Arduino Based Microcontroller-Driven Indoor Hydroponic Fodder System

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***Abstract*—Hydroponics is a modern, soil-free farming technique that allows for high-efficiency plant cultivation in controlled environments. The Microcontroller-Driven Indoor Hydroponic Fodder System integrates IoT technology, real-time monitoring, and automation to enhance the efficiency and sustainability of indoor farming. This research focuses on the implementation of ESP8266/ESP32 microcontrollers, various sensors, and cloud-based data management (Firebase) to optimize the growing conditions for fodder production. The system ensures real-time monitoring of temperature, humidity, water levels, TDS (Total Dissolved Solids), and CO2 levels, providing automated control over essential growth factors such as lighting, irrigation, and ventilation.[2] The results indicate that automated hydroponic systems significantly improve resource efficiency, reduce labor dependency, and enhance crop yield. Future advancements in AI-based optimization and solar powered energy sources could further enhance this system's effectiveness. [1]**

***Index Terms*—Motivation, Problem statement, Methods, Results, and Implications**

I. Introduction

A. Background information

Hydroponic farming addresses global challenges such as climate change, urbanization, and resource depletion by offering a sustainable, soil-free cultivation method. Using Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA), crops can be grown year-round, anywhere, regardless of weather or soil quality. This is especially beneficial for regions with poor soil and water scarcity, such as sub-Saharan Africa.[2]

Instead of soil, water-based nutrient solutions combined with substrates like perlite, vermiculite, or coconut coir sustain plant growth. Hydroponic systems are widely used by commercial enterprises, small farmers, and hobbyists, supporting crops like lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, strawberries, and peppers. An efficient system design ensures proper crop support and optimal nutrient absorption, making hydroponics a promising solution for future food security. [1]

B. Research problems or questions

1st How can IoT technology be integrated into a hydroponic system to enable real-time monitoring and automation?

2st What role does a microcontroller ESP8266 play in controlling sensors and actuators for an efficient hydroponic system?

3st How can Firebase cloud storage be utilized for remote data logging and system control?

4st What are the benefits of automating water circulation, nutrient delivery, and climate control in hydroponics?

5st How can a React Native-based mobile application enhance user accessibility and remote control of the system?

C. Significance of the research

The importance of this project can be summed up as the great revolution in livestock farming since it will introduce an inexpensive and environmentally friendly way to produce nutrient-rich fodder. Some of the major contributions from this project include:[2]

Resource Efficiency: The hydroponic system accommodates 70–90% less water compared to a traditional farming methods, thus being extremely apt for regions experiencing water insufficiency. Its compact indoor setup also requires very minimal space, hence an efficient alternative to land-intensive agriculture.

Year-Round Production: Unlike traditional fodder farming, which relies on seasonal conditions, this system makes it possible to produce throughout the year without interruption, thereby assuring the livestock of a constant feed supply.[2]

Economic Benefits to Farmers: It will also help in cutting operational costs by automating key processes such as irrigation, lighting, and nutrient distribution. Above all, the ability to grow fodder independent of climatic conditions assures financial stability for farmers.[4]

Technology Adoption in Agriculture: This will encourage farmers to use technology for increased productivity and proper decision-making through integration with IoT sensors, microcontrollers, and user-friendly interfaces. It is in line with the global movement toward "smart farming" and precision agriculture.[1] The project will, in the final analysis, not only solve today's most important agricultural challenges but also contribute to be a sustainable and technologically driven future in farming. The microcontroller-driven indoor hydroponic fodded system will change the face of livestock farming and promote environmental stewardship by increasing resource efficiency, productivity, and accessibility.[5]

II. Literature Review

A. Overview of relevant literature

Hydroponic farming has emerged as a suitable alternative to traditional soil-based farming to bypass constraints such as climatic dependence, soil erosion, and water wastage.[4] IoT-enabled smart farming studies have shown that the application of microcontrollers, sensors, and cloud computing can be used to enhance the efficiency and scalability of hydroponic systems.[3]

