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ABSTRACT

Waterborne diseases pose a significant threat to public health, particularly in regions where clean water is scarce. Contaminants such as heavy metals, bacteria, and harmful chemicals in water are often invisible to the naked eye, making it difficult to detect contamination before adverse effects occur. This project proposes the development of a Portable Water Contamination Detection Device that can identify key contaminants in water and provide real-time data to users. The system employs IoT technology, utilizing sensors to detect heavy metals, bacteria, and chemicals based on contamination standards defined by global and national bodies such as the WHO, India, USA. The collected data is transmitted to a cloud database (Firebase), and a GUI is developed to visualize the trends in contamination levels and trigger alerts when unsafe thresholds are crossed. The device is aimed at being user-friendly, portable and effective for use in households, rural areas, and emergency situations where water quality needs to be monitored consistently. The system's affordability and ease of use make it an innovative solution to tackle waterborne diseases by providing early detection and alerts, ultimately helpingto improve public health and safety.

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WHO	World Health Organization
LCD	Liquid Crystal Display
LED	Light Emitting Diode
Wi-Fi	Family Of Wireless Network Protocols
IOT	Internet Of Things
pH	Potential Of Hydrogen
GSM	Global System for Mobile Communication
TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
ASV	Anodic Stripping Voltammetry
USB	Universal Serial Bus
TCP/IP	Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol
HTTP	Hypertext Transfer Protocol

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

The project “Portable water contamination detection device” aims to address one of the critical challenges faced by global health waterborne diseases. These diseases are primarily caused by the consumption of contaminated water, which is especially problematic in regions that lack reliable water quality monitoring systems. Traditional water testing methods require laboratory facilities, specialized equipment, and trained personnel, which makes them inaccessible in remote areas and impractical for real-time detection. This delay in detection increases the risk of disease outbreaks and reduces the efficiency of response efforts. To counter these challenges, the project proposes the development of a compact, portable, and user-friendly device capable of detecting water contaminants in real time. The device will target a range of harmful substances commonly found in contaminated water, including heavy metals such as lead, mercury, and arsenic, as well as bacteria like E.coli and hazardous chemicals such as nitrates and pesticides.

Early detection of these contaminants is vital for preventing the spread of waterborne diseases and protecting public health. The processed data is displayed on an integrated LCD or LED screen, providing users with immediate feedback on the quality of the water sample. If the concentration of any contaminant exceeds the safe threshold, an alert system is triggered. This alert system includes both visual (via the screen) and auditory warnings (via a buzzer), ensuring that users are promptly informed of any potential hazards. Additionally, the device is designed to be easy to operate, making it accessible to non-expert users in diverse environments, including rural or remote areas where traditional lab-based water testing would be impossible.

One of the standout features of this project is the device’s integration with a mobile application. This app serves multiple functions it enables real-time data visualization, allows users to log historical water quality data and supports remote monitoring. The device can communicate with the app through Wi-Fi or cloud-based services, making it possible to track water quality trends over time.

1.1 HISTORICAL CONTEXT

The industrial revolution and rapid urbanization in the 19th century further intensified the need for effective water quality monitoring, as cities experienced large-scale outbreaks of waterborne diseases due to inadequate sewage systems and contaminated drinking water. Public health reforms and the development of water treatment technologies like chlorination helped to curb these outbreaks, but the challenge of detecting water contamination in real time remained.

In the mid-20th century, the introduction of portable water testing kits represented a significant step forward. These kits allowed users to test water samples on-site, making them especially useful in emergency situations or in rural and remote areas where access to laboratories was limited. However, these early test kits were often limited in scope, accuracy and usability. They required manual interpretation of results, which could be error-prone and were typically designed to test for only a narrow range of contaminants. In recent decades, advances in sensor technology, microelectronics and data processing have enabled the development of more sophisticated water quality monitoring systems. These innovations have paved the way for portable devices that can detect a wider range of contaminants, including biological pathogens, heavy metals and hazardous chemicals, with greater accuracy and speed.The integration of microcontrollers, biosensors, electrochemical sensors and mobile connectivity into these devices represents a leap forward in the ability to monitor water quality in real time, making it easier to detect contamination before it leads to disease outbreaks.

1.2 GLOBAL SECURITY CONCERNS

- Water Scarcity: As global water resources become increasingly strained, many regions are facing heightened tensions over water access. This is especially true in areas where rivers, lakes, and underground aquifers cross national borders. Countries that share water sources often engage in disputes over water rights, distribution and usage. For example, conflicts over the Nile, the Indus and the Euphrates rivers have raised concerns about water being used as a geopolitical tool or even as a weapon.
- Environmental Contamination: Industrial activities such as mining, agriculture and manufacturing are significant contributors to water contamination worldwide. In

many to global security by potentially fueling regional instability, migration crises and even conflict.

1.3 LIMITATIONS OF TRADITIONAL SURVEILLANCE

Traditional water quality surveillance methods, while foundational in monitoring and ensuring water safety, have several limitations that make them less effective in addressing modern challenges such as real-time contamination detection, especially in remote areas. Below are some of the key limitations of traditional water surveillance systems

- Expensive and Resource-Intensive: The costs associated with traditional surveillance are high due to the need for advanced equipment, skilled personnel and the logistics involved in transporting samples to labs. Testing for a wide range of contaminants, such as heavy metals, pathogens and harmful chemicals, requires different analytical techniques and equipment, adding further to the complexity and cost.
- Limited Geographic Coverage: Fixed-location monitoring stations, often installed near water treatment plants or key water sources, have limited geographic reach.This means that large areas, particularly in rural and underserved regions, may not be regularly monitored.Remote communities, small water bodies and localized water sources, which are often vulnerable to contamination, may go unchecked for long periods.
- Lack of Real-Time Detection: Traditional methods are not designed for real-time detection. Water samples are analyzed post-event, meaning that contamination is often discovered only after it has occurred. This inability to monitor in real time makes traditional surveillance ineffective for immediate response to sudden contamination incidents, such as industrial spills or accidental contaminations.

1.4 FUTURE TRENDS AND APPLICATIONS

- Smart Water Systems and IoT Integration: The Internet of Things(IoT)will play an increasingly important role in water quality monitoring. Smart water systems, equipped with IoT-connected sensors, will allow continuous, real-time monitoring of water sources across vast regions. These systems will be able to detect contaminants automatically and alert authorities or users through mobile apps, making the process more proactive and less reliant on manual intervention.

- AI and Machine Learning for Predictive Analytics: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) will be used more extensively to predict potential contamination events and optimize water management systems. These technologies will be able to analyze vast datasets collected from sensors to identify patterns and predict future risks. For example, AI algorithms can analyze historical data to predict when and where water contamination is likely to occur based on factors like weather patterns, industrial activity or water usage trends.
- Miniaturization and Portability: Future devices for water contaminant detection will continue to become smaller, more portable and user-friendly. This will make it possible to deploy water testing tools in a wide range of environments, from households to industrial facilities and in remote or disaster-stricken areas. These devices will be as easy to use as consumer electronics, empowering individuals and communities to monitor their own water sources.

CHAPTER 2
LITERATURE SURVEY

1. **Chen, H., Liu,J., &Zhao, X.(2020). "Development and Testing of a Mobile Water Quality Monitoring System with Real-Time Data Transmission and Analysis. "IEEE Access, pp.8, 65430-65440.**

This paper discusses the development of portable biosensors for detecting both biological and chemical pollutants in water. It outlines the principles behind microelectronic, optical and enzyme-based biosensors. The paper emphasizes the potential of these sensors to deliver fast, accurate and real-time results without the need for laboratory facilities. However, the study notes that challenges remain in improving the accuracy and sensitivity of these sensors when deployed in real-world conditions.

Advantages-offers insight into the miniaturization of sensors for portable devices. Provides a foundation for creating portable water quality testing devices. Does not address the integration of multiple sensor types in a single device. Limited focus on remote monitoring and mobile connectivity. Colorimetric Sensors Another significant advancement discussed is the development of colorimetric sensors, which are based on color changes that occur when a chemical reaction takes place. These sensors are simple and easy to use, making them ideal for field applications. A user can simply observe the color change to determine whether a contaminant is present, without needing complex equipment.

