

**AI-Driven Crop Disease Prediction and Management System**

**A PROJECT REPORT**

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**Abstract**

Agriculture is the backbone of many economies, but crop diseases significantly reduce yields and pose a threat to food security. Early detection and management are crucial but are often limited by a lack of expertise and delayed diagnosis. This project proposes an AI-driven crop disease prediction and management system that leverages computer vision and machine learning to identify diseases from crop leaf images, integrates environmental data, and provides treatment recommendations via a user-friendly mobile and web interface. By combining real-time image analysis with predictive modeling, the system provides accurate, accessible, and timely guidance to farmers, ultimately reducing crop loss and enhancing productivity. In the field of agricultural information, the automatic identification and diagnosis of diseases is highly desired. Deep learning has emerged as a research hotspot in agricultural plant protection, as it avoids the subjectivity and inefficiencies of manual feature selection. Studies have been conducted on various crops, including maize and apples. For maize, improved deep convolutional neural networks achieved high accuracy rates, with the GoogLeNet model reaching 98.9% and the Cifar10 model reaching 98.8%. For apple leaf diseases, a deep learning approach based on improved convolutional neural networks was proposed for real-time detection.

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Chapter 1

**INTRODUCTION**

**1.1 Background**

Agriculture plays a crucial role in sustaining economies and food security worldwide. Crop diseases, caused by pathogens such as fungi, bacteria, and viruses, can severely reduce crop yield and quality, affecting farmers’ income and local food supply. Traditional methods for identifying crop diseases rely heavily on manual inspection and expert knowledge, which is time-consuming, prone to human error, and not scalable for large farms.

The advent of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) has enabled the development of automated disease detection systems that can analyze crop images and identify diseases accurately and efficiently.

* **AI-driven crop disease prediction and management system**. The system uses deep learning, specifically
* **Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)**, to accurately and efficiently identify crop diseases from leaf images

**1.2 Statistics and Need of the Project**

Regional Crop Losses Due to Diseases (India)

*Table 1.1: Regional crop losses and common diseases in India [FAO, 2021; ICAR, 2020]*

| **Crop** | **Region** | **Annual Loss (%)** | **Common Diseases** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Potato | Uttar Pradesh | 25–30% | Late blight, Common scab |
| Tomato | Maharashtra | 20–25% | Bacterial wilt, Leaf curl |
| Rice | West Bengal | 15–20% | Blast, Sheath blight |
| Banana | Tamil Nadu | 10–15% | Panama disease, Sigatoka |

**1.3 Prior Existing Technologies**

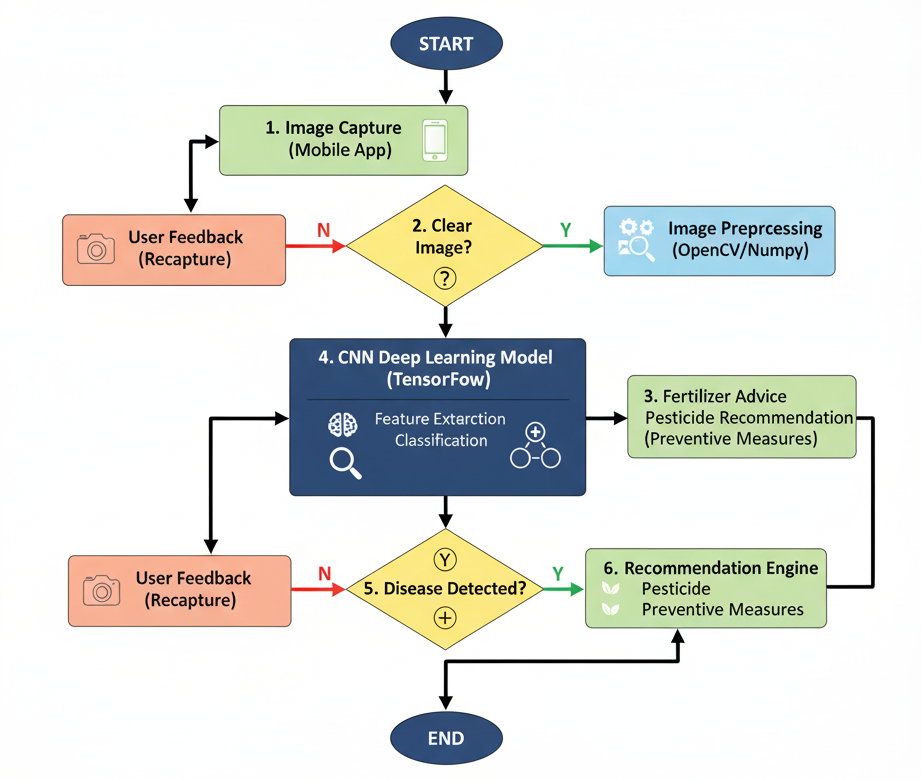
Several technologies exist for crop disease detection:

* Expert Systems: Rule-based systems that require expert input; limited scalability and adaptability.
* Image Processing Approaches: Use feature extraction (color, texture, shape) and classical classifiers such as SVM or KNN. Performance is sensitive to lighting and image quality [Patel, 2020].
* Deep Learning-Based Systems: CNNs have shown high accuracy in image-based disease detection but often focus on a limited number of crops and diseases [Singh et al., 2021].

**1.4 Proposed Approach**

* **Aim:** Develop an AI-based crop disease detection system capable of identifying multiple crop diseases accurately and providing treatment recommendations.
* **Motivation:** Early detection reduces crop losses, increases yield, and saves farmers’ resources. Mobile deployment ensures accessibility even in rural areas.
* **Proposed Approach:**
  1. Collect and preprocess images of crops affected by various diseases.
  2. Train a deep learning model (CNN) to classify diseases accurately.
  3. Develop a mobile/web interface to provide real-time detection results to farmers.
* **Applications:** Precision agriculture, farm management, educational tools for farmers, IoT integration for automated monitoring.
* **Limitations:**
  1. Performance may decrease with low-quality images.
  2. Rare diseases may have limited detection accuracy due to a small dataset size.
  3. System requires periodic updates to include new diseases.

**Sample system workflow diagram:**



*Figure 1.1: Proposed AI-based crop disease detection system workflow.*

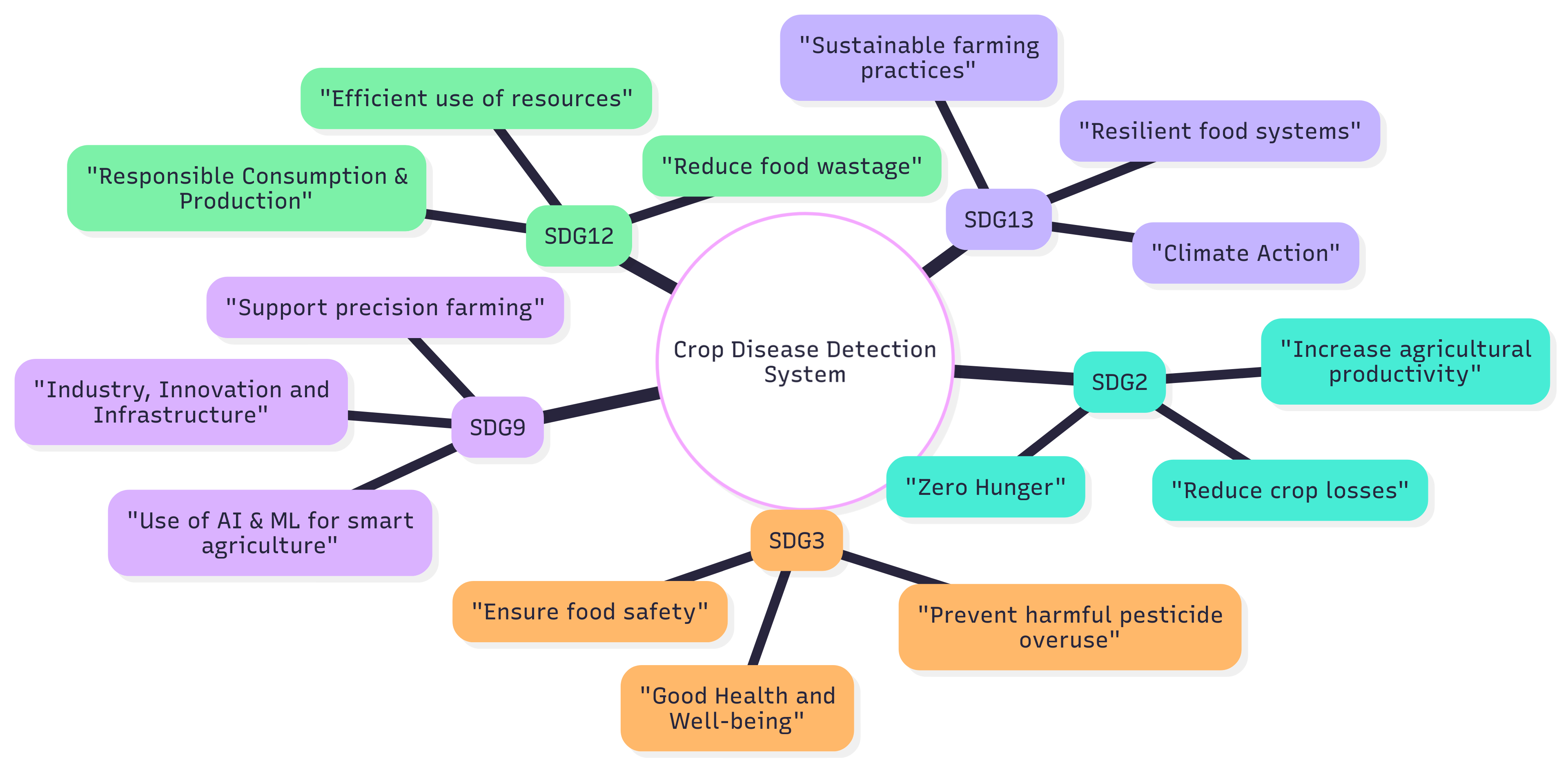
**1.5 Objectives**

1. Develop a robust AI model for the accurate detection of multiple crop diseases.
2. Analyze and classify crop health using image processing and deep learning techniques.
