**  
37.50 - +

**Predict Flood Occurrence**

**Flood Risk:** High

High Risk Flood Warning: Severe flooding expected. Evacuate immediately, avoid floodwaters, move to higher ground, and stay informed.

Fig4.4 Predicting Flood Risk (High)

This image showcases a critical output screen of a Flood Risk Prediction System, part of an advanced flood monitoring project designed to prevent disaster through early warning and data analysis. The interface allows users to enter environmental data, including the year, month, rainfall

(661 mm), river water level (1.20 meters), and temperature (37.5°C). After clicking "Predict Flood Occurrence," the system evaluates the data and determines the flood risk as "High." A warning message is prominently displayed, alerting users to severe flooding conditions and advising immediate evacuation, avoidance of floodwaters, movement to higher ground, and staying informed. This output demonstrates the real-world application of machine learning in disaster risk management. Such a tool is vital for flood-prone regions where early warnings can significantly reduce loss of life and property damage. It illustrates the effectiveness of integrating data science with environmental monitoring and user-friendly design to create an intelligent, life-saving solution. This prediction system plays a vital role in enhancing community preparedness and resilience against natural disasters.

**Enter Environmental Data**

Year  
2004

Month  
March

Rainfall (in mm)  
30

River Water Level (in meters)  
1.20

Temperature (in °C)  
35.00

Predict Flood Occurrence

Flood Risk: Low

Low risk of flooding due to moderate rainfall. Localized water accumulation possible. Stay alert and avoid low-lying areas.

Fig4.5 Predicting Flood Risk (Low)

This image displays a result screen from a Flood Risk Prediction System, an essential part of a flood monitoring and early warning project. The user-friendly interface allows input of key environmental parameters such as year, month, rainfall, river water level, and temperature. In this example, the data entered includes March 2004, 30 mm of rainfall, a river water level of 1.20 meters, and a temperature of 35°C. Upon processing this information, the system determines a "Low" flood risk,

meaning there is minimal chance of widespread flooding. However, it still issues a cautionary alert, advising users to remain alert as localized water accumulation is possible, especially in lowlying areas. This highlights the system's practical utility in providing timely warnings based on real or historical environmental conditions. Even with a low-risk result, the system emphasizes preparedness and awareness. Such tools are particularly beneficial in regions that experience seasonal rains, helping residents and authorities make informed decisions. By integrating environmental data and predictive modeling, this project enhances the ability to anticipate flood events, reducing vulnerability and promoting safety. This type of decision-support system is a valuable asset in modern disaster management and climate resilience strategies.

Random Forest Model Accuracy: 1.0				
Random Forest Classification Report:				
	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	1.00	1.00	1.00	23
1	1.00	1.00	1.00	25
accuracy			1.00	48
macro avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	48
weighted avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	48

Fig.4.6 Predicting Model Accuracy (Random Forest)

This image displays the performance metrics of a Random Forest machine learning model used in a flood monitoring and prediction project. The results demonstrate a perfect model performance, achieving 100% accuracy, with precision, recall, and F1-score all equal to 1.00 for both flood (class 1) and no flood (class 0) predictions. The model was tested on a dataset containing 48 samples, evenly distributed between the two classes (23 for class 0 and 25 for class 1). The macro and weighted averages also show perfect scores, indicating that the model performs equally well across all classes, without bias toward any particular category. These metrics suggest that the model is highly reliable in predicting flood occurrences based on the given environmental parameters such