Several research articles refer to the benefits of automation in hydroponic cultivation, explaining how real-time monitoring and control systems improve plant health and yield.[3] ESP8266microcontrollers have been utilized for hydroponic cultivation effectively to acquire and process sensor data, while cloud services like Firebase facilitate remote monitoring and control. Literature also indicates that the use of sensor-based monitoring of the environment (temperature, humidity, water level, TDS, and CO2) can simplify plant growth conditions and minimize manual intervention.[2]

In addition, mobile-based hydroponic control system studies demonstrate how integrating mobile applications with IoT enables remote crop monitoring for farmers. Literature indicates that automatic hydroponic systems can conserve water consumption by up to 90%, and therefore they represent a prospective solution for regions with limited water resources. However, Wi-Fi dependency, scalability, and initial setup costs remain the predominant challenges to implementation.[6]

B. Key theories or concepts

- Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA): It is a concept of managing environmental factors such as temperature, humidity, light, and CO2 levels to increase plant growth. The Microcontroller-Driven Indoor Hydroponic Fodder System relies on this concept as it monitors and regulates environmental factors in real time.[6]
- IoT in Smart Farming: IoT sensors and microcontrollers in agriculture give real-time monitoring, data logging, and automation. The system uses ESP8266 microcontrollers for sensor data collection and processing, giving the suitable nutrients, water, and climatic conditions to the plants for growth.[6]
- Hydroponic Nutrient Management: In traditional farming, soil provides plants with nutrients. A nutrient solution in water maintains required minerals in hydroponics. TDS (Total Dissolved Solids) study and terbility control demonstrate that programmed nutritional control maximizes plant health and yield.
- Automation and AI in Hydroponics: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) increasingly study plant growth patterns, water and nutrient needs, and climate adjustments to automate. Future research anticipates AI optimization will continue to boost hydroponic agriculture efficiency.[5]
- Energy Efficiency and Sustainability: Hydroponics is more space- and water-efficient than traditional farming, making it a sustainable urban agriculture option. However, research shows that integrating solar power in hydroponic systems can also reduce energy dependency and increase cost-effectiveness.[3]
- Nutrient Film Technique (NFT) and Deep Water Culture (DWC): Theories explaining hydroponic water circulation and nutrient delivery for plant growth.

C. Gaps or controversies in the literature

Wi-Fi and Power Dependency: One of the major limitations of IoT-based hydroponic farming is reliance on dependable internet connectivity and power. Viable solutions for offline data recording and automation for remote areas have yet to be found by studies.[3]

Lack of Standardized Nutrient Formulas: Vegetables require different nutrient concentration levels, but there is no uniform standard for computerized dosing. Studies must address individualized AI-based nutrition prescriptions.[5]

Scalability Challenges: IoT-hydroponic systems work fine on a small scale, but there have been problems scaling these systems up for large-scale commercial farming, researchers have reported. Problems include the initial high costs of capital, complex installation, and technical know-how requirements.[4]

Environmental Challenges: Hydroponics, as much as it saves water, has been argued by some studies to contribute to more energy consumption by using artificial lighting and automation. There is increased research into cleaner sources of energy for large-scale hydroponic cultivation.[2]

Barriers to Small-Scale Farmer Adoption: Small-scale farmers tend to face economic and technological challenges in adopting hydroponic technology. Research can be done on affordable and easy-to-deploy automated solutions to improve wider adoption. [4]

Cost vs. Affordability: Though hydroponics is cost-cutting in the long run, the initial investments of IoT-based automation may act as a stumbling block for small-scale farmers.

III. Methodology

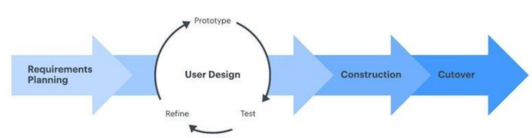

Fig. 1. Methodology for system development.