2. Singh, A., Sharma, S., &Kumar, R.(2023)."Advances in Portable Water Quality Sensors: A Review of Technologies and Applications. "Sensors and Actuators B:Chemical,373,pp.133-352.

The paper titled "Advances in Portable Water Quality Sensors A Review of Technologies and Applications "by Singh, Sharma and Kumar, published in 2023 in Sensors and Actuators B Chemical, provides a comprehensive review of recent advancements in portable sensors designed to monitor water quality. The focus is on technologies that enhance portability, sensitivity and real-time analysis capabilities, which are crucial for environmental monitoring, public health and industrial applications.The review covers Technologies A variety of sensor technologies, including electrochemical, optical and biosensors, are discussed. Each of these technologies offers unique advantages for detecting different water quality parameters, such as pH, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, and contaminants like heavy metals and pathogens. Applications The paper explores the application of these sensors in real-world scenarios such as environmental monitoring, drinking water safety and wastewater management. It also highlights the role of these sensors in ensuring regulatory compliance and addressing water contamination issues in remote or resource-limited areas. Challenges and Future Directions The review discusses challenges such as sensor miniaturization, power efficiency and the integration of wireless communication for remote monitoring

3. **Jung,H.J.,&Kim,J.H.(2022)."Development of a Portable Water Quality Monitoring System Using IoT Technology for Real-Time Detection of Contaminants. "Journal of Environmental Science and Technology,15(3),pp.145-159.**

The system integrates IoT technology to enable real-time monitoring and data transmission. Sensors within the system can detect various water quality parameters such as pH, temperature, turbidity and contaminants like heavy metals or microbial content. The IoT framework allows the data to be transmitted to a cloud platform, where it can be accessed remotely through mobile devices or web interfaces. The authors explain the architecture of the system, which includes portable sensors, microcontrollers, wireless communication modules and a cloud-based platform for data analysis. The system is designed to be energy-efficient and portable, making it suitable for field deployments. One of the key features is the real-time detection of contaminants, which can trigger alerts if water quality parameters exceed safety thresholds. This makes the system particularly useful for early detection of pollution events, ensuring rapid response to water contamination issues. The paper includes case studies or field trials demonstrating the effectiveness of the system in monitoring water quality in various environments, including rivers, lakes and industrial discharge sites. The results indicate that the system is capable of providing accurate, real-time data that aligns with traditional laboratory methods. The authors discuss the challenges of power consumption, data security and sensor calibration, which are critical to improving system reliability.

4. Kumar et al.(2022):"IoT-Based Water Quality Monitoring System for Real-Time Detection of Physicochemical Parameters."Sensors,22(11),4141.

Kumar et al.(2022)developed an innovative IoT-based water quality monitoring system for real-time detection of physicochemical parameters, revolutionizing traditional manual sampling and laboratory analysis methods. Integrating five sensors measuring pH, temperature, turbidity, conductivity and dissolved oxygen, the system transmits data to a cloud server via Wi-Fi and GSM modules. Machine learning algorithms detect anomalies and predict water quality trends, enabling timely interventions. The study demonstrates the system's accuracy, reliability and efficiency, with high correlation between sensor measurements and laboratory analysis. Real-time monitoring and alert systems facilitate prompt action, while low power consumption and cost-effectiveness make it scalable for large-scale deployments. Suitable applications include drinking water quality monitoring, wastewater treatment plant optimization, aquaculture and fisheries management and environmental monitoring. The system's potential impact is significant, enhancing public health, environmental sustainability and economic efficiency. With IoT technology, water quality monitoring enters a new era of precision, speed and effectiveness. Kumar et al.'s (2022) groundbreaking research paves the way for widespread adoption, promising improved water management practices globally. The study underscores the transformative power of IoT in addressing pressing environmental challenges, ensuring a safer, healthier and more sustainable future.

CHAPTER 3

PROPOSED WORK

The goal of this project is to develop a portable waterborne contamination detection device that addresses the challenge of monitoring water quality and detecting harmful contaminants in real time. This project focuses on creating a system capable of continuously monitoring heavy metals, bacteria, and chemical concentrations in water using advanced sensors and Firebase integration to provide efficient, real-time updates and alerts.

The motivation for this project stems from the pressing need for reliable and affordable water quality monitoring, particularly in areas where access to clean water is limited. Traditional water monitoring systems face several challenges, including high costs, limited accessibility, and delayed response times in detecting contamination. To overcome these limitations, the proposed system will utilize key technologies such as sensors, cloud integration with Firebase, and real-time data analysis to provide a more accurate, accessible, and user-friendly solution.

This project aims to improve accessibility by offering a portable device, reduce response time through instant cloud updates and alerts, and increase accuracy using dynamic data models. It involves the design and implementation of software components, including data simulation, contamination threshold setting, cloud-based data storage, and visualization tools, all of which contribute to solving the identified problems in a cost-effective and efficient manner.

3.1 CLASSIFICATION OF CONTAMINANTS

A high-level, simplified representation of a system that shows the relationships and interactions between different components, without going into the intricate details.It's used to convey how a system works by breaking it down into "blocks" each representing a specific function or part of the system. Real-time monitoring and alert systems facilitate prompt action, while low power consumption and cost-effectiveness make it scalable for large-scale deployments. Suitable applications include drinking water quality monitoring, wastewater treatment plant optimization, aquaculture and fisheries management and environmental monitoring.

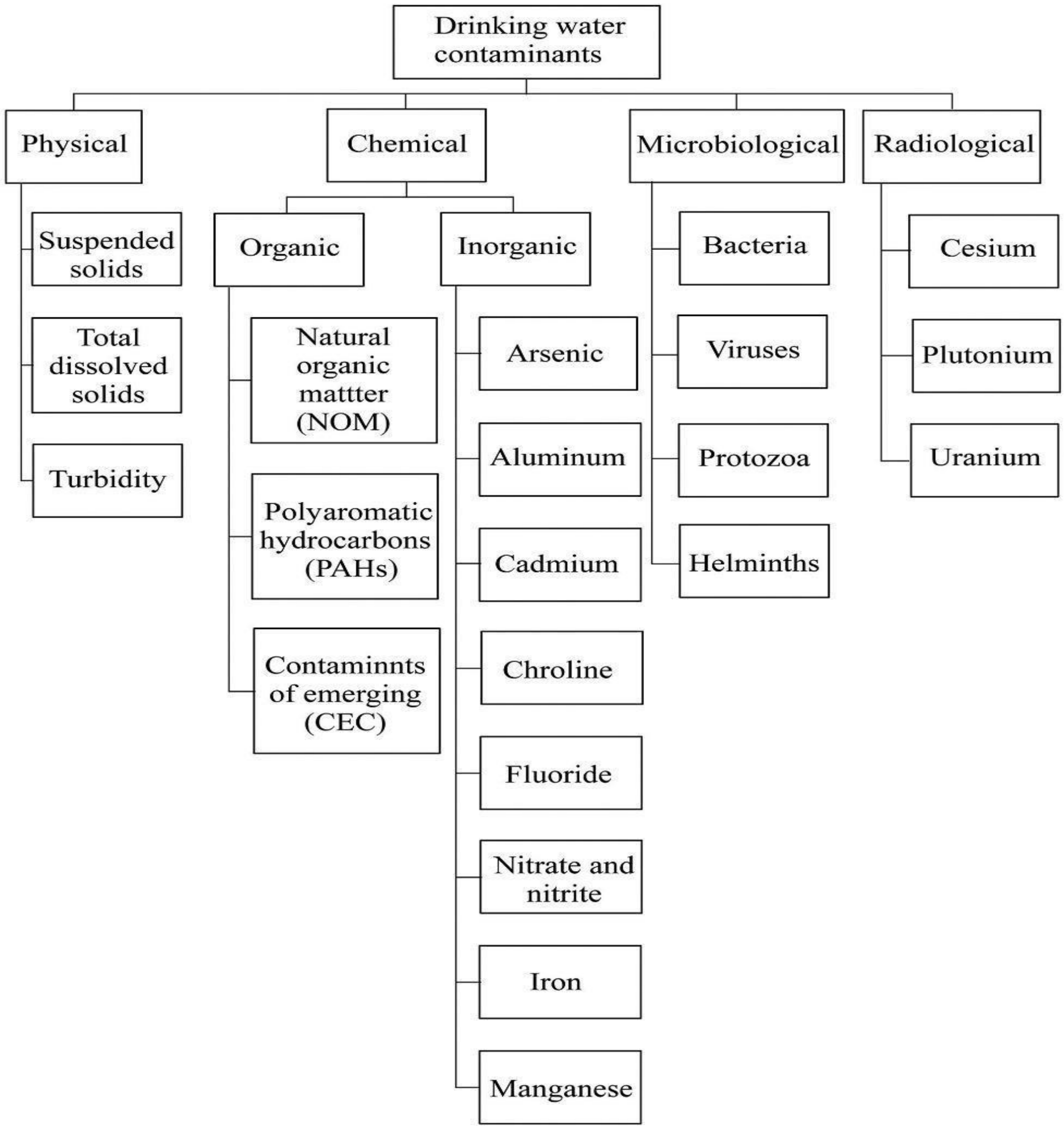

Figure:3.1 Major contaminants in drinking water

3.2 WORKING PROCEDURE

- **Step 1:** The user collects a water sample. Portable water contamination detection device is placed on the water sample.
- **Step 2:**Data from all sensors is sent to the microcontroller. The microcontroller processes the data using built-in algorithms to determine the concentration of each contaminant.