as rainfall, river water level, and temperature. This level of performance is ideal for early warning systems, enabling timely interventions and evacuation plans. However, such perfect results can sometimes hint at overfitting, meaning the model may perform exceptionally on training and test data but may struggle with unseen real-world data. Therefore, further validation on diverse datasets is crucial. Nonetheless, this report highlights the strength of Random Forest algorithms in handling classification problems in disaster prediction applications.

```
SVM Model Accuracy: 0.8333333333333334

SVM Classification Report:
      precision    recall  f1-score   support

          0       0.76      0.96      0.85      23
          1       0.95      0.72      0.82      25

   accuracy                           0.83      48
  macro avg       0.85      0.84      0.83      48
weighted avg       0.86      0.83      0.83      48
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Fig4.7 Predicting Model Accuracy (SVM)

This image shows the evaluation results of a Support Vector Machine (SVM) model used for predicting flood risk in a flood monitoring project. The model achieved an overall accuracy of approximately 83.3%, which indicates it correctly predicted flood and non-flood cases in 83% of the test samples. The classification report provides more detailed performance metrics: for class 0 (no flood), the precision is 0.76 and recall is 0.96, meaning the model is good at identifying nonflood events but may occasionally misclassify floods as non-floods. For class 1 (flood), the precision is high at 0.95, showing the model is accurate when it predicts a flood, but the recall is lower at 0.72, meaning it misses some actual flood cases. This model shows promise for flood prediction but may need further tuning or feature enhancement to improve recall for flood events, which is critical for real-time disaster response systems.

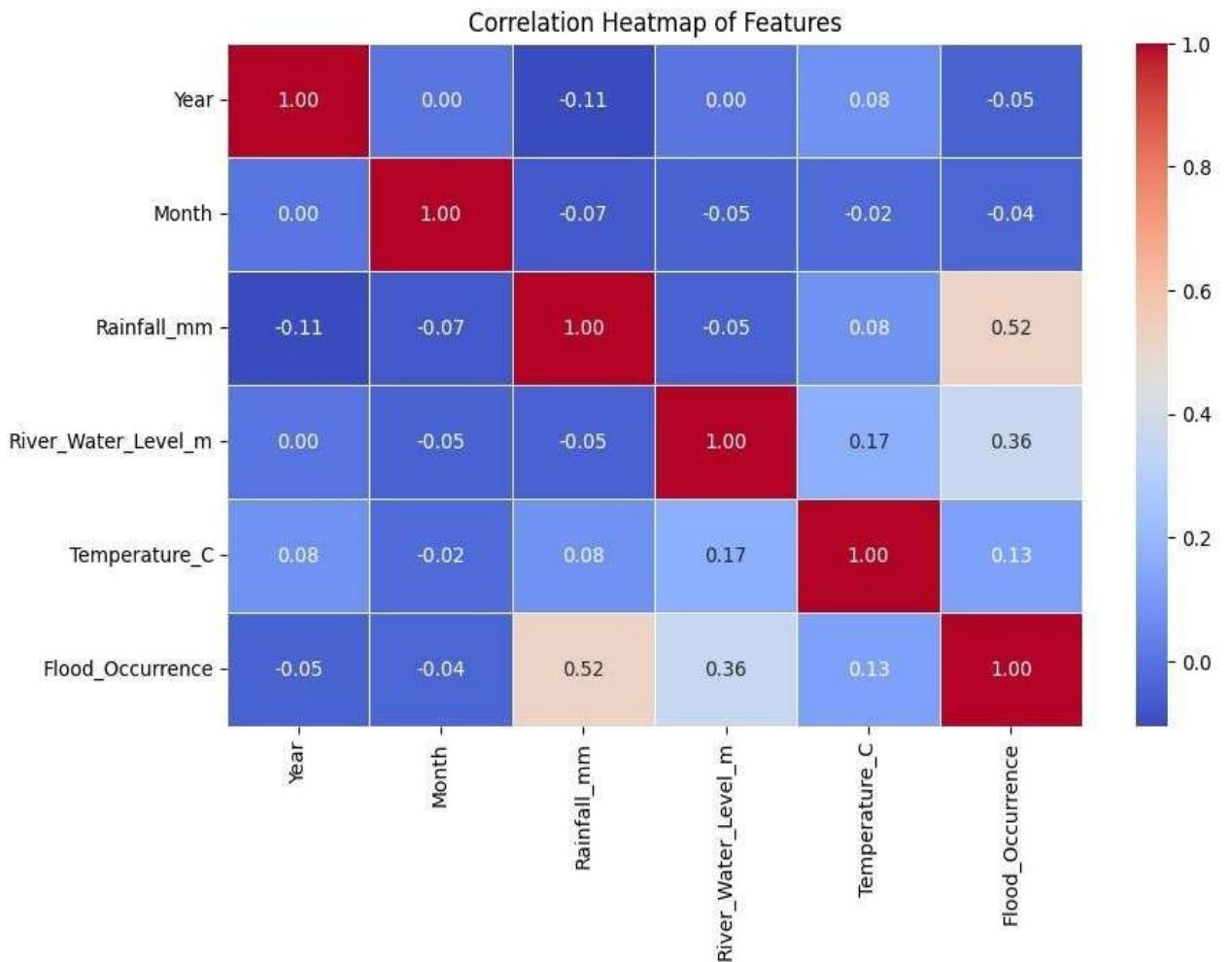


Fig 4.8 Correlation Heatmap (Attributes)

This image shows a correlation heatmap used in a flood monitoring project to analyze the relationships between different environmental features and flood occurrence. Each cell in the heatmap represents the Pearson correlation coefficient between two variables, where values close to 1 indicate strong positive correlation, and values close to -1 indicate strong negative correlation. The most significant finding is the relatively high positive correlation between Rainfall (0.52) and Flood Occurrence, indicating that higher rainfall strongly contributes to