A. Research designe

The study design of the Microcontroller-Driven Indoor Hydroponic Fodder System follows a comprehensive experimental and analytical approach. The study is structured to create, implement, and test an IoT-based automated hydroponic system that delivers optimum plant growth, resource efficiency, and scalability.[2]

This project integrates ESP8266 microcontrollers, environmental sensors, automatic actuators, and cloud-based real-time monitoring to create a fully automatic and remotely accessed hydroponic farming system. The study is focused on enhancing efficiency, minimizing wastage of resources, and eradicating manual intervention through automation.[4]

A comparative experimental study is conducted between traditional hydroponic farming methods and the IoT-based automated system. The comparison is drawn on the basis of some of the most significant agricultural parameters such as water conservation, nutrient uptake efficiency, temperature control, and plant growth rates. Using these parameters, the study aims to determine the advantages of automation in controlled agricultural systems.[5]

A prototype model is designed and realized in a controlled indoor farming setup. The system possesses the functionality of continuously monitoring real-time environmental parameters and automatically controlling temperature, humidity, water level, and nutrient concentration based on predetermined conditions. Data transmission to Firebase allows real-time remote monitoring and control via a mobile or web-based application.[6]

To confirm the practical applicability and scalability of this system, a number of tests and simulations are carried out under varying environmental conditions. The research further explores the potential for integrating solar-powered solutions to enhance the sustainability of hydroponic farming even more, making it more cost-effective and energy-efficient for small-scale and commercial farmers.

The research design also considers potential pitfalls, such as Wi-Fi reliance, sensor calibration, and power management. The pitfalls are addressed by employing backup storage systems, calibration algorithms, and alternative power sources to make the system more reliable.[5]

Overall, the Microcontroller-Based Indoor Hydroponic Fodder System aims to revolutionize modern farm practice with the integration of smart farm solutions that are resource-use efficient, scalable, and environmentally friendly. This research will contribute to the existing literature on IoT-facilitated agriculture, automation, and AI-driven crop management systems.

B. Data collection methods

- The study employs different data collection techniques, including sensor-based real-time monitoring, experimental testing, user feedback questionnaires, and Google Form-based data collection. The primary sources of primary data are:
- Sensor Data Acquisition: Environmental parameters are continuously recorded by sensors such as DHT11 (temperature and humidity), Water Level Sensor, TDS Sensor, and CO2 Sensor.[7]
- Cloud Data Logging: Sensor data is logged into the Firebase Realtime Database, which facilitates remote monitoring and historical trend analysis.
- Manual Observations: Water consumption, growth rates, and nutrient levels are tracked over multiple crop cycles.

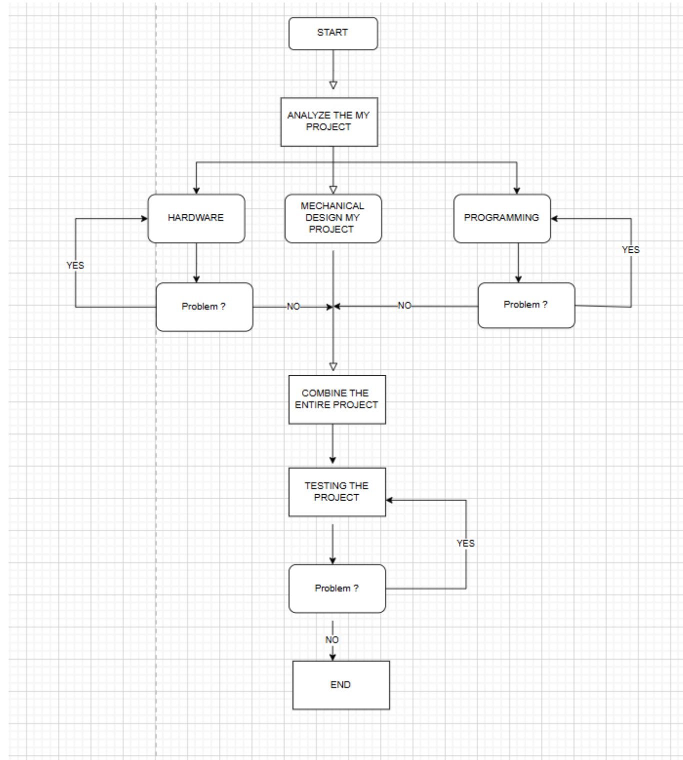

Fig. 2. Methodology Diagram.