➢ **Step 3:** Processed data is displayed on the device's LCD/LED screen in real-time.

➢ **Step 4:** If any contaminant exceeds safe levels, the alert system activates, showing a warning on the screen and/or sounding an alarm.

➢ **Step 5:** The device pairs with a mobile app via Wi-Fi or the Cloud. Data is transmitted to the app, providing real-time updates.

➢ **Step 6:** The app displays data in a user-friendly format, including graphs and trend analysis

3.3 BLOCK DIAGRAM

The Block Diagram provides the flow of data in a Portable water contamination detection device using a Arduino Uno.Here's a step-by-step breakdown of how the system works. The working procedure of the portable water contamination detection device, starting with the user collecting a water sample. The device's sensors then gather data on contaminants such as heavy metals, bacteria, and chemicals. This data is processed by a microcontroller, which displays the results in real-time on an LCD/LED screen. If contaminant levels exceed safe thresholds, an alert system is triggered, providing both visual and auditory warnings. The data is also transmitted to a mobile app via Wi-Fi.

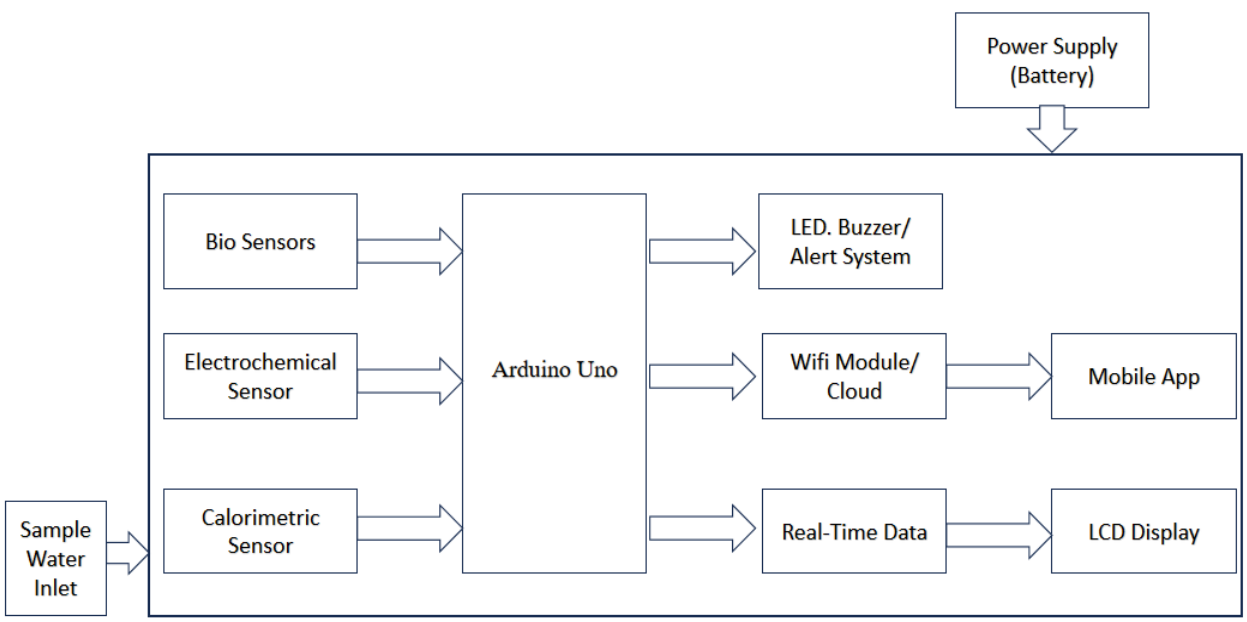

Figure:3.2 Block Diagram

3.4 CONTAMINANTS AND ITS LIMITS

Limits for key contaminants in drinking water informed by a range of guidelines and standards from different countries(WHO 2017, INDIA 2006).

Contaminant	WHO	India
Arsenic	0.01 mg/L	0.01 mg/L(A);0.05 mg/L(P)
Aluminum	0.9 mg/L	0.03 mg/L(A);0.2 mg/L(P)
Cadmium	0.003 mg/L	0.003 mg/L
Chlorine as Cl2	5 mg/L	0.2 mg/L(A);1.0 mg/L(P)
Chloride	NHC	250 mg/L(A);1 000 mg/L(p)
Fluoride	1.5 mg/L	1 mg/L(A);1.5 mg/L(P)
Nitrate as NO3 Nitrite as NO2	50 mg/L 0.3 mg/L	45 mg/L
Iron	NHC	1.0 mg/L(A);1.5 mg/L(P)
Manganese	NHC	0.1 mg/L(A);0.3 mg/L(P)
Lead	0.01 mg/L	0.01 mg/L
Sulphate	NHC	200 mg/L(A);400 mg/L(P)
Cyanide	0.05 mg/L	0.05 mg/L
Chromium(total)	0.05 mg/L	0.05 mg/L
Pesticide	1.1 mg/L(each); 0.003 mg/L	Various
Copper	2.0 mg/L	0.05 mg/L(A);1.50 mg/L(P)
pH	NHC	6.5e8.5
Turbidity	0.2e0.5 NTU	1 NTU(A);5 NTU(P)
Total dissolved solids	NHC	500 mg/L(A);2 000 mg/L(P)
Benzo(a)pyrene(PAH)	0.000 7 mg/L	0.000 1 mg/L(PAH)
Carbon tetra chloride	0.004 mg/L	N/A
Benzene	0.01 mg/L	N/A
Dioxin	0.05	N/A
Vinyl chloride	0.000 3 mg/L	N/A
Faecal coliform and E.coli	N/A	0 mg per 100 mL in water sample

TABLE:3.1 Limits for key contaminants

Note: “NHC” stands for “not of health concern”, “NTU” denotes nephelometric turbidity units, “CT” represents consumer's taps, “TW” stands for treatment works, “ALARA” denotes as low as reasonably achievable”, “A” represents the acceptable limit, “P” denotes the permissible limit, “S” represents at the source” and “n/a” denotes not applicable.

3.5 ADVANTAGES

- The device is compact and lightweight, making it easy to carry and use in various locations, including remote and rural areas.
- Immediate identification of contaminants like heavy metals and harmful chemicals.
- Incorporates high-precision sensors(biosensors, electro chemical sensors, colorimetric sensors).
- Pairs with a mobile application for data visualization, logging and remote monitoring.

3.6 DISADVANTAGES

- False positives or false negatives.
- Limited sensitivity and accuracy.
- Interference from other substances or environmental factors.
- Difficulty detecting certain types of contaminants (e.g., viruses, bacteria).
- Dependence on connectivity (e.g., Wi-Fi, cellular).

