Smart Plant Monitoring System

A PROJECT REPORT

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Project Title:

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1. Introduction:

With the advancement of the Internet of Things (IoT), agriculture and gardening processes can be automated and optimized. This project, "Nature of Plant", is a smart plant monitoring based on the ESP8266 microcontroller. The system monitors environmental parameters like soil moisture, temperature, and humidity, and controls a water pump automatically or manually via a smartphone app (Blynk platform).

2. Objectives:

- To continuously monitor soil moisture, temperature, and humidity.
- To display real-time data on an LCD and send it to a mobile app.
- To automate water pumping based on soil moisture levels.
- To provide manual control of the pump through the Blynk app.
- To optimize water usage and ensure plant health.

3. Components Used:

| Component | Description |
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| ESP8266 NodeMCU | Wi-Fi enabled microcontroller used for IoT applications. |
| DHT11 Sensor | Measures temperature and humidity. |
| Soil Moisture Sensor | Measures the volumetric water content of soil. |
| Relay Module | Controls the water pump (ON/OFF). |
| Water Pump | Pumps water to the plant. |
| 16x2 I2C LCD | Displays real-time sensor data. |
| Blynk App | Mobile application for remote monitoring and control. |

4. System Architecture:

- Sensors (DHT11 and soil moisture) collect environmental data.
- Data is processed by the ESP8266, which sends it to the Blynk App over Wi-Fi.

- Based on the moisture level, the pump is turned ON/OFF automatically.
- Users can also control the pump manually using a virtual button (V3) in the Blynk App.
- All real-time data is displayed on an LCD screen.

5. Working Principle:

- The soil moisture sensor provides analog readings which are mapped to a percentage scale.
- When the moisture level falls below the defined threshold (40%), the pump is activated for a maximum of 30 seconds to avoid overwatering.
- The pump can also be controlled manually via the Blynk App.
- Temperature and humidity are read using the DHT11 sensor and sent to the app.
- A 16x2 LCD displays current values and pump status locally.

6. Software Used:

- Arduino IDE Programming and uploading code to the ESP8266.
- **Blynk App** Mobile interface for monitoring and controlling the system.
- Libraries DHT.h, Wire.h, LiquidCrystal 12C.h, BlynkSimpleEsp8266.h

7. Features:

- Real-time monitoring of plant environment.
- Dual mode control (automatic and manual).
- User-friendly mobile interface (Blynk).
- LCD display for local feedback.
- Smart irrigation to conserve water.
- Automatic shutdown of pump after 30 seconds to prevent overwatering.

8. Future Enhancements:

- Add rain detection to prevent irrigation during rain.
- Include multiple soil sensors for large-scale fields.
- Implement data logging and analytics.
- Power the system using solar energy for sustainability.

9. Conclusion:

This IoT-based plant monitoring system effectively integrates environmental sensing with smart irrigation, making plant care efficient and intelligent. It is highly suitable for home gardens, greenhouses, and urban farming setups.