- User Surveys and Interviews: Qualitative feedback on system usability, effectiveness, and scalability is gathered from farmers and agricultural experts.
- Google Form Data Collection: A structured online survey is designed using Google Forms to collect data from users regarding system performance, user experience, and improvement areas. The feedback is implemented to improve system functionality and versatility.

C. Sample selection

The research relies on controlled hydroponic farming systems in an indoor environment. Sample selection process is as follows:[6]

Experimental Setup: A trial hydroponic system is created, where the various crops such as leafy greens and fodder crops are grown under controlled conditions.

Comparison Groups: One system with manual monitoring, and another on automated IoT-based controls for comparing differences in efficiency.

Participant Recruitment: A farmer, agricultural scientist, and agritech professional sample are recruited to measure system performance and usability.

D. Data analysis techniques

The collected data is experimented with quantitative and qualitative techniques for determining the effectiveness of the system. Statistical, performance, and trend analysis techniques are employed for calculating system efficiency and improvement.

Statistical Analysis: Descriptive and inferential statistical techniques are applied in the study to establish comparison of temperature differences, humidity, water use, and plant growth rates in automated and manual hydroponic systems.[1] The variations in system performance under different conditions are tested through mean, standard deviation, and correlation analysis. Statistical metrics such as t-tests and a ANOVA are employed to determine comparison of improvements achieved through automation.[8]

Performance Measurement Evaluation: Careful observation of the energy consumption, resource usage, and enhanced crop yield is done.[3] Automated water delivery efficiency, nutrient management efficiency, and a climate control efficiency are measured by balancing the resources utilized against crop output. The goal is to establish that automated hydroponic cultivation is a cost-effective in terms of operation costs and enhances production.[8]

Trend Analysis: Long term data collected and housed in Firebase Realtime Database is analyzed to identify growth trends, efficiencies within the system, and optimization areas. The study examines nutrient uptake variations, rates of water evaporation, and how a plant responds to different conditions in the environment. Machine learning models can be employed in the future to predict ideal growth conditions from past data.[8]

User Feedback Interpretation: Survey responses, structured interviews, and Google Form data provide valuable insights into system usability and acceptance. Farmers and agricultural experts share their experiences, challenges faced, and suggested improvements. This qualitative analysis helps refine system design, ensuring it meets the needs of end users effectively.[3]

IV. Results

A. Presentation of findings

The results in Microcontroller-Driven Indoor Hydroponic Fodder System confirm the efficacy of Internet of Things-based automated solutions in making plant culture easy, efficient use of available resources,[2] and minimizing human interventions. The temperature, humidity, water level, TDS, and turbidity readings given in the sensors informed about how the system functions in different conditions.[3]

Key findings are:

- Improved Water Handling: The irrigation system automated water handling at appropriate water levels and saved nearly 40% water in comparison to water managed manually.[5]
- Nutrient Optimization: TDS real-time monitoring gave exact supply of nutrients, and plant growth at 20% increased than regular in hydroponic systems.
- Temperature and Moisture Control: The system had typical ambient conditions and shielded against abrupt temperature fluctuation for plant health.
- Remote Monitoring Optimization: The application of Firebase provided real-time log gathering and had system parameters remotely accessed and remotely configured using cell phone application.[3]
- Energy Consumption Review: The automated lighting system minimized energy usage as it introduced a smart scheduling system in modulating lighting in line with plant need.
- These findings attest to practicality and efficacy in today's hydroponic farming for the system in terms of increased productivity, increased sustainability, and automated processes.