CHAPTER 4

HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE DETAILS

4.1 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

a) Sensors

- Biosensors(Enzyme-based)
- Total dissolved solids(TDS)sensors
- Turbidity sensor
- Electrochemical Sensors(Anodic Stripping Voltammetry(ASV)sensorsfor heavy metals)
- Colorimetric Sensors(Reagent-based detection for chemicals)
- pH sensor

b) Micro-controller:

- Arduino Uno

c) Display:

- 3.5 inch touch screen TFT display

d) Alert System:

- Piezoelectric buzzer, 85 Db, Tri-color LEDs(Red, Yellow, Green)

e) Connectivity Modules:

- 802.11 b/g/n(e.g., ESP8266, ESP32)

f) Power supply:

- 3.7V 2000mAh Li-ion battery, Micro-USB charging, 5V input

4.1.1 Sensors

- **BIOSENSORS(ENZYME-BASED):** The enzyme is the central component that interacts with the target analyte.It catalyzes a biochemical reaction when it comes in contact with the substance to be measured(the substrate).This converts the biochemical response from the enzyme-substrate interaction into a measurable signal(e.g., electrical, optical or thermal signal).

- **Total dissolved solids(TDS)sensors:** Total Dissolved Solids(TDS)sensors are devices used to measure the concentration of dissolved substances in liquids, primarily water. These dissolved solids include minerals, salts, metals and other organic materials that are found in water. A TDS sensor typically gives a reading in parts per million(ppm)or milligrams per liter(mg/L).Electrodes Most TDS sensors work by measuring the conductivity of water through electrodes. Since dissolved solids increase water's conductivity, a sensor can estimate the TDS based on the conductivity reading. TDS Calculation Conductivity measurements are converted into TDS readings using a conversion factor (typically between 0.5 and 1, depending on the dissolved solids).
- **Turbidity sensor:** A turbidity sensor measures the cloudiness or haziness of a liquid, typically water, caused by suspended solids. The higher the concentration of suspended particles, the higher the turbidity, which affects water clarity. Turbidity is an important indicator of water quality in various industries such as environmental monitoring, wastewater treatment and aquaculture. How a Turbidity Sensor Works Turbidity sensors usually work by shining a light through the liquid and measuring how much light is scattered by the suspended particles. Light Source The sensor emits a beam of light, usually infrared or laser light to avoid interference from the natural color of the liquid. Light Detector A detector is placed at a certain angle to measure the scattered light. The more particles present in the liquid, the more light will be scattered in different directions. Turbidity Measurement The sensor calculates turbidity based on the amount of light detected. This is usually measured in NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units) or FTU(Formazin Turbidity Units).
- **pH sensor:** A pH sensor is a device used to measure the acidity or alkalinity of a solution. The pH scale ranges from 0 to 14, where values below 7 indicate acidity, above 7 indicate alkalinity and 7 is neutral. pH sensors are commonly used in industries like agriculture, water treatment, food production and laboratory research to monitor and control pH levels. Portable pH Sensors Handheld devices used for spot-checking pH in the field or lab.

➢ **Electrochemical Sensors(ASV):** Amperometric Sensors Measure current produced by the oxidation or reduction of an analyte at the electrode's surface. The current is proportional to the concentration of the target analyte. Potentiometric Sensors Measure the voltage (potential) difference between the working electro.

➢ **Colorimetric Sensors(Reagent-based detection for chemicals):** Colorimetric sensors are a type of chemical sensor that use color changes to detect and measure the concentration of an analyte. These sensors are reagent-based and rely on chemical reactions that produce visible color changes in response to the presence of specific substances, making them easy to use for both qualitative and quantitative analysis. They are widely used in fields such as environmental monitoring,medical diagnostics, food safety and industrial application.

4.1.2 Arduino UNO

The Arduino Uno is a popular open-source microcontroller board based on the mega328P microcontroller. It is widely used for building electronics projects due to its simplicity, versatility and ease of use. Here's a detailed overview of its features and applications

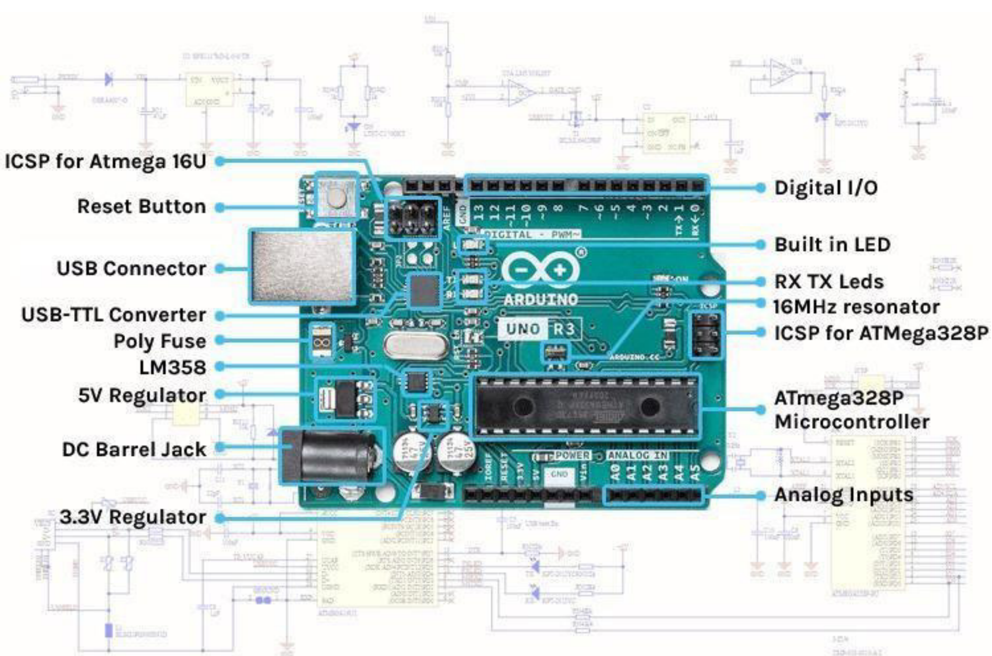

Figure:4.1 ARDUINO UNO

Key Features:

➢ Microcontroller: ATmega328P

➢ Operating Voltage: 5V

- Input Voltage: 7-12V(via external power supply or USB)
- Digital I/O Pins: 14(6 of which can be used as PWM outputs)
- Analog Input Pins: 6
- Flash Memory: 32 KB(with 0.5 KB used by the bootloader)
- EEPROM: 1 KB
- Clock Speed: 16 MHz
- Prototyping: The Arduino Uno is often used by hobbyists, students and engineersto create prototypes for various projects.
- Sensor Integration: It's used to integrate various sensors,such as temperature, humidity, light and motion sensors,for different applications(e.g.,home automation, smart agriculture, or scientific experiments)
- IoT Projects: You can use the Uno to control devices and sensors, making it popular for Internet of Things(IoT)projects like home automation, weather stations and environmental monitoring.
- Robotics: Arduino Uno is a good platform for building small robots, handling motorcontrol, sensor data collection and decision-making.

4.1.3 Display

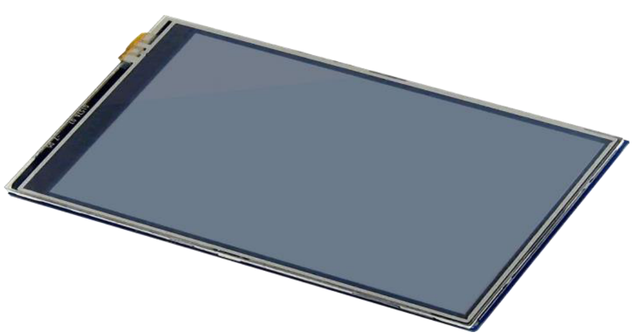

Figure:4.2 3.5-inch Touch Screen TFT

A 3.5-inch Touch Screen TFT Display is a compact, interactive screen commonly used in embedded systems, DIY electronics projects and applications where user input and display are essential.TFT(Thin-Film Transistor)technology offers vibrant color reproduction and fast refresh rates, making it ideal for a variety of uses such as portable devices, Raspberry Pi projects and handheld controllers. Key Features Touchscreen Interface The display comes with a resistive or capacitive touch panel, allowing users to interact directly with the screen via touch inputs. This makes it suitable for applications requiring user interfaces, such as control panels, mobile devices and DIY projects.

3.5-Inch Screen Size The 3.5-inch screen provides a compact yet clear display, ideal for projects where space is limited but a visual interface is needed. This size strikes a balance between portability and usability, offering enough space to display information while remaining compact.