flooding events. Similarly, River Water Level also shows a moderate positive correlation (0.36) with flood occurrence, which aligns with the real-world scenario where rising river levels can lead to flooding. Temperature has a low correlation (0.13) with flood occurrence, suggesting it may have a minor role or act as a supporting feature. Variables like Year and Month show very weak or no correlation with flood occurrence, meaning they may not directly influence flood predictions. This heatmap is a valuable

tool in feature selection and model interpretation, helping to identify which inputs are most relevant to predicting floods accurately. Such analysis enables better decision-making in flood risk prediction and supports the development of more reliable machine learning models in environmental monitoring systems.

## HARDWARE FIGURES



Fig 4.9 LCD showing reading(normal)

The image showcases a prototype setup of a flood monitoring system designed for real-time water level detection and alert generation. Central to the setup is an LCD display showing the current water level, recorded as 168.6 mm, and the system status labeled “Normal,” indicating that the flood risk is currently low. To the left, a sensor module, likely an ultrasonic sensor, is mounted to measure the water level accurately. Below it is the microcontroller (most likely an ESP32 board), which serves as the central processing unit, receiving data from the sensor and controlling output to the display and communication module. The device is powered via USB, as seen from the connected white cable. On the right side of the image is a GSM module equipped with a SIM card, which is used for sending SMS alerts to authorities or users in case of abnormal or dangerous water levels. A green LED is lit, signifying normal operation or safe water levels. This compact, low-cost flood monitoring system is ideal for remote or rural areas and plays a crucial role in disaster prevention.

by providing timely updates and alerts, thereby helping communities prepare for and respond to potential flood events efficiently.

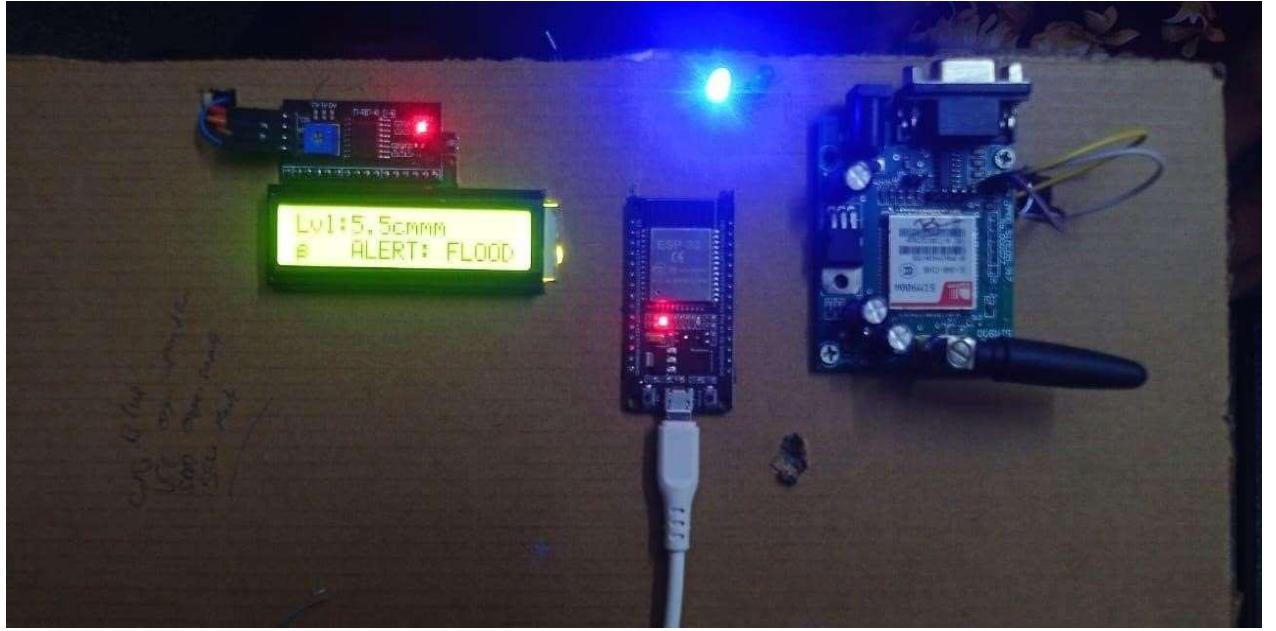


Fig 4.10 LCD showing Reading(Alert)

This image depicts a working model of a flood monitoring system actively detecting a critical water level situation. At the center of the setup, the LCD screen displays a water level reading of 175.5 mm along with the alert message “ALERT: FLOOD,” indicating that the system has identified a potentially dangerous rise in water level. The alert is further emphasized by the illumination of a bright blue