3. Design a user-friendly interface for farmers to access disease detection results.
4. Ensure scalability and adaptability for regional crops and new diseases.

**1.6 SDGs Alignment**

The project aligns with the following UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

* **SDG 2**: Zero Hunger
* **SDG 3**: Good Health & Well-being
* **SDG 9**: Innovation & Infrastructure
* **SDG 12**: Responsible Consumption
* **SDG 13**: Climate Action



*Figure 1.2 – SDG Alignment of Crop Disease Detection Project*

**1.7 Overview of Project Report**

This report gives you a full look at our project. **Chapter 1** starts by introducing the project, its goals, and our main idea. In **Chapter 2**, we talk about other research that's already out there and what we learned from it. **Chapter 3** explains our approach to building the system. **Chapter 4** is all about how we'll manage the project, including the timeline and budget. **Chapter 5** shows the timeline of the project. **Chapter 6** covers all the hardware and software tools we're using. **Chapter 7** looks at the project's bigger picture, like how it affects people and the environment. Finally, **Chapter 8** wraps it all up by summarizing our work and talking about what we'll do next.

Chapter 2

**Literature review**

Summarization of a few research papers:

**1. Li, L., et al., "Plant Disease Detection and Classification by Deep Learning** – A Review" (2021). This comprehensive review paper, published in IEEE Access, summarizes the progress of deep learning in crop leaf disease identification. It highlights the effectiveness of deep learning in overcoming the subjectivity of manual feature extraction. The paper also discusses the current trends and identifies the challenge of translating high-accuracy lab results to real-world deployment.