4.1.4 Alert System

Figure:4.3 Alert System

This component combines two key elements often used in embedded systems and electronics projects a Piezoelectric Buzzer for sound alerts and Tri-color LEDs (Red, Yellow, Green) for visual signaling. These components are used together in applications where both audible and visual indicators are needed to convey information, such as alarms, notifications or system statuses. Piezoelectric Buzzer(85 dB)A Piezoelectric Buzzer is a device that produces sound when an electrical signal is applied to it.The 85 dB rating refers to the sound pressure level, meaning it generates a loud and clear tone, ideal for alerting users in various environments. Sound 85dB, which is loud enough to be heard in indoor environments, small rooms or moderately noisy spaces. This type of buzzer uses piezoelectric material to generate sound. When an electric voltage is applied, the material vibrates, producing sound waves. Piezoelectric buzzers typically consume little power, making them ideal for battery-operated or low-power devices. Typically operates at 3V to 12V, depending on the model, making it compatible with most microcontrollers and electronic circuits.

4.1.5 Connectivity Modules

The 802.11 b/g/n standard refers to a set of Wi-Fi protocols used for wireless communication, widely utilized in Internet of Things (IoT) devices for wireless networking. Popular modules like the ESP8266 and ESP32 are examples of microcontrollers that support these Wi-Fi standards, enabling devices to connect to Wi-Fi networks and transmit or receive data over the internet.1.Wi-Fi Standards(802.11 b/g/n)802.11b Provides a maximum speed of 11 Mbps with a frequency range of 2.4 GHz.

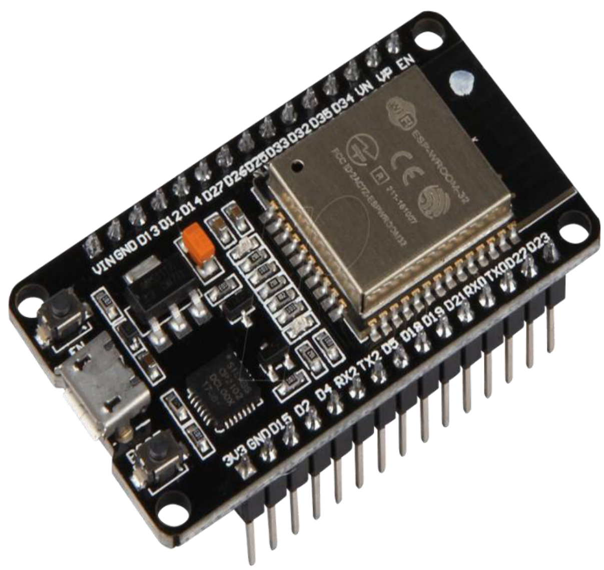

Figure:4.4 Connectivity Modules

802.11g Improved upon 802.11b, providing speeds up to 54 Mbpswhile still operating on the 2.4 GHz band. It's widely compatible and offers better performance than 802.11b.802.11n A newer standard that supports speeds up to 600 Mbps and can operate on both the 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz frequency bands. It offers much faster performance, greater range and better signal stability. The 802.11 b/g/n standards are typically used in devices that require reliable, long-range, and low-power Wi-Fi connectivity, such as IoT modules likeESP8266 and ESP32.

4.1.6 Power supply

3.7V is the nominal voltage of a single Li-ion cell.2000mAh means the battery can deliver 2000 milliamps for one hour or 1000 milliamps for two hours, etc.Charging Input Micro-USB Charging This is a standard charging port commonly used in many devices, making it convenient for charging. Input Voltage 5V Input This indicates the charging voltage required for the battery, which is typical for USB charging.

4.2 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

4.2.1 Python with SciPy/Numpy

Python with SciPy and NumPy is a powerful combination for scientific computing, data analysis and numerical computations. Both libraries are widely used in academia, research and industry for tasks ranging from linear algebra, statistics and signal processing to advanced modeling and machine learning. NumPy(Numerical Python) NumPy is the fundamental package for scientific computing in Python. It provides support for N-dimensional arrays (ndarray) Efficient and fast handling of large, multi-dimensional arrays and matrices of numerical data. Mathematical functions A vast collection of operations on these arrays, including element-wise operations, statistical functions, linear algebra and more. Broadcasting Allows performing operations on arrays of different shapes in a memory-efficient way. Random number generation Tools for generating random numbers for simulations, statistical experiments, etc.

4.2.2 Firebase

Firebase is a platform developed by Google for building web and mobile applications.It provides a comprehensive suite of backend services and tools that allow developers to build applications without managing servers, databases or complex infrastructure. Firebase offers cloud-based services for databases, authentication, hosting, analytics and more, making it a popular choice for both small-scale projects and enterprise-level applications. Firebase Authentication is a service that helps manage user authentication for web and mobile apps. It supports several authentication methods Email/Password authentication, OAuth providers (Google, Facebook, Twitter, GitHub), Phone number authentication, Anonymous authentication for temporary user sessions. Trigger-based Alerts Cloud Functions can monitor the contamination data and trigger alerts (like notifications or emails) when contaminants exceed safe thresholds. For example, if the lead concentration in the water crosses a dangerous limit, Firebase can instantly send a notification to the user’s mobile app. Data Processing and Analytics Cloud Functions can be used to perform real-time data processing or computations on the incoming sensor data, allowing for more complex analysis such as aggregating data over time or calculating trends. Integration with Third-Party Services Cloud Functions can interact with external APIs or services, allowing for integration with alert systems, reporting tools, or environmental monitoring systems.

4.2.3 Wi-Fi Libraries

Wi-Fi libraries provide the tools and interfaces needed to handle wireless network communication in applications. These libraries are essential for enabling devices, especially in IoT and embedded systems, to connect to Wi-Fi networks and exchange data. Here's an overview of some common Wi-Fi libraries used in different platforms and programming environments 1.ESP8266/ESP32 Wi-Fi Library(Arduino)ESP8266 and ESP32 are popular microcontroller chips with built-in Wi-Fi capabilities.The Arduino platform provides libraries that make it easy to work with these chips for building IoT projects. Key Features Simple APIs to connect to Wi-Fi networks (both in station mode and access point mode). TCP/IP networking functions for sending and receiving data over Wi-Fi. Support for HTTP requests, WebSocket connections and more. Asynchronous Wi-Fi handling for better performance in ESP32.

4.2.4 Mobile Application

A mobile application (commonly referred to as an "app")is a software program designed to run on smartphones, tablets and other mobile devices. These applications can be native, hybrid, or web-based, and they serve a variety of purposes, from gaming and entertainment to business, productivity and communication.

CHAPTER 5

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

5.1 DATA SIMULATION OUTPUT

Figure:5.1 Data Simulation Output

The results generated from a data simulation, which is a process where a model or system is used to mimic the behavior of real-world data or processes. This output helps in testing, analyzing and predicting how a system will behave under certain conditions without needing to work with actual data or a live system.

5.2 LOGIN PAGE

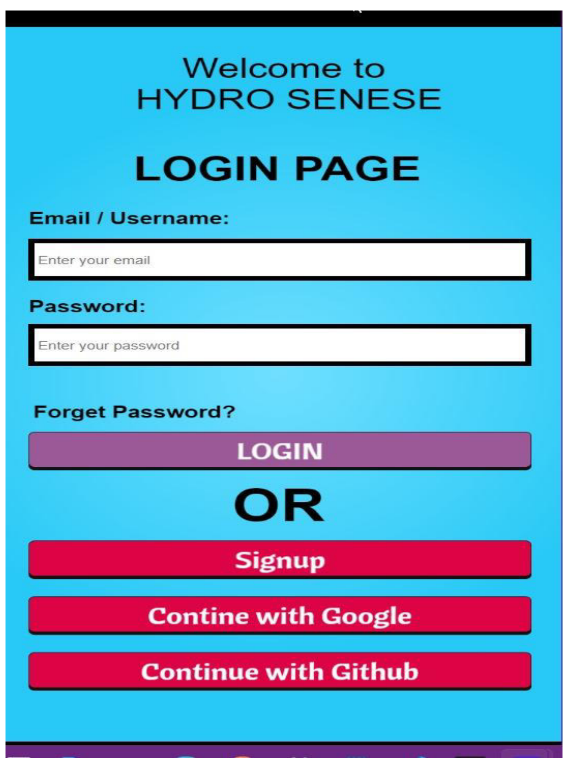

Figure:5.2 Login page

It typically requires users to provide credentials such as a username or email address and a password. Once the user inputs this information, the system checks it against stored credentials to verify the user's identity.