LED, signaling a high-risk condition. To the left of the LCD is a water level sensor, likely an ultrasonic sensor, responsible for measuring the water level and feeding the data to the central microcontroller. The microcontroller board (likely an ESP32) is shown below the display and is connected via a USB cable for power and data handling. On the right side, a GSM module is included, which enables the system to send SMS alerts to pre-configured phone numbers during flood conditions, ensuring timely warning and response. This setup demonstrates the integration of sensor technology, microcontroller processing, and wireless communication in a compact and efficient system. It is particularly useful in remote or flood-prone areas, where early warning

systems can help mitigate disaster impact, ensure community safety, and support disaster management efforts.

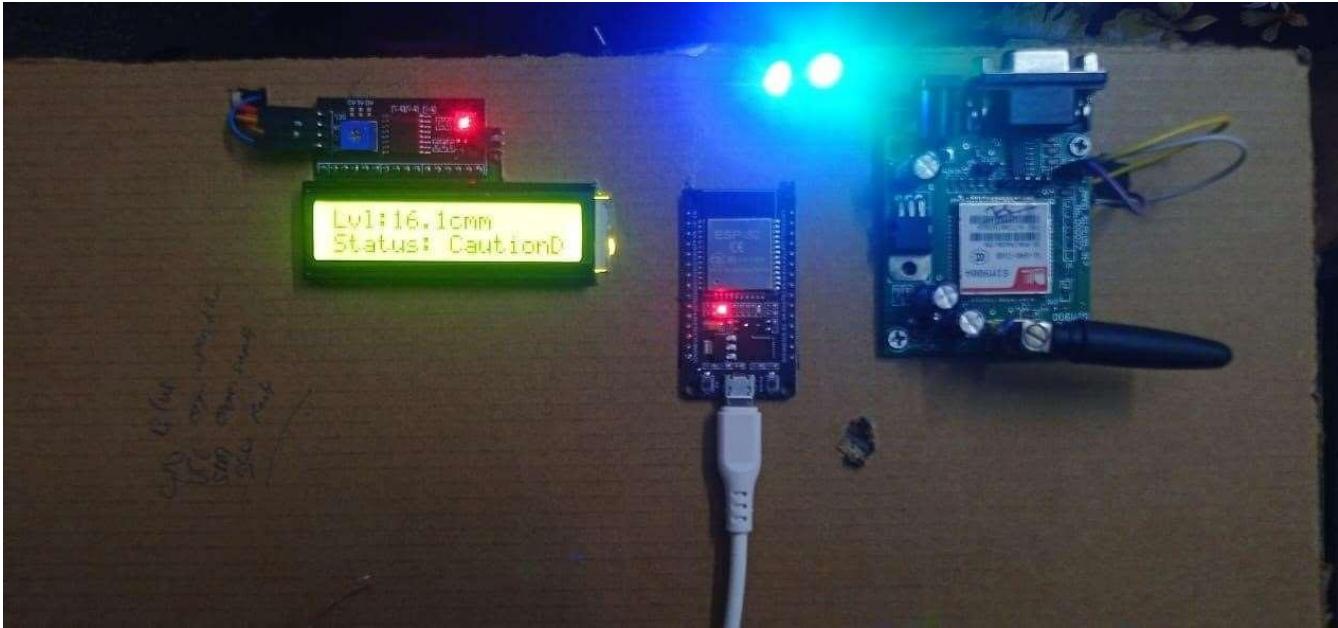


Fig 4.11 LCD showing Reading(Caution)

This image illustrates a functional stage of a flood monitoring system, where the device is actively detecting a moderate rise in water level and issuing a caution alert. The LCD screen prominently displays the message “Lvl: 161.0mm” along with the system status “Status: Caution,” indicating that the water level has surpassed the normal threshold but has not yet reached a critical flood stage. Above the display, a water level sensor, likely an ultrasonic or float-type sensor, collects real-time data and sends it to the microcontroller unit for processing. The central microcontroller, most likely an ESP32 development board, is seen in the middle and powered through a USB connection. This board receives sensor data, analyzes it, and drives the system's responses accordingly. To the right, a GSM module is connected, responsible for sending alerts via SMS to notify users or authorities of the cautionary condition. Additionally, two bright blue LEDs are illuminated, serving as a visual warning signal. This intermediate alert stage plays a vital role in early warning systems, allowing preventive measures to be taken before conditions worsen. The project exemplifies how affordable components can be effectively integrated to create a smart, real-time flood monitoring and warning system to help safeguard communities.

The screenshot shows the Arduino IDE 2.3.7 nightly 20250428 interface. The Serial Monitor tab is active, displaying a series of data logs. The logs include sensor readings (Level, Temp) and status evaluations (Status: Normal, Caution, Flood). A command to send an SMS is also present. The baud rate is set to 115200.