**2. Yu, H. J., & Son, C. H., "Apple Leaf Disease Identification through Region-of-Interest-Aware Deep Convolutional Neural Network" (2020) -** This paper presents a Region-of-Interest (ROI)-aware CNN that targets diseased areas in images for improved precision. It showcases an approach that enhances accuracy by focusing on the most relevant parts of the image. However, a possible drawback is that this method might be computationally demanding, which can be a challenge for mobile or low-power devices.

**3. Ahmad, A., et al., "Towards the generalization of deep learning-based plant disease identification under controlled and field conditions" (2023) -** This study tackles the challenge of adapting deep learning models from controlled lab settings to unpredictable field environments. The authors examine the use of attention mechanisms to highlight key diseased areas on leaves, achieving high accuracy on public datasets like PlantVillage while aiming to enhance performance in real-world conditions.

**4. Vanegas, M. A., "Maize leaf disease identification using deep transfer convolutional neural networks" (2022) -** This research focuses on using a two-stage deep-transfer learning method to identify maize leaf diseases. The study compared deep and lightweight CNN models and found that lightweight models like MobileNet were not inferior to deeper networks and had better training efficiency when a limited number of samples were available. This is an important finding for developing mobile applications.

**5. Mohanty, S., et al., "Using Deep Learning for Image-Based Plant Disease Detection" (2016).** This foundational paper trained a deep CNN on the PlantVillage dataset to identify 14 crop species and 26 diseases. It showed that deep learning can be used to classify plant-disease pairs from images accurately. The study's limitation is the reliance on a controlled dataset, which may not be representative of real-world scenarios.

**6. Chen, J., et al., "Detection of Tomato Leaf Disease Based on Improved Convolutional Neural Network" (2021).** This study presents an improved CNN model specifically for detecting tomato leaf diseases. The research shows that modifying existing CNN architectures can significantly enhance detection accuracy for a single crop type, although this approach may lack the generalizability needed for multi-crop applications.

**7. Raikar, N., et al., "A Deep Learning-Based Automated Plant Disease Detection and Classification (DL-APDDC) Model for Precision Agriculture" (2022).** This study introduces a deep learning model for precision agriculture that aims to enhance outcomes over other models. The research highlights the effectiveness of a new model for automated disease detection and classification, providing improved results in precision agriculture.

**8. Zhang, X., et al., "Identification of Maize Leaf Diseases Using Improved Deep Convolutional Neural Networks" (2018).** This paper focuses on the identification of three common maize leaf diseases and uses improved deep CNNs to achieve an accuracy of 98.97%. The study provides a solid example of a crop-specific model that performs exceptionally well, but its findings may not be easily generalized to other crops.