5.3 SIGNUP PAGE

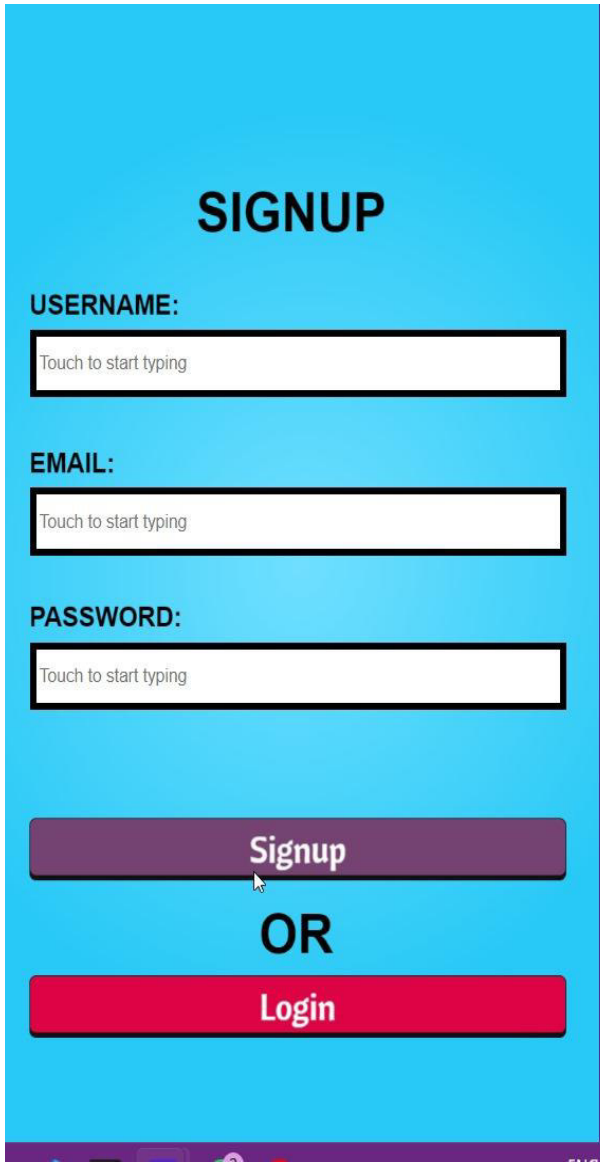

Figure:5.3 Signup page

A signup page is a user interface screen where new users can create an account by providing information like their username, email, password and sometimes additional data like phone number or address. The signup process usually involves filling out a form and validating the information before an account is created in the system.

5.4 USER DETAILS PAGE

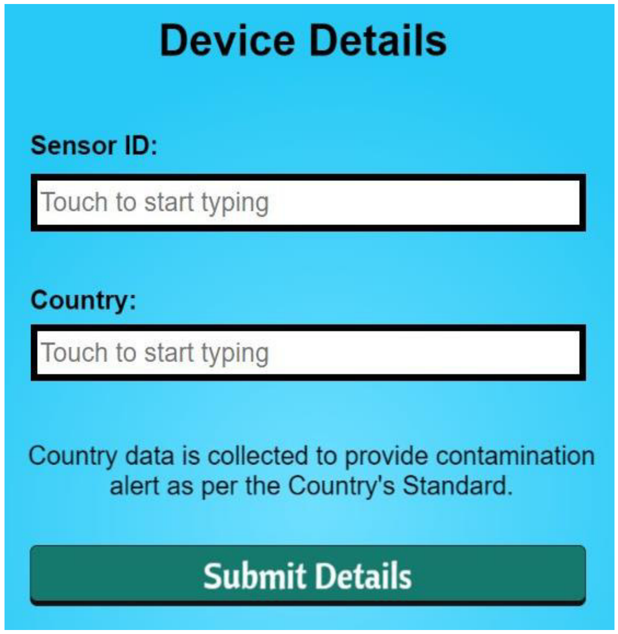

Figure:5.4 User details page

A Sensor ID refers to a unique identifier assigned to a sensor in a system. This ID helps distinguish between different sensors when data is collected, processed or analyzed, ensuring that the information gathered from each sensor is properly categorized

5.5 HOME SCREEN UI 1(NO DATA)

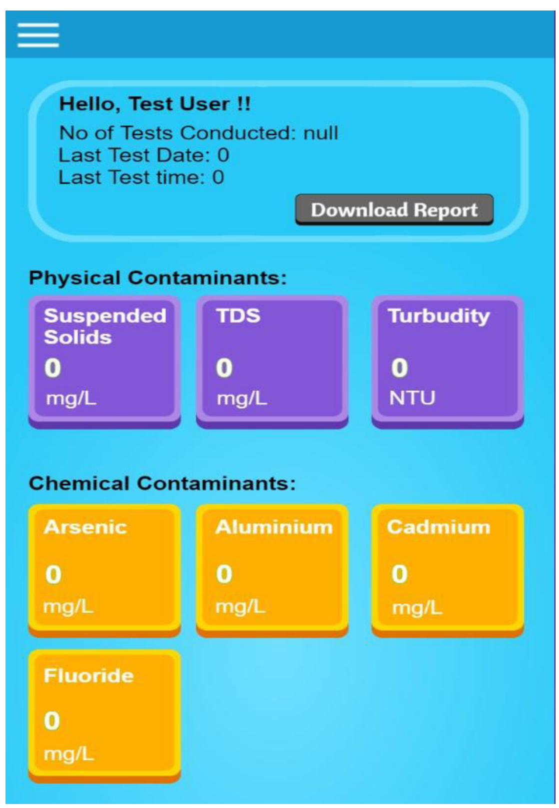

Figure:5.5 Home Screen UI 1(No Data)

A Home Screen UI 1(No Data) refers to the default user interface of a home screen when there is no content or data to display. It serves as the initial view users see before any data is populated, such as after the first launch of an app, when no items are available(e.g., tasks, messages, or posts), or when the user has not interacted with the app yet.

5.6 HOME SCREEN UI 2(WITH DATA)

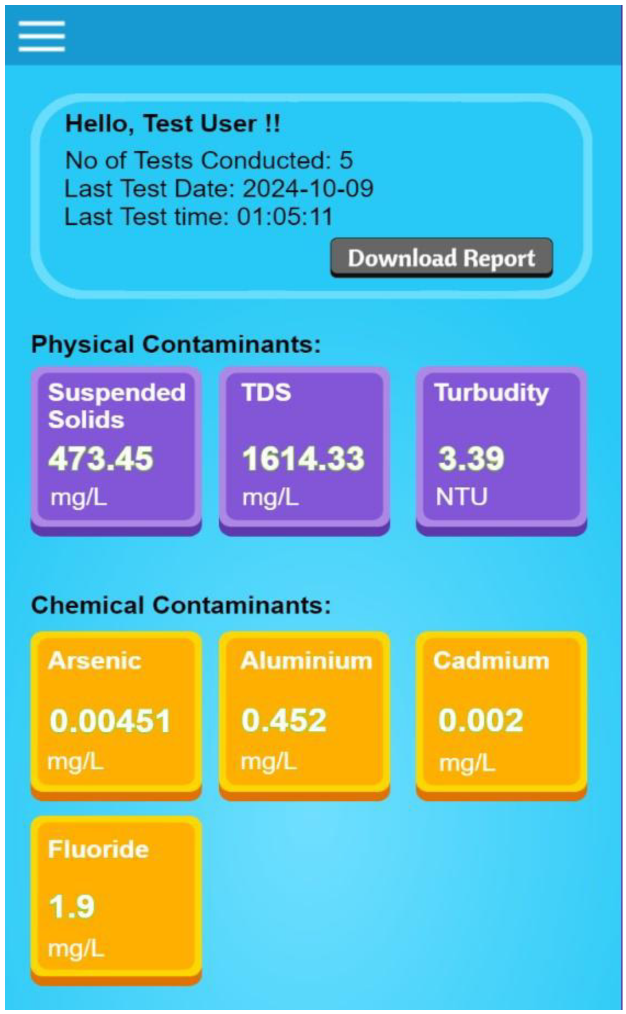

Figure:5.6 Home Screen UI 2(With Data)

The Home Screen UI 2(With Data)represents the user interface of an application when there is data available to display. This screen is the primary workspace for users and often contains elements that help them interact with and manage their data effectively.