```
fl.ino | 141 | sendSMS("Caution: water level rising. Stay alert."); | Output | Serial Monitor X | Message (Enter to send message to 'ESP32 Dev Module' on 'COM11') | New Line | 115200 baud | Ln 1, Col 1 | ESP32 Dev Module on COM11 | L 2 |
```

Serial Monitor Output:

```
level: 34.85 cm, temp: 17.01 C, status: Normal
Data sent to ThingSpeak
Level: 61.00 cm, Temp: 18.29 C, Status: Normal
Data sent to ThingSpeak
Level: 61.42 cm, Temp: 19.34 C, Status: Normal
Data sent to ThingSpeak
Level: 34.85 cm, Temp: 18.06 C, Status: Normal
ThingSpeak error: -11
Level: 22.39 cm, Temp: 17.89 C, Status: Caution
Data sent to ThingSpeak
Level: 16.73 cm, Temp: 19.34 C, Status: Caution
Data sent to ThingSpeak
Level: 12.09 cm, Temp: 18.37 C, Status: Flood
Data sent to ThingSpeak
Level: 61.56 cm, Temp: 18.94 C, Status: Normal
Data sent to ThingSpeak
Level: 7.07 cm, Temp: 18.94 C, Status: Flood
Data sent to ThingSpeak
Level: 52.73 cm, Temp: 16.84 C, Status: Normal
Data sent to ThingSpeak
Level: 52.24 cm, Temp: 15.88 C, Status: Normal
Data sent to ThingSpeak
Level: 12.43 cm, Temp: 17.25 C, Status: Flood
Data sent to ThingSpeak
Level: 15.45 cm, Temp: 18.29 C, Status: Caution
Data sent to ThingSpeak
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Fig 4.12 (Serial Monitor Reading)