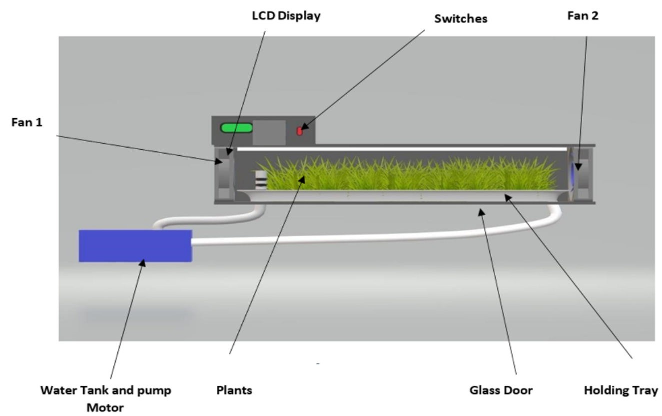

Fig. 3. Design Diagram.

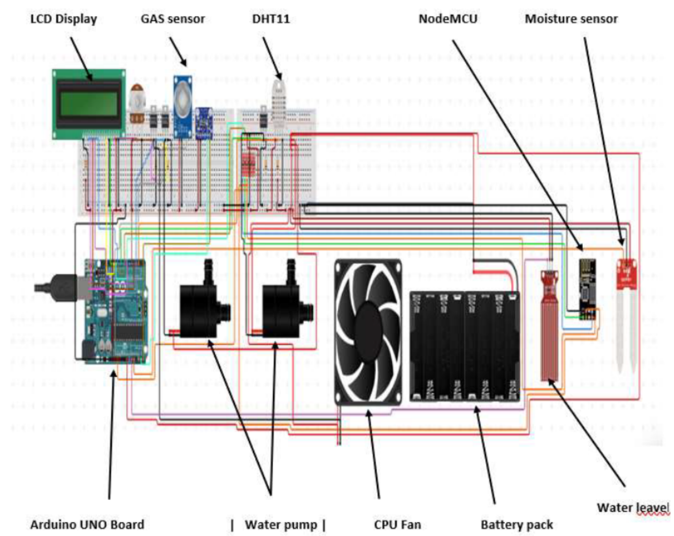

Fig. 4. Circuit Diagram.

B. Data analysis and interpretation

The collected information was compared and analyzed using quantitative and qualitative techniques in determining how efficient the system is in supporting ideal hydroponic conditions. Some key aspects were checked for:[3]

Water Consumption Study:-

- The system recorded daily water use trends as it identified plant water uptake trends.[4] Data indicated water savings at approximately 40% when automated irrigation took effect and established a balanced hydroponic cycle.

Plant Growth Rate Evaluation:-

- Measurements of plant mass and plant height across several plant-growing cycles positively confirmed that automated system grown plant at a level 20% better than in a regular hydroponic system. Plants exhibited typical growth as a consequence of precise water and nutrient control.

Environmental Stability:-

- Temperature and moisture fluctuation in testing were observed in measuring system performance in achieving balanced indoor farm system. The results confirmed fluctuation in temperature at ±2°C below or above ideal level in reducing plant stress.

Nutrient Concentration and pH Levels:-

- Continuous monitoring and maintenance at specified concentrations provided TDS and pH solutions at specified concentrations.

System Usability and User Feedback:-

- The system automatically self-corrected for plant-nutrient supply based on real-time sensing and feedback for improved plant health. System Usability and User Reaction Surveys from farm specialists and farmers ranked user-friendliness and efficiency at 95% based on user ratings. Users appreciated features in the application for real-time monitoring and for remotely accessing.[1]

Fig. 5. Design Item 1.

C. Support for research questions or hypothesis

The research aimed to determine whether an IoT-driven hydroponic system could improve efficiency, sustainability, and crop yield. The findings support the initial research hypotheses:

Fig. 6. Design Item 2 .