5.7 SUSPENDED SOLIDS TRENDS

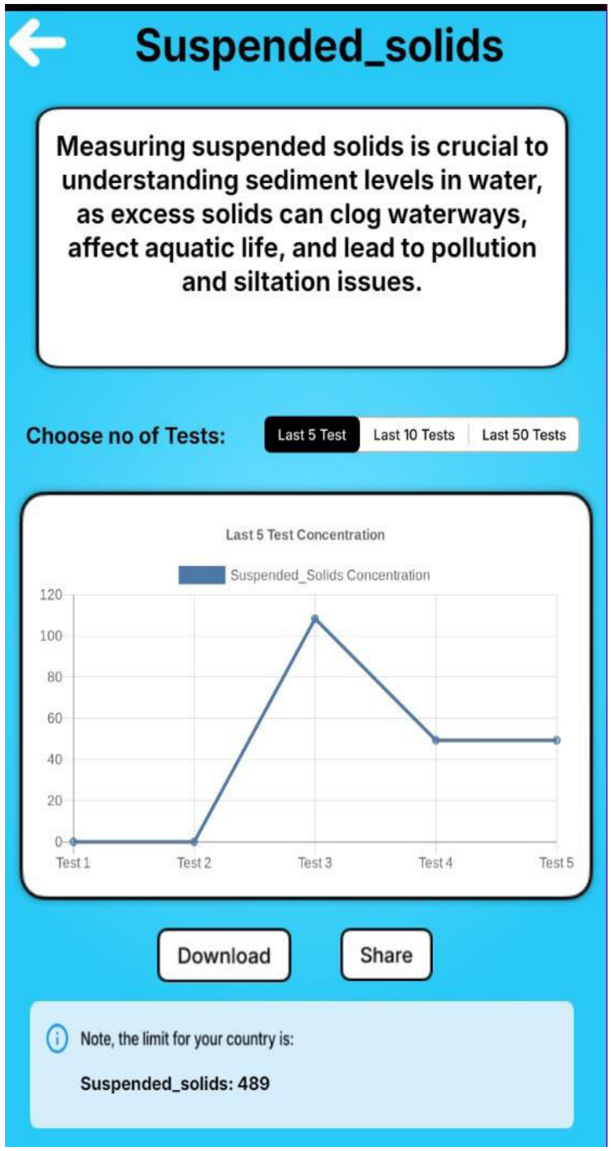

Figure:5.7 Suspended Solids Trends

Suspended Solids Trends refer to the variations in the concentration of suspended solids(SS)in a specific medium, often water, over time. Monitoring these trends is essential for understanding water quality and assessing the health of aquatic ecosystems. Suspended solids are small particles that remain afloat in water, which can include organic matter, silt, clay and microorganisms. High concentrations can negatively affect water quality and aquatic life.

5.8 CLOUD FIRESTORE PAGE

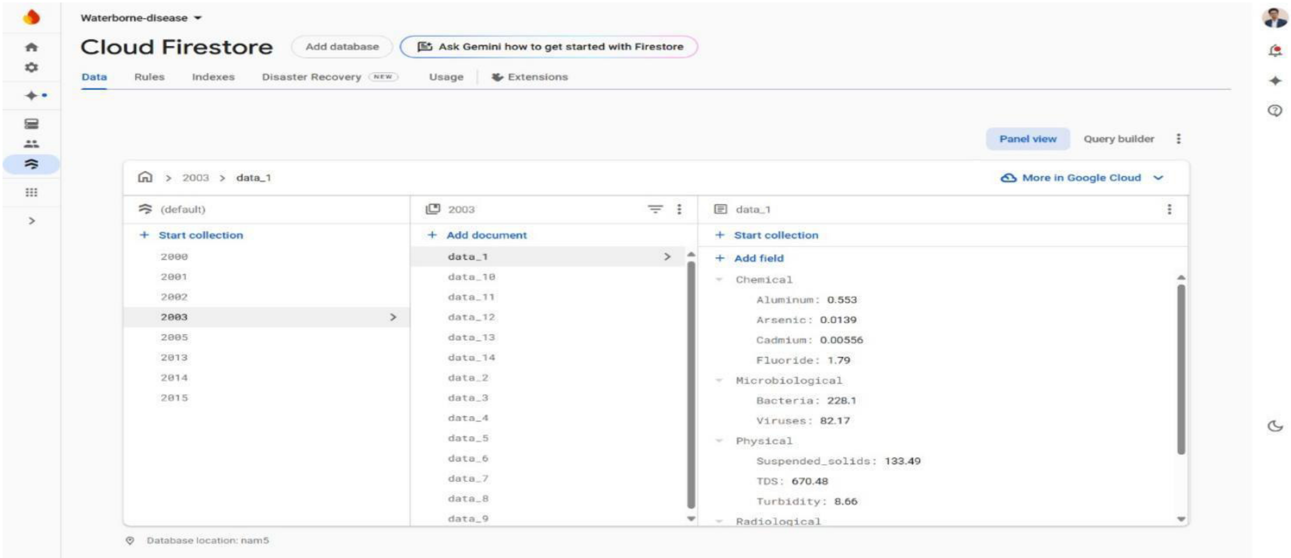

Figure:5.8 Cloud Firestore Page

This image shows a Firestore database structure for a project, organized with collections and documents. Each collection contains documents that represent individual data entries, such as user profiles, sensor readings, or app-generated data. Documents hold key-value pairs, allowing the storage of complex nested objects.

5.9 REALTIME DATABASE PAGE

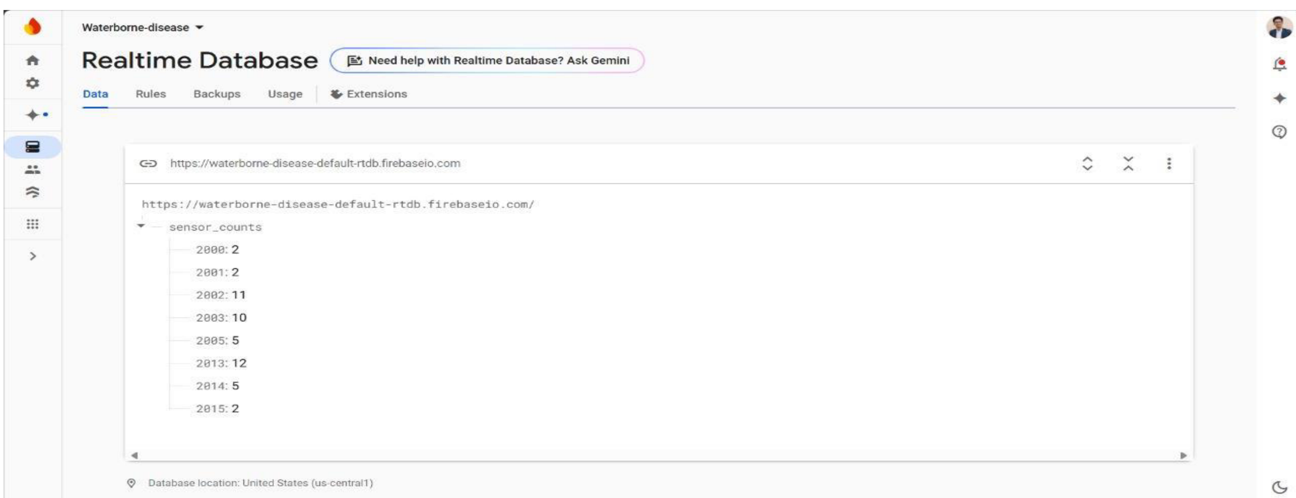

Figure:5.9 Realtime Database Page

This image illustrates the structure of a Firebase Realtime Database, which organizes data in a hierarchical, JSON-like format. Data is stored as key-value pairs, and the structure resembles a tree where each node can represent complex objects with nested data. Realtime Database offers real-time synchronization, meaning any changes are instantly updated across all clients connected to the database.