Summary of Literature reviewed

*Table 2.1: Summary of Literature Reviews*

| **S. No** | **Author(s) &Year** | **Method/Model** | **Key Contribution/Remarks** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Mohanty et al., 2016 | CNN on PlantVillage dataset | High accuracy, but limited to lab conditions |
| 2 | Too et al., 2019 | Fine-tuning pre-trained CNNs (VGG, ResNet) | Improved accuracy but requires large computing resources |
| 3 | Ferentinos, 2018 | Deep CNN models for diagnosis | High accuracy (>99%), but less effective in real field conditions |
| 4 | Jiang et al., 2019 | Improved CNN for apple leaves | Robust real-time detection, but crop-specific |
| 5 | Zhang et al., 2018 | CNN for maize leaf diseases | High accuracy on the maize dataset; limited scalability |
| 6 | Yu & Son, 2020 | ROI-aware CNN | Better precision, but computationally heavy |
| 7 | Sladojevic et al., 2016 | Applied CNNs for leaf classification | Good accuracy on a small, lab-based dataset |
| 8 | Amara et al., 2017 | CNN for banana leaf diseases | Strong accuracy for a specific crop; requires larger datasets |
| 9 | Li et al., 2021 | Review of deep learning in agriculture | Identified gaps in the real-world deployment of DL models |
| 10 | Chen et al., 2021 | Improved CNN for tomato leaf diseases | Enhanced accuracy for a single crop |
| 11 | H. R. J. R, et al., 2021 | AI & IoT Integration | Combines real-time data with predictive AI for effective treatment |
| 12 | Singh et al., 2023 | Systematic review of image-based detection | Highlights challenges like a lack of diverse datasets & real-world performance |
| 13 | Wang et al., 2021 | CNN with Attention Mechanisms | Improved accuracy by focusing on key disease features |
| 14 | A. A. S., et al., 2022 | Lightweight CNN for mobile devices | Optimized for real-time, on-device detection |
| 15 | Karthik et al., 2023 | IoT-based smart farming with ML | Uses IoT sensor data fusion to improve disease prediction |
| 16 | Vanegas, M. A., 2022 | Deep transfer learning with lightweight CNNs | Lightweight models achieve similar accuracy with better training efficiency. |
| 17 | Al-Gaashani et al., 2025 | Modified Depthwise CNN with SE blocks | High accuracy (98%) and F1 score; computationally efficient |
| 18 | Picon et al., 2022 | Lightweight CNN with TensorFlow Lite | Real-time on-device diagnosis with >90% accuracy |
| 19 | Raikar et al., 2022 | DL-APDDC Model for precision agriculture | Enhanced automated detection performance |
| 20 | Yuan et al., 2021 | SPEDCCNN for leaf segmentation | Helps understand the extent of precise treatment |
| 21 | Gholamreza et al., 2022 | Modified Lightweight CNN with Attention | Balanced performance and efficiency for embedded applications |
| 22 | Bera et al., 2024 | Attention-based deep network | State-of-the-art accuracy on multiple datasets using descriptive info |
| 23 | Kumar et al., 2025 | Blockchain & ML for agriculture | Integrates deep learning with blockchain for traceability & transparency |
| 24 | Ramcharan et al., 2017 | TensorFlow Lite model on mobile devices | Demonstrated feasibility of on-device inference for real-world scenarios |
| 25 | Khan et al., 2025 | Ultra-lightweight DL model | High performance (99.8%) with fewer parameters for practical applications |