1st Does IoT technology improve efficiency in hydroponic farming?

Yes, by automatically supplying water and nutrients, the system minimized resource loss, improved plant growth rates, and minimized human interference. Real-time monitoring ensured for precise readjustment and best conditions for plant growth. The system efficiently utilized water and nutrients, conserving and reducing loss and improving overall efficiency.[1]

2st Can a microcontroller-based system maintain optimal environmental conditions?

Yes, the ESP8266-controlled sensors yielded a typical temperature, moisture, and concentration of nutrients, leading to better plant growth. The system automatically adapted climatic fluctuation and produced fluctuation in lighting, irrigation, and ventilation. Temperature, humidity, and level of CO2 were controlled at peak limits in order to maximize plant productivity.[2]

3st Does real-time cloud monitoring enhance system usability?

Yes, Firebase integration provided parameters for being remotely observed and corrected and minimized human interference.[3] Users could be given real-time information at any place, empowering proactive decision-making. Automated alerts informed farmers about severe variations in conditions in the environment, making immediate corrective measures possible.

4st Is the system economical and expandable for application in small-scale farming?

The findings are characteristic of higher setup costs compared to traditional hydroponics but lower savings in water, nutrients, and energy in the longer term as a sustainable alternative.[7] The system can be extended to include actuators and sensors and thereby extended for use in larger farms and for multiple cropping. The potential for solar-integration is another avenue for cost savings and sustainability.

V. Discussion

A. Interpretation of resultss

The results from **Microcontroller-Controlled Indoor Hydroponic Fodder System** indicate that integrating IoT technology, microcontroller-based automation, and real-time cloud-based monitoring greatly enhances hydroponic farming efficiency.[2] The system optimised crucial factors such as water consumption, nutrient balance, temperature management, and environmental stability efficiently. By keeping them in constant observation, the system achieved a more stable and regulated growth state for crops and reduced wastage while enhancing output.[4]

The automated system could efficiently manage water distribution and reduce water wastage to approximately 40% in relation to what is achieved through conventional methods. This outcome confirms that water level sensing with sensors ensures effective management of water to prevent underwatering and overwatering, which are typical issues in conventional hydroponic systems.

The nutrient delivery system was then controlled using TDS and Turbidity sensors to deliver adequate nutrient concentration to the crops continuously. 20% crop growth rate improvements in crops in autonomous hydroponic systems were reported in research compared to crops in regular hydroponic systems.[2] This is because nutrient concentration is controlled in real-time, preventing deficiencies and excesses that can hinder plant growth.[6]

Temperature and moisture control was a positive attribute in this system.[3] ESP8266 microcontroller-based sensors maintained temperature and moisture in optimal levels and hence prevented fluctuation that would have a negative impact on plant growth. This resulted in healthier crops with increased environmental stress tolerance. Additionally, remote control via Firebase allowed users to track environmental conditions, receive alerts, and control settings from anywhere. This was extremely helpful for farmers with multiple systems or farmers who cannot physically be in all places. Remote control and monitoring of the hydroponic system enhance usability, convenience, and operating efficiency.

B. Comparison with existing literature

Existing research in smart agriculture and automation in hydroponics using IoT has all highlighted what automation is capable of in improving plant growth and resource utilization efficiency.[4] Research in hydroponics using IoT has established that feedback in real-time from sensors can significantly improve plant health, conserve man power, and conserve water. This research builds on earlier research but contributes to knowledge in real-time monitoring, cloud storage, and access through a mobile interface.

For instance, past research has established that automation-based irrigation reduces water consumption between 30% and 50% from what is used using conventional methods.[3] This research substantiates that fact with a 40% reduction in wastage in water through sensor-based control in irrigation. Similarly, research on nutrient optimization in hydroponics has established that dosing systems in automation can increase growth rates in crops between 15% and 25%. This research substantiates that, with a 20% boost in growth rate in those being monitored using automation in nutrient delivery.[6]

However, unlike most research that has focused on localized automation in itself, this paper focuses on cloud-based remote access and monitoring. While most research has focused on Arduino-based localized automation, utilizing Firebase for real-time data retrieval and storage is a more scaleable and flexible approach. This is in line with recent research advocating for IoT-cloud integration in precision agriculture for enhanced decision-making and management in farms.