Comparison between Existing and Proposed System

Aspect	Existing System	Proposed System
Water Quality Monitoring	Traditional lab-based methods requiring trained personnel and equipment.	Portable, real-time detection using advanced sensors integrated into a user-friendly device for immediate results in remote and urban environments.
Real-Time Detection	Delayed results due to sample collection and lab analysis.	Instant contamination detection with real-time alerts via an integrated screen and mobile app, triggering responses when contaminant thresholds are exceeded.
Mobile Connectivity	No integration with mobile or IoT technology.	Mobile app integration for remote monitoring, historical data logging, and real-time updates via Wi-Fi
Types of Contaminants Detected	Limited to specific contaminants, requiring multiple tests.	Capable of detecting a broad range of contaminants including heavy metals (lead, mercury), bacteria (E. coli), and hazardous chemicals (nitrates), all in one device.
Future Application Potential	Limited to current capabilities.	Future enhancements including AI for predictive analysis and machine learning to identify patterns and predict contamination events before they occur.

Table 5.1 Comparison between Existing and Proposed System

CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSION AND FUTURESCOPE

6.1 CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the development of portable water contamination detection device represents a critical advancement in addressing global water quality challenges.As waterborne diseases and contamination from heavy metals and harmful chemicals continue to threaten public health, especially in regions lacking infrastructure, real-time and on-site water monitoring solutions are essential. The integration of advanced sensor technologies such as biosensors, electrochemical sensors and colorimetric sensors allows for rapid, accurate detection of key contaminants like lead, mercury, bacteria and pesticides. These portable devices offer several advantages over traditional laboratory-based methods, including immediate results, cost-efficiency and ease of use, making them highly practical for deployment in both urban and remote environments. Furthermore, the ability to pair these devices with mobile applications for remote monitoring, data visualization and cloud-based storage enhances their utility. Such systems enable users to track water quality trends, receive real-time alerts and respond swiftly to contamination events. While these devices hold great promise, challenges such as sensor durability, recalibration needs and potential interference from other contaminants remain areas for ongoing research and improvement. Future advancements may include the incorporation of AI-driven predictive analytics, blockchain for secure data management and even smaller, more energy-efficient devices that can detect a broader range of pollutants. In summary, portable water contaminant detection devices are poised to play a crucial role in safe guarding public health, mitigating waterborne disease outbreaks and ensuring clean water access across diverse environments, contributing to global water security and sustainable development.

6.2 PHASE I WORK

In Phase 1 of the development of the Portable Water Contamination Detection Device, our primary focus was on creating the software that would form the backbone of the system. This software is responsible for processing sensor data, displaying real-time results and ensuring seamless integration with cloud-based services such as Firebase.

We began by designing a user-friendly interface that can be utilized by both technical and non-technical individuals. The device's primary function is to detect key contaminants in water, such as heavy metals(lead, mercury, arsenic), bacteria(E.coli), nitrates, pesticides and other hazardous chemicals. Given the wide range of substances to be detected, the software needed to handle data from various types of sensors, including electrochemical, biosensors and colorimetric sensors. In this phase, we focused on developing algorithms to process the sensor readings and accurately interpret the concentration levels of different contaminants.

One of the significant accomplishments in this phase was the development of real-time data visualization and alert systems. The software is designed to display processed data on an integrated LCD or LED screen, allowing users to receive immediate feedback on the water sample's quality. If any contaminants exceed their safe levels, visual and auditory alerts are triggered. This ensures users are promptly notified of any hazardous water quality conditions, allowing them to take immediate action.

The integration of Firebase was a major highlight of this phase. Firebase's real-time database capabilities allow for seamless data storage and retrieval, ensuring that all contamination data is logged and accessible for future reference. This system also supports remote monitoring, a key feature for situations where water quality needs to be tracked over long periods or in multiple locations. The mobile app communicates with the detection device via Wi-Fi, allowing users to view real-time data on their smartphones or tablets. The app's interface includes trend graphs and historical data logs, which can be shared with relevant stakeholders or authorities for further analysis.

6.3 PHASE II WORK

With Phase 1 completed, our attention now turns to Phase 2, which will focus on the development and integration of the hardware components for the portable water contamination detection device. In this phase, we aim to bring the software system to life by connecting it with the physical sensors, microcontroller units(MCUs), display systems and communication modules. This step will ensure the device can operate independently in real-world environments, offering on-the-go water quality testing and real-time feedback.

The central element of Phase 2 will be the integration of sensor technology. Various types of sensors will be used to detect a wide range of contaminants in water. For example, biosensors will target biological contaminants such as bacteria and viruses, while electrochemical sensors will be used for detecting heavy metals like lead, mercury and arsenic. Colorimetric sensors, which rely on color changes to detect chemicals such as nitrates and pesticides, will also be incorporated into the device. Each sensor type will be carefully calibrated to ensure high accuracy and sensitivity, providing reliable data under diverse environmental conditions.

The microcontroller chosen for this project is the Arduino Uno, which will serve as the brain of the hardware system. The Arduino board will be programmed to interface with the sensors, process incoming data and relay this information to the display unit and mobile app. One of the challenges in this phase will be ensuring that the Arduino can efficiently manage data from multiple sensors in real time, while also maintaining low power consumption. We plan to implement power-saving techniques to prolong the device's battery life, particularly for use in remote areas where frequent recharging may not be feasible.

The display system will consist of a 3.5-inch touch screen TFT that provides real-time feedback to users. The screen will display critical information such as contaminant levels, alert messages and overall water quality status. The device will also include an auditory alert system using a piezoelectric buzzer, ensuring users receive immediate notification when water contamination exceeds safe levels.

APPENDIX

```
#Path:data_simulation.py
import random
import time

def generate_dummy_data():
"""Simulate sensor data for all categories of contaminants."""
return{
"sensor_data":[
{
"Chemical":{
"Aluminum":round(random.uniform(0,1),3),
"Arsenic":round(random.uniform(0,0.02),5),
"Cadmium":round(random.uniform(0,0.01),5),
"Fluoride":round(random.uniform(0,2),2)
},
"Microbiological":{
"Bacteria":round(random.uniform(0,500),2),
"Viruses":round(random.uniform(0,100),2)
},
"Physical":{
"Suspended_solids":round(random.uniform(0,500),2),
"TDS":round(random.uniform(0,2000),2),
"Turbidity":round(random.uniform(0,10),2)
},
"Radiological":{
"Cesium":round(random.uniform(0,5),2),
"Uranium":round(random.uniform(0,5),2)
},
"timestamp":time.time()
}
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]
   }
   #Path:main.py
   import tkinter as tk
   from tkinter import ttk
   from data_simulation import generate_dummy_data
   from firebase_integration import
upload_data_to_firestore,update_data_count,get_data_count

   #Initialize global variables
   data_count=0
   physical_data=[]
   chemical_data=[]
   microbiological_data=[]
   radiological_data=[]

   #Function to simulate data and update the GUI
   def generate_data():
   global data_count
   sensor_id=sensor_id_entry.get()

   #Initialize the data count from the Realtime Database
   data_count=get_data_count(sensor_id)

   simulated_data=generate_dummy_data()
   sensor_data=simulated_data['sensor_data'][0]

   physical_data.append(sensor_data['Physical'])
   chemical_data.append(sensor_data['Chemical'])
   microbiological_data.append(sensor_data['Microbiological'])
   radiological_data.append(sensor_data['Radiological'])
```

```
#Increment the data count
data_count+=1

#Upload data to Firestore using sensor ID and data count
upload_data_to_firestore(sensor_id,sensor_data,data_count)

#Update the data count in the Realtime Database
update_data_count(sensor_id,data_count)

#Update the status label to show which data has been uploaded
status_label.config(text=f"Data{data_count}is uploaded.")

#Initialize the Tkinter root window
root=tk.Tk()
root.title("Data Generation")

#Create label and entry for sensor ID
sensor_id_label=ttk.Label(root,text="Enter Sensor ID:")
sensor_id_label.pack(pady=5)
sensor_id_entry=ttk.Entry(root)
sensor_id_entry.pack(pady=5)
#Create button to generate data
generate_button=ttk.Button(root,text="Generate New
Data",command=generate_data)
generate_button.pack(pady=5)

#Create status label
status_label=ttk.Label(root,text="Data generation:Not Running.")
status_label.pack(pady=5)
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#Start the Tkinter main loop
root.mainloop()
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