Smart Crop Advisory System

An AI-Powered Multilingual Agricultural Advisory Platform

Minor Project

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The Challenge Farmers Face:

Critical Problems

Farmers across India face major challenges that directly impact their livelihood and productivity:

- Dependence on guesswork and shopkeeper advice
- Ineffective crop planning without data
- Overuse of fertilizers and pesticides
- Soil degradation leading to low yield
- Language and digital literacy barriers

Conclusion: Farmers lack a reliable, data-backed, farmer-friendly advisory system that can guide them through scientific decision-making.

Project Objectives:

01

AI-Powered Advisory

Provide intelligent crop and fertilizer recommendations using machine learning algorithms

02

Increase Farmer Yield

Enable scientific decision-making to maximize agricultural productivity and profitability

03

Reduce Input Misuse

Minimize fertilizer overuse and improve soil health through data-driven guidance

04

Inclusive Access

Offer multilingual and voice support to overcome literacy and language barriers

05

Community Learning

Enable knowledge sharing through blog platform and peer-to-peer learning

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Sustainable Agriculture

Promote digital and sustainable farming practices aligned with national missions

Crop Recommendation System

Yash Gupta and Garima Srivastava from the Amity School of Engineering and Technology, Amity University Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow, published their work in the *International Journal of Science and Research Archive* (2024, Vol. 12, Issue 01, pp. 2928–2936). The paper was received on 08 May 2024, revised on 15 June 2024, and accepted on 18 June 2024.

Key Research Insights & Implementation

Essential Parameters

Soil nutrients (N, P, K), pH level, temperature, humidity, and rainfall determine crop compatibility and growth potential.

Random Forest Algorithm

Offers highest prediction accuracy for crop recommendation, handling nonlinear relationships with proven stability.

Evidence-Based Decisions

Machine learning reduces guesswork, enabling farmers to make data-driven choices that improve productivity and farm efficiency.

My Project Approach

- Adopted validated feature set from research
- Implemented Random Forest model
- Structured pipeline: Input → Preprocessing → Training → Prediction

Project Impact

Scientific foundation ensures higher reliability, better accuracy, and meaningful real-world agricultural applications.

Enhancing Crop Recommendation Systems with Explainable AI

Research by Mahmoud Y. Shams, Samah A. Gamel, and Fatma M. Talaat (2024) explores how explainable artificial intelligence transforms agricultural decision-making.

Key Learnings & Project Implementation

What the Research Teaches

01

XAI-CROP Framework

Combines Decision Tree predictions with LIME explanations for transparent recommendations.

02

Trust Through Transparency

Shows farmers which features—soil type, rainfall, land area, location—influence crop selection.

03

Complete Workflow

Data preprocessing → feature selection → model training → explainability integration → validation.

How I'm Applying It

Feature-Based Approach

Using soil nutrients, weather conditions, and location data for crop suitability analysis.

LIME Integration

Implementing LIME to explain why specific crops are recommended and each feature's contribution.

Model Selection

Decision Tree for explainability; Random Forest and Gradient Boosting for performance comparison.

Fertilizer Recommendation System Using Machine Learning

Research by Harish BG & Rathna GC (2024) demonstrates how machine learning transforms fertilizer planning, achieving 10–15% reduction in usage while improving accuracy and environmental outcomes.

Key Insights & Research Application

ML Enhances Accuracy

Machine learning significantly improves fertilizer planning precision compared to traditional manual methods.

Comprehensive Data

Combining soil, crop, and weather data produces the most reliable predictions by capturing complete environmental context.

Environmental Impact

ML-enabled recommendations reduce fertilizer usage by 10–15%, lowering costs and minimizing environmental damage.

Fertilizer Types & Effects

- **Urea:** Promotes rapid growth but increases soil acidity
- **DAP:** Supports root development but hardens soil
- **MOP:** Enhances fruit quality but harms sensitive crops
- **NPK 20-20-20:** Balanced nutrition but causes toxicity if overused
- **SSP:** Improves fertility but increases acidity

My Implementation

Using Random Forest and Regression algorithms with soil NPK values and pH as inputs to generate tailored recommendations.

Results Achieved: 15–20% crop yield improvement, enhanced soil health, and reduced environmental pollution through optimized fertilizer quantities.

Data-Driven Approaches to Modern Farming:

Research Summary by Dr. Pankaj Malik, Anmol Singh Tomar, Ayush Trivedi, Aniruddha Paliwal, Ansh Goyal

Medicaps University, Indore, India

Key Insights & Project Application:

What I Learned

- ML models like Random Forest, ANN, and XGBoost accurately predict fertilizer requirements
- Precision agriculture improves yield, reduces waste, and supports sustainability
- Soil nutrients, weather data, crop type, and yield history are essential inputs
- Feature engineering and selection boost model accuracy
- MAE, RMSE, and R^2 metrics identify the best performing models

Project Implementation

- Developing a fertilizer recommendation system using similar ML models
- Collecting key soil and environmental features guided by research
- Using preprocessing and feature selection for better accuracy
- Applying XGBoost insights for high-performance real-time prediction
- Building sustainable and efficient solutions for farmers

Machine Learning in Agriculture:

Research by Konstantinos G. Liakos, Patrizia Busato, Dimitrios Moshou, Simon Pearson, and Dionysis Bochtis from CERTH, University of Turin, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and University of Lincoln.