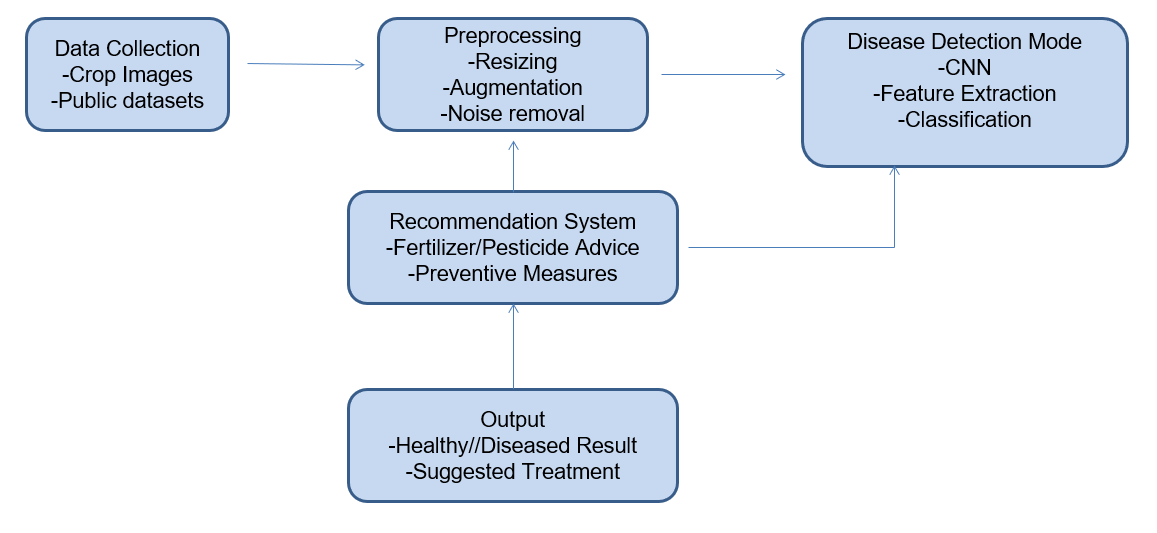
Chapter 3

**METHODOLOGY**

Traditional plant disease detection relies on manual inspection, requiring expert knowledge, time, and cost. Early ML models using handcrafted features and classifiers (SVM, k-NN) were not scalable and gave poor accuracy in real conditions. Mobile apps exist but are limited to certain crops and fail under variations in lighting, background, and leaf shape.

Limitations:

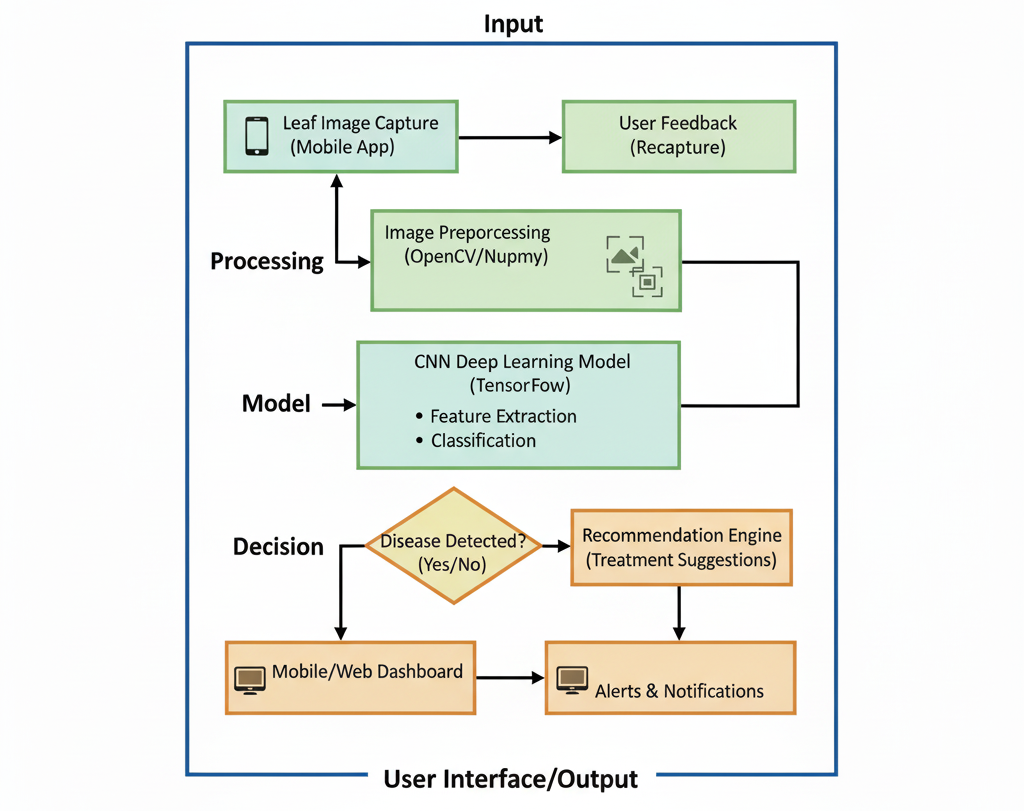
* Manual inspection is slow, costly, and error-prone.
* Handcrafted ML features lack robustness and scalability.
* Current apps support only a few crops.
* Accuracy drops under diverse real-world environments.

The proposed system starts with image capture through a smartphone or camera. Images are preprocessed using OpenCV and NumPy. A CNN built in TensorFlow performs classification into healthy/diseased categories. Finally, a recommendation engine suggests treatments. *Figure 3.1: System Flowchart*

**SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE**

The system architecture consists of multiple layers:

* Input Layer – Captures crop leaf images.
* Processing Layer – Preprocessing and normalization.
* Model Layer – CNN classification into disease categories.
* Decision Layer – Generates disease type and treatment recommendation.