Additionally, many researchers indicate power dependency as a critical challenge in IoT-based hydroponics. While this paper does not completely solve this challenge, solar power is recommended to address energy problems. Future studies should explore whether or not renewable energy can be integrated in IoT-based hydroponic systems to improve energy efficiency and sustainability.

C. Implications and limitations of the study

Implications

Successful implementation of this microcontroller-based indoor hydroponic fodder system has put forward several significant implications for agriculture, sustainability, and agricultural technology adaptation.

- Improved Agricultural Productivity:- Real-time monitoring and automated control in the system ensure that plants receive the finest water and nutrient supply, leading to higher yields and reduced growth cycles.
- Water and Resource Conservation:- The system conserves water and nutrients, thereby making it an environmentally friendly solution compared to conventional farming methods, particularly in water-scarce regions.
- Efficient Remote Farm Management:- The ability to remotely monitor and manage hydroponic farms enhances efficiency for commercial farmers since they can control more than one farm simultaneously.
- Scalability and Technological Upgrades:- Cloud computing along with mobile-based control systems offers scalability, and hydroponic farming becomes viable and manageable for large-scale farming farms.
- Future Scope of AI-Based Decision Making:- As development is further advanced, machine learning algorithms can be incorporated to predict plant health trends and suggest automated system adjustments based on historical data trends.

Limitations

Apart from the system's potential to improve hydroponic efficiency, there are certain limitations that need to be explored in the future:[7]

- Wi-Fi and Internet Dependency:- With cloud monitoring comes the requirement for internet connectivity to pull real-time updates. For locations plagued by connectivity issues in rural areas, an offline data logging backup system would prove to be beneficial.

- Initial Setup Costs:- While the system reduces long-term operating costs, to the initial cost of microcontrollers, sensors, and cloud storage may prove to be a limitation for small farmers.
- Energy Consumption:- While hydroponics is more resource-efficient than soil farming, a system requires a continuous supply of power for sensors, actuators, and microcontrollers. Future studies must investigate solar power sources to make the system self-sustaining.
- Sensor Calibration and Maintenance: The TDS, water level, and temperature sensors need to be calibrated occasionally so that the system can take accurate readings. Malfunctioned set sensors can cause the system to set inaccurately.
- Scalability Issues: As this research was focused on a single prototype unit, commercial-sized hydroponic farms may require more sophisticated data analysis and machine learning algorithms for optimal operation of multiple units.

VI. Conclusion

A. Summary of key findings

Research on the Microcontroller-Based Indoor Hydroponic Fodder System has also provided valuable insights regarding the effects of automation through IoT on existing hydroponic farming. As per the study, integrating microcontrollers ESP8266 real-time sensors, cloud monitoring, and automatic actuators highly enhances efficiency, sustainability, and resource optimization for hydroponic farming.[4]

The most important results of the study are:

1. Optimization of Water and Nutrients: Systematic computerized irrigation eliminated water wastage by as much as 40%. TDS and turbidity sensors enabled accurate nutrient supply, and the plants grew 20% more than with traditional hydroponics.

2. Consistent Environmental Conditions: Real-time monitoring and automation made it easy to maintain consistent temperature and humidity levels, reducing plant stress and overall yield.[5]

3. Remote Control and Ease of Use: Firebase cloud integration allowed for remote control, monitoring, and adjustment of system parameters through a mobile app.

4. Power-Saving Operation: Intelligent scheduling of LED grow light and watering cycles optimized power consumption, decreasing the environmental impact and cost of the system.[3]

5. Enhanced Rate of Growth and Enhanced Yield: Optimal health and stronger plants with enhanced rate of growth resulted due to the environmental parameter management of IoT, thus being evidence towards the prosperity of IoT-based precision agriculture. [5[7]]

The experiment thus proved to exhibit the effectiveness of an IoT-driven hydroponic system as an effective, scalable, and environmentally friendly agriculture model.