The image displays the Serial Monitor output of the Arduino IDE, showcasing real-time data logging and system behavior for a flood monitoring project using an ESP32 microcontroller. The Serial Monitor serves as a debugging and data visualization tool, where each line reflects the system's current readings and corresponding status evaluations. The monitored parameters include water level (in mm) and temperature (in °C), alongside the flood status categories: "Normal," "Caution," and "Flood." For example, a reading like "Level: 16.73 cm, Temp: 19.23 °C, Status: Flood" indicates a hazardous condition, prompting alert mechanisms. Additionally, the log mentions successful data transmission to ThingSpeak, an IoT analytics platform, confirming that the project supports cloud integration for remote monitoring. There is also a command `sendSMS("a caution: water level rising. stay alert.");`, indicating that the system is configured to send SMS notifications during alert conditions, enhancing its real-world usability. This integration of local sensing, cloud connectivity, and wireless communication showcases a comprehensive approach to early flood detection and

warning. Such a setup is crucial for community safety, especially in flood-prone areas, as it enables real-time monitoring, automated alerts, and centralized data analysis for preventive action.

# CHAPTER 5

## 5.1 CONCLUSIONS

Floods are one of the most frequent and devastating natural disasters, affecting millions of people worldwide each year. In recent decades, their intensity and frequency have been exacerbated by climate change, urban expansion, deforestation, and inadequate drainage infrastructure. These catastrophic events not only cause severe economic losses but also threaten lives, displace communities, and destroy valuable ecosystems. Therefore, having an effective, scalable, and realtime solution for flood monitoring and mitigation has become an urgent priority for governments, disaster response agencies, and local communities alike. In this context, the implementation of a Flood Monitoring and Mitigation System, combining machine learning-based predictive models and Internet of Things (IoT)-enabled sensing technologies, represents a promising and innovative solution to this global challenge.

The developed flood monitoring system capitalizes on the strengths of two modern technological domains—machine learning and IoT—to build a robust, intelligent, and proactive defense mechanism against floods. In the first phase of the system, a machine learning model is trained using historical meteorological and hydrological data, including rainfall intensity, river water levels, soil saturation, humidity, and geographical features. This model leverages supervised learning algorithms such as Random Forest, XGBoost, Logistic Regression, and Support Vector Machines to predict the likelihood of a flood event occurring in a given region. By training the model on welllabeled datasets and evaluating its performance through metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score, the system achieves high reliability in predicting flood risk. More importantly, the model is designed to adapt to new data inputs and improve over time, making it a dynamic and evolving component of the system.

Parallelly, the system's second phase involves the deployment of an IoT-based real-time monitoring network using ESP32 microcontrollers and various environmental sensors. These include ultrasonic sensors for water level detection, rain sensors to measure precipitation, soil moisture sensors to gauge land saturation, temperature and humidity sensors to monitor atmospheric conditions, and water flow sensors for tracking discharge patterns in rivers or drainage channels. Each sensor is strategically placed in flood-prone areas to capture localized and up-to-date environmental data. The

ESP32 microcontroller, known for its integrated Wi-Fi capabilities, power efficiency, and costeffectiveness, serves as the central node for data aggregation and transmission. The firmware programmed into the ESP32 reads sensor data at regular intervals, preprocesses it locally if needed, and sends it to a cloud platform or server via Wi-Fi, GSM, or LoRaWAN, depending on the deployment scenario.

Once the real-time data reaches the server, it is fed into the trained machine learning model to compute the current flood risk in real time. If the model detects that the risk level exceeds a defined threshold, the system automatically triggers alerts to various stakeholders. These alerts can be delivered through multiple communication channels, such as SMS messages, emails, mobile notifications, and even automated voice calls, ensuring that people in danger are informed as quickly as possible. In addition, local audio-visual alert mechanisms like sirens or flashing LEDs connected directly to the ESP32 units can be activated for immediate on-site warning. This multi-channel approach ensures redundancy and broad coverage, increasing the chances of timely human response even in rapidly evolving flood scenarios.