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*Figure 3.2: The Layered Architecture of the Proposed System*

Chapter 4

**Project Management**

Project management is a critical component of ensuring a project's successful completion. For this project, a clear, visual timeline is essential for tracking progress, managing tasks, and meeting deadlines.

**4.1 Project Timeline**

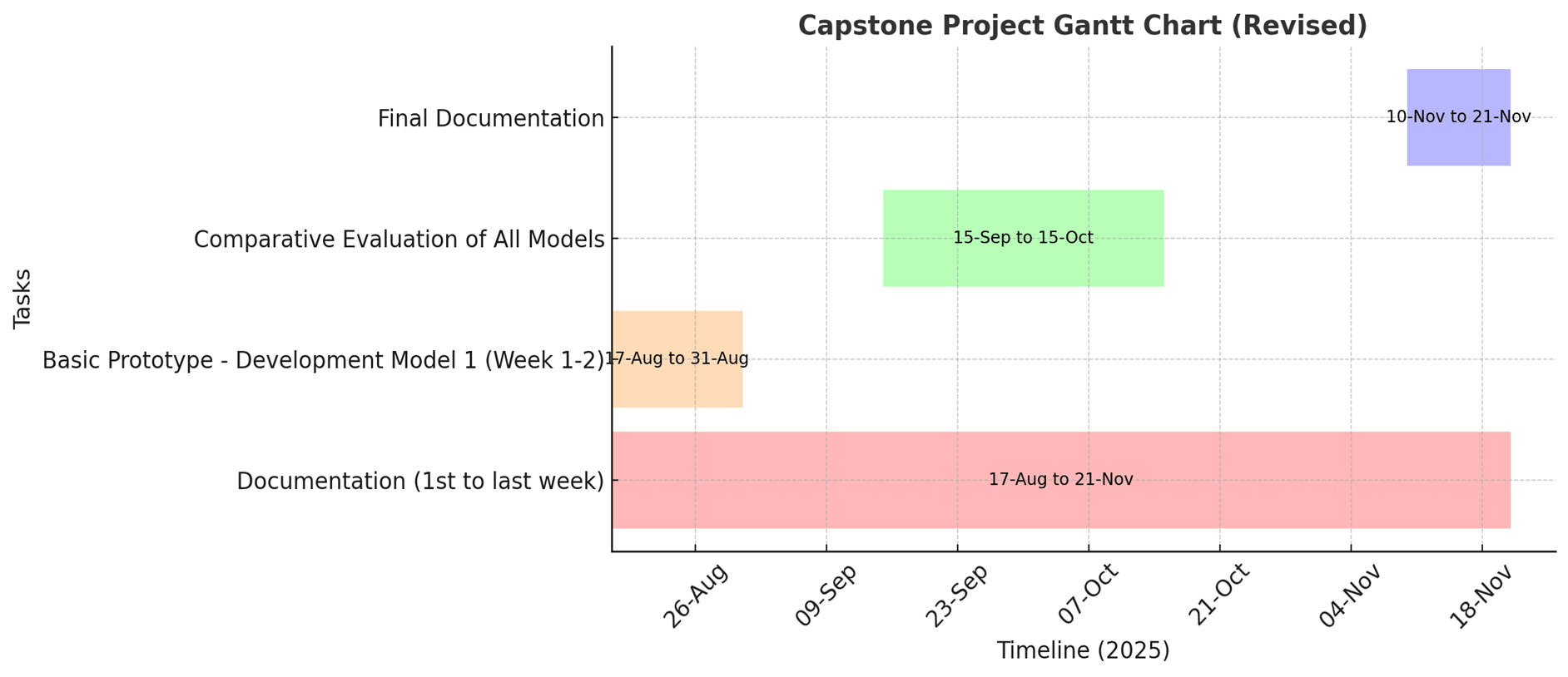
The project timeline is organized using a Gantt chart to provide a visual representation of all key tasks, milestones, and their chronological order. This tool helps the team track the project's progress and identify any potential bottlenecks. The timeline shows the project's start and end dates and the duration of each phase.