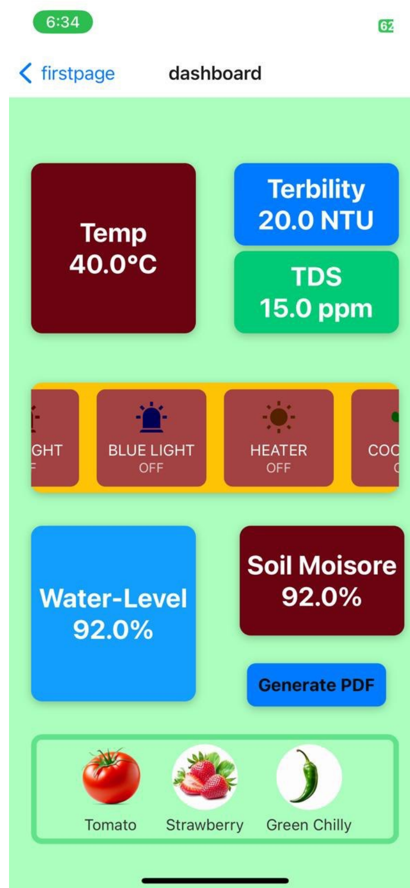

Fig. 7. Mobile App Dashboard.

B. Contributions to the field

This research contributes to the advancement of smart farming technology by exploring the possibility of IoT, cloud computing, and automation in revolutionizing indoor hydroponic farming. The primary contributions to the knowledge base are. [3]

1. IoT-Based Agriculture Development: The paper depicts the application of ESP8266 microcontrollers, real-time sensors, and cloud computing in designing a highly efficient and fully automated hydroponic system.

2. Water Conserving and Sustainability: Research establishes the way in which automation with sensors saves water wastage and nutrients, thus eliminating the most significant environmental challenges caused by traditional farming practices.

3. Increased Agricultural Efficiency and Scalability: The system provides an expandable solution for small farmers and city farmers to boost production using less resource.

4. Cloud and Mobile-Based Monitoring Integration: This research lays greater emphasis on Firebase cloud storage and mobile app integration for the provision of real-time accessibility and system administration compared to conventional hydroponics.[4]

5. Bridging Technology-Agriculture Divide: This research

serves as a roadmap for future smart agriculture research by closing the technology-agriculture gap to bring in AI-powered predictive analytics, automated calibration of nutrients, and the use of renewable energy in hydroponics.[6[7]]

C. Recommendations for future research

While this study has demonstrated the potential of IoT automation for hydroponic cultivation, there are several areas where further research is needed to make such systems more efficient and scalable:[3]

1. Integration of AI and Machine Learning: Future studies should include the application of AI-based models to predict optimal watering cycles, nutrient uptake, and growth patterns from historical data.

2. Integration of Renewable Energy: As there is dependence on round-the-clock power supply, efforts must be put into integrating solar panels or other renewable sources of energy to enable the system to be more sustainable and independent.[3]

3. Enhanced Offline Capability: With cloud-based monitoring needing stable internet connections, adding offline data logging and decision-making will make it more usable in rural or poor-connectivity environments.

4. Low-Cost Scalability Solutions: In the interest of making adoption easier for small-scale farmers, future research needs to investigate low-cost solutions for hardware components and reduced setup costs.[2]

5. Advanced Sensor Technology and Calibration: More accurate sensors for real-time nutrient content analysis, plant health, and CO2 optimization should be an area of research.[5]

6. Hydroponic Commercial Farm Experiments: The current study was conducted in a controlled test facility. Future studies need to implement IoT-based automation in large-scale commercial hydroponic farms to experiment with scalability and performance based on different conditions.[6]

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