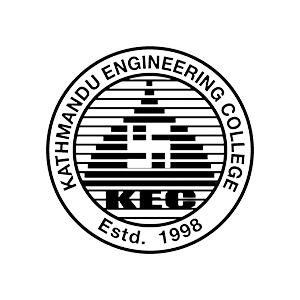
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**CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION**

* 1. **Background Theory**

H-Mate is a mobile-based application that provides basic health-related services like doctor appointments, and doctor recommendations and assists in addressing and treating various health-related issues. H-Mate reduces the hassle of taking medical services by systematically managing the appointments and reducing the manpower required to manage the health services. The app aims to bond patients and healthcare providers.

Medical applications have become increasingly common in the healthcare industry, revolutionizing the way individuals interact with healthcare providers. It increases access to health services to more individuals. Medical applications also provide a means for frequent interactions and remote monitoring of health conditions. The application also acts as an awareness medium for individuals about common health-related issues and their precautions.

We believe that such applications can help the everyday citizens of Nepal in the current time where the majority of individuals have access to smartphones.

**1.2 Problem Statement**

In Nepal, there is a lack of proper medical care for people whose salary is less than the average. The long waiting hours for medical services and a tight schedule with a lack of ability for timely and routine checkups. Moreover, there is a lack of awareness of diseases and their control measures. The geographical condition of Nepal makes it difficult to provide proper health services to people due to lack of mobility.

Currently, medical services in Nepal are predominantly managed by private sectors, which tend to be expensive, or through government-funded hospitals. The significant costs associated with infrastructure, transportation, and manpower pose challenges in delivering affordable healthcare. However, this is where H-Mate comes into the picture. H-Mate is a solution that aims to reduce costs and manpower requirements in the healthcare sector.

**1.3 Objectives**

The major objectives of this project are:

-To provide a platform for everyone to book an appointment with a specialist doctor based on their symptoms.

-To make a hospital management system where hospital staff can keep a record of patients.

**1.4 Scope and Application**

Hospital-based application is not a new concept in Nepal as it has been in use for a few years. With the success of some hospital-based applications or websites like Hamro Doctor, Nepal Mediciti, Okhati, and others, it is clear that the people of Nepal are quite interested in hospital-based applications. As these models work relatively well, we believe that our new approach to designing hospital-based applications will work quite well. In our application, every user will be able to solve most of their problems related to their health condition in a very effective, efficient, and user-friendly way.

The main motive of this project is to create a desktop/mobile application that will work as a hospital management system as well as a doctor recommendation system.

The application of this software is to schedule appointments for patients and ensure timely access to healthcare services. This software can also manage different medical files and resources for doctors and hospitals. The main application of this software is used to enhance patient experience, streamline workflow, and effective resource management, which ultimately contributes to the overall effectiveness and quality of healthcare delivery.

**CHAPTER 2: LITERATURE REVIEW**

**2.1 Existing Hospital-Based Application in Nepal**

Some of the existing hospital-based applications in Nepal that are similar to our H-Mate are listed below:

**1. Hamro Doctor**: Hamro Doctor is a popular healthcare application in Nepal that offers different health services such as doctor recommendations, blood donor requests, and stored medical records for future reference. Hamro Doctor is the first online healthcare service provider from Nepal where patients can enjoy different kinds of health services.

**2. Okhati**: Okhati is a healthcare platform in Nepal that connects patients with hospitals and doctors. It is a smart software for clinics, labs, and hospitals that consists of features like patient-flow management, billing, accounting, reporting, bulk messaging, and doctor recommendations based on patients’ preferences and requirements. Patients can also search for doctors by their specialty, and locations and also view doctor profiles with patient reviews.

**3. Saral Health**: Saral Health is a health and wellness application in Nepal that provides a doctor recommendation service. Patients have features like searching doctors by their specialty, location, and experience level. This application also includes the features such as appointment booking, health tips, and medical news.

**2.2 Limitations of Existing Systems**

Hospital-based applications in Nepal have been around for quite some time now and are also popular nowadays and common among the users of Nepal. While the current hospital-based applications have been doing a good job of awaring users about the advantages and benefits of using these applications. But in a while, these applications are not introducing any new kind of features and are able to meet some extra requirements of the users.

**2.3 Solutions Proposed by Our System**

The way in which our application improves on all the current existing applications is that it provides users extra features like recommending specialist doctors according to their symptoms. Our project will also be user-friendly so that users can easily use the application without any difficulties as the UI used in the application will be simple and user-friendly. As the users want all the features included in one single application, users are less likely to use different applications for different purposes. So, we believe that our project can improve and capitalize on these facts.

**3.6 Tools to be used**

* **Python**

Python is a high-level, general-purpose programming language known for its simplicity, readability, and versatility. Python is easy to read and write which emphasizes code readability with its clean and intuitive syntax. As python is a general-purpose language which means it can be used for a wide range of applications, such as web development, artificial intelligence, automation, etc.

* **JavaScript**

JavaScript is a versatile programming language that allows users to implement complex features on web pages. It is a powerful scripting language that runs in web browsers enabling interactive and dynamic behavior on websites. It allows users/developers to manipulate the web page contents, and handle user interactions.

* **React Native**

React Native is an open-source framework that lets the developer build cross-platform mobile applications using JavaScript and React.js. It provides a core set of platform-agnostic native components like view, text, and image that map directly to the platform's native UI building blocks. It allows developers to create mobile applications that run natively on both iOS and Android platforms using a single codebase.

* **Git**

Git is a free and open-source distributed version control system that helps developers manage, and handle, changes to their codebase efficiently. It allows coders or developers to work together in groups on the same project simultaneously with keeping track of each change made and providing tools to merge them into one and resolve the conflicts.

* **GitHub**

GitHub is a web-based platform that provides hosting for Git repositories. It helps developers to store and manage their code, as well as track and control changes to their code. It also provides features like repository hosting, collaborations among members for the project, issue tracking, project management, and so on.

* **MySQL**
  + MySQL is an open-source relational database management system (RDBMS) known for its reliability and performance. It is one of the most popular database management systems which is very commonly used. It is also known for its scalability, allowing users to handle large amounts of data and high-traffic applications. It also provides security features that will protect data, including access control, user authentication, etc.