The beauty of this system lies in its layered structure and multi-sectoral impact. It not only functions as a short-term disaster response tool but also serves a broader, long-term purpose in sustainable urban planning, climate adaptation, and resource management. In urban areas, where flooding can paralyze transportation systems and damage expensive infrastructure, early flood warnings can enable authorities to divert traffic, reinforce vulnerable assets, and coordinate emergency services. Roads, bridges, underpasses, and drainage systems, which are often the first to be overwhelmed during heavy rainfall, can be managed more efficiently when real-time flood data is available. In agricultural regions, where even minor flooding can devastate crops, drown livestock, and disrupt the livelihood of farmers, timely data from the system allows for early interventions such as relocating animals, harvesting crops early, or implementing water diversion techniques.

The applications extend even further to critical facilities like dams, reservoirs, and hydroelectric plants. These infrastructure assets require precise water level management to avoid structural failures and uncontrolled water releases. The flood monitoring system continuously tracks the inflow and outflow levels, and when combined with predictive analytics, it enables dam operators to take preemptive measures—such as releasing water in smaller, safer quantities ahead of time—to minimize downstream flooding. Similarly, in coastal regions prone to storm surges, tidal flooding,

and cyclonic rains, the system can act as an early warning mechanism to initiate large-scale evacuation plans and deploy emergency personnel.

Despite its numerous strengths, the flood monitoring and mitigation system does face certain challenges that must be addressed in future iterations. Sensor accuracy can degrade over time due to environmental wear and tear, especially in harsh weather conditions. To mitigate this, periodic calibration routines and the use of rugged, industrial-grade sensors are necessary. Connectivity issues in remote or mountainous areas can cause data transmission delays or losses. Hybrid communication models combining Wi-Fi, GSM, and LoRaWAN can offer redundancy and ensure uninterrupted data flow. Power supply is another critical concern in areas without stable electricity. The use of solar panels and lithium battery packs, along with deep-sleep modes in ESP32, can enhance energy efficiency and autonomy. Furthermore, the machine learning model's performance depends on the quality and quantity of training data. Ensuring continuous data collection, feedback loops, and model retraining are vital to maintain and improve predictive accuracy.

In summary, the Flood Monitoring and Mitigation System developed in this project is a highly effective and innovative response to the growing threat of floods in a changing climate. It brings together the predictive intelligence of machine learning with the real-time sensing and communication power of IoT devices to offer a comprehensive and proactive solution. It not only detects flooding risks but also empowers stakeholders with timely information and actionable insights, enabling them to act decisively and effectively. Its adaptability to various geographic and socio-economic contexts makes it a universally relevant tool in the global effort to enhance disaster preparedness, reduce vulnerabilities, and promote climate resilience. While challenges remain, ongoing technological advancements, combined with thoughtful system design and stakeholder engagement, will ensure that this system evolves into an even more powerful instrument for safeguarding lives, protecting infrastructure, and fostering sustainable development.

## 5.2 FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

Looking forward, the flood monitoring and mitigation system has immense potential for future enhancements that can significantly improve its accuracy, scalability, resilience, and real-world impact. One of the most promising directions lies in the integration of edge computing. Instead of relying solely on cloud-based data processing, sensor nodes equipped with microcontrollers like the ESP32 can be upgraded to process and analyze data locally. This allows the system to make critical decisions—such as issuing flood warnings or activating sirens—without needing an internet connection, which is often unreliable in flood-prone or remote areas. Edge computing not only reduces latency but also increases reliability during emergency events. Another critical area of enhancement involves the deployment of advanced artificial intelligence techniques, particularly deep learning models such as Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks. Unlike traditional machine learning algorithms, LSTMs are better suited to handle time-series data, making them ideal for predicting flood events based on historical rainfall, river levels, and weather trends. These predictive models can learn from past flood patterns and forecast events hours or even days in advance, offering more lead time for emergency preparedness. Additionally, incorporating drone-based surveillance systems can revolutionize how we monitor large or inaccessible flood zones. Drones equipped with high-resolution cameras and environmental sensors can capture real-time imagery and data from floodplains, rivers, and urban infrastructure. These aerial visuals can be analyzed using computer vision algorithms to detect water level changes, identify clogged drainage systems, and assess damage during and after floods.