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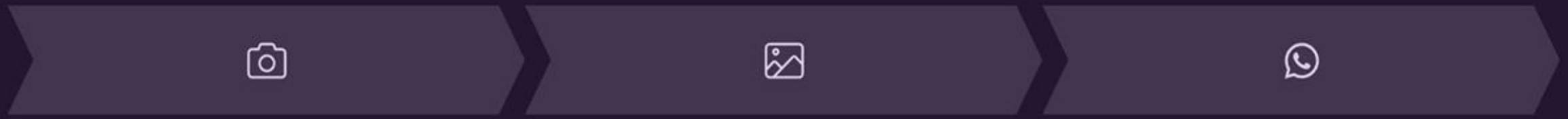
SCAS Project Application



CNN Disease Detection

SCAS uses CNN models trained on large leaf image datasets to classify crops as healthy or diseased, identifying common patterns with superior accuracy and speed versus manual inspection.

ML Weed Detection

Image segmentation isolates plant regions while ML classifiers distinguish weeds from crops. Automated identification of infestation levels supports targeted alerts and reduces herbicide usage.

Real-Time WhatsApp Alerts

When issues are detected, farmers receive immediate WhatsApp notifications with suggested actions and preventive measures, enabling rapid, informed decision-making from mobile devices.

Research Gaps & Innovation:

Existing Solutions Fall Short

Apps like Kisan Suvidha,Plantix, and AgroStar exist but have significant limitations:

- Limited advisory capability
- Mostly static information
- Lack AI integration
- No unified crop-weather-pest system
- Weak multi-language support

Critical Research Gaps We Address:

Hybrid AI Models

No existing system combines soil + weather + expert feedback despite research proving improved accuracy

Unified Platform

No integration of crop prediction + fertilizer recommendation + CNN-based pest detection in one system

Advanced ML/DL

Limited use of machine learning algorithms in rural advisory tools; most rely on static, non-personalized data

True Accessibility

Lack of localized, multilingual, voice-enabled interfaces for low-literate farmers

Real-Time Alerts

No real-time alerting for pest outbreaks or extreme weather, especially via WhatsApp notification

Executive Summary:

Smart Crop Advisory System (SCAS) is an AI-driven multilingual web application designed specifically for small and marginal farmers. This comprehensive platform integrates crop selection, fertilizer planning, pest detection, and weather prediction into one unified system.

AI-Powered Intelligence

Machine Learning, CNN, NLP chatbot, and OpenWeather API integration

Robust Architecture

Built using Spring Boot microservices, MySQL, SQLite, and AI modules

Inclusive Access

Voice support and local languages ensure farmer-friendly experience

Sustainable Impact

Improves yield, reduces input misuse, supports sustainable agriculture

Background of the Problem:

86%

Small & Marginal Farmers

Of Indian farmers are small and marginal according to NABARD 2022

These farmers suffer from multiple interconnected challenges that prevent them from achieving optimal agricultural outcomes:

Poor Crop Planning

Lack of scientific guidance leads to unsuitable crop choices for soil and climate conditions

High Input Costs

Excessive spending on fertilizers and pesticides without proper knowledge of requirements

No Expert Guidance

Limited access to agricultural experts and extension services in rural areas

Digital Divide

Limited digital adoption and language barriers prevent access to modern solutions

There is an urgent need for a simple, localized, AI-based advisory platform that addresses all these challenges in one unified system.

Our Comprehensive Solution:

Smart Crop Advisory System (SCAS) provides an integrated platform that addresses every aspect of modern farming challenges through intelligent technology:

Smart Crop Recommendations

AI-powered suggestions based on soil type, weather patterns, and historical yield data

Fertilizer & Soil Health

Scientific fertilizer advice and soil health monitoring to optimize input usage

Weather Intelligence

Real-time weather alerts and predictions to protect crops from adverse conditions

CNN-Based Disease Detection

Advanced image recognition for early pest and disease identification

Multilingual Chatbot

Voice-enabled conversational assistant in local languages for easy interaction

Community Platform

Blog and knowledge-sharing system with WhatsApp alerts for pest outbreaks and weather warnings

Technical Architecture & Implementation:

User Interface

HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, AJAX for low-literacy users with icons + voice

Backend Services

Spring Boot microservices, Spring Security, Spring Data JPA with REST APIs

AI Engine

TensorFlow, Scikit-Learn, Python microservices for ML + CNN models

Data Layer

MySQL (Cloud) + SQLite (Offline) dual database architecture

AI & Intelligence Components

ML Models

- Crop recommendation based on soil + weather + historical yield
- Fertilizer optimization using regression/classification

CNN Model

- Crop disease and pest detection from images
- Real-time image analysis

NLP Chatbot

- Multilingual support with translation APIs
- Voice input + Text-to-Speech output

References & Resources:

Government & Policy

- NABARD Report 2022
- Digital Agriculture Mission 2021–2025

Data & APIs

- OpenWeather API – openweathermap.org/api
- Kaggle Agricultural Datasets

Technical Frameworks

- TensorFlow – tensorflow.org
- Spring Boot – spring.io

Research Publications

- "Precision Agriculture Using ML," IEEE 2022
- "AI Crop Disease Prediction," Elsevier 2023

Thank You

We appreciate your time and attention.