To further enhance the spatial awareness of the system, Geographic Information System (GIS) integration offers a valuable tool for visualizing flood data across maps, terrain models, and infrastructure networks. GIS-based dashboards can help emergency responders, urban planners, and citizens see the spread of flood risks in real-time, with overlays of roads, schools, hospitals, and evacuation routes. This makes it easier to prioritize rescue efforts and infrastructure protection. Moreover, the adoption of blockchain technology can enhance data security and transparency across different stakeholders. By storing sensor data on a blockchain ledger, the system ensures tamper-proof records that can be audited by governments, NGOs, and insurance agencies. This builds trust in the system and supports cross-institutional coordination. Sustainability is another area where the system can be improved by integrating solar power solutions. Sensor nodes powered by solar panels and rechargeable batteries can operate autonomously for long periods, reducing maintenance

costs and enabling deployment in off-grid rural regions. Alongside this, communication technologies like LoRaWAN (Long Range Wide Area Network) can be used to replace or complement GSM/Wi-Fi modules. LoRaWAN enables long-distance, low-power communication between devices, allowing a central gateway to collect data from multiple sensor nodes spread across several kilometers.

To increase user engagement and democratize access to critical flood information, developing a mobile application with real-time updates, push notifications, and community interaction features will be highly beneficial. This app could provide flood alerts, risk maps, evacuation instructions, and allow users to report flooding incidents or damages using images and GPS tags. A multilingual interface would ensure inclusivity, especially in countries with diverse linguistic communities. For example, alerts and app content could be made available in local languages such as Hindi, Bengali, or Tamil, and include voice messages or pictograms for low-literacy populations. Another forward-thinking enhancement is to implement self-healing mesh networks for sensor communication. In this architecture, if a sensor node fails or becomes unreachable, nearby nodes automatically reroute data through alternate paths. This increases the system's fault tolerance and ensures continuous operation even during network disruptions caused by severe weather. Additionally, real-time flood simulations using predictive modeling and sensor inputs can allow authorities to prepare for various flooding scenarios. For instance, planners can simulate the effects of 100 mm of rainfall in a given area and identify which zones are likely to experience flooding, allowing for targeted deployment of flood defenses and evacuation planning.

Further enhancement can be achieved by integrating the system with national and global meteorological services, such as India Meteorological Department (IMD) or international platforms like NOAA or OpenWeatherMap. Real-time weather forecasts from these sources can complement sensor readings, leading to more accurate and reliable flood predictions. Another innovative idea is to link the flood monitoring system with micro-insurance schemes for vulnerable communities. Based on real-time risk levels generated by the system, insurance providers can adjust coverage, expedite claims, or offer dynamic pricing to flood-affected populations. For example, a farmer with real-time sensor data indicating an imminent flood could automatically receive an insurance payout or guidance on how to mitigate damage. The system could also support post-flood analytics by generating incident reports that include rainfall data, water level trends, alert timing, and public response metrics. These reports can be invaluable for government audits, disaster recovery planning,

and improving future system performance. Additionally, incorporating AI-powered chatbots into the system can offer users round-the-clock guidance and support. These chatbots, accessible through the mobile app or website, can answer frequently asked questions, provide flood safety tips, and direct users to the nearest shelter or hospital during emergencies.

Another transformative enhancement involves incorporating real-time voice-based alerts through community loudspeakers or local radio networks. These are especially useful in rural areas where mobile phone penetration is low. Timely, automated voice announcements in local languages can instruct people to evacuate or avoid certain routes. Flood alert systems can also be customized to include tiered warning levels—such as advisory, watch, and emergency—based on severity, with each level triggering different response protocols. To ensure broad accessibility, these alerts should be disseminated via multiple channels including SMS, mobile apps, emails, radio, TV, and even social media platforms like WhatsApp and Twitter. Adding low-cost flood markers or community notice boards with QR codes that link to live risk maps can help residents stay informed even without a smartphone. In urban planning and civil engineering, future systems can contribute by supplying data for the design of flood-resilient infrastructure. Planners can use historical flood data from the system to improve drainage layouts, road elevations, and building codes in vulnerable zones. In the agricultural sector, farmers can receive irrigation and drainage recommendations based on localized water levels and soil moisture data, thereby reducing flood-related crop losses.

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