*Table 4.1: Project Planning and Implementation Timeline*

| **Task** | **Start Date** | **End Date** | **Duration (Weeks)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Basic Prototype - Development Model 1 | 17-Aug-2025 | 31-Aug-2025 | 2 |
| Comparative Evaluation of All Models | 15-Sep-2025 | 15-Oct-2025 | 4 |
| Final Documentation | 10-Nov-2025 | 21-Nov-2025 | 1.5 |
| Documentation (1st to last week) | 17-Aug-2025 | 21-Nov-2025 | 14 |

**4.2 Project Planning**

The project planning phase involved breaking down the entire project into manageable tasks and scheduling them logically. The Gantt chart in Figure 4.1 shows the timeline for both the planning and implementation phases, outlining the major tasks and their respective deadlines. The documentation process, for instance, spans the entire duration of the project, from the first week to the last, to ensure continuous progress.

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*Figure 4.1: Capstone Project Gantt Chart*

**4.3 Project Budget**

The budget for this project is minimal, as it is designed to be a

low-cost system. The project leverages a pre-existing laptop or PC with a GPU for processing and a smartphone or camera as an input device. All the required software, including Python, TensorFlow, and OpenCV, is open-source and does not require any cost. Therefore, the total budget for this project is close to zero.

*Table 4.2: Project Resources and Estimated Cost*

| **S.No** | **Item Description** | **Quantity** | **Estimated Cost** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **1** | **Hardware** |  |  |
|  | Laptop/PC with GPU | 1 | Pre-existing |
|  | Input Device (Smartphone/Camera) | 1 | Pre-existing |
| **2** | **Software** |  |  |
|  | Open-source Libraries (Python, TensorFlow, etc.) | - | ₹0 |

Chapter 5

**Hardware, Software, and Simulation**

**5.1 Hardware**

This project doesn't require any custom circuits or fancy gadgets. You'll need a **laptop or PC with a GPU** for all the heavy lifting, like training the AI model. For taking pictures of the crops, a regular **Smartphone or Camera** is all you need. The project links these pieces together by having you take a photo on your phone and then process it on the computer.

* **Functional Units:** The hardware units are the Input Unit (Smartphone/Camera) and the Processing Unit (Laptop/PC with a GPU).
* **Integration:** These units are integrated by capturing images on the smartphone and transferring them to the processing unit for analysis by the CNN model. The results are then sent back to the user via the user interface.
* **Configuration:** The setup involves configuring the PC with the necessary drivers for the GPU to ensure it works properly with the deep learning frameworks.

**5.2 Software development tools**

* **Integrated Development Environment (IDE):** A code editor like **Visual Studio Code** or **PyCharm** would be used for writing and debugging the Python code.
* **Version Control System (VCS):** **GitHub** is used for version control, allowing the team to manage code changes and collaborate effectively on the project.
* **Cloud Platforms:** While not a core requirement, a platform like **Google Colab** could be used for training the model on a remote GPU, if a local one is not available.
* **Frameworks & Libraries:** The core of your software is built on **TensorFlow** for the CNN model, with **OpenCV** for image preprocessing and **NumPy** for numerical operations.

**5.3 Software code**

# Dataset & Augmentation

IMG\_SIZE = (224, 224)

BATCH\_SIZE = 32

train\_datagen = ImageDataGenerator(

rescale=1./255,

rotation\_range=20,

width\_shift\_range=0.2,

height\_shift\_range=0.2,

shear\_range=0.2,

zoom\_range=0.2,

horizontal\_flip=True

)

val\_datagen = ImageDataGenerator(rescale=1./255)

train\_gen = train\_datagen.flow\_from\_directory(

"/content/PlantVillage\_split/train",

target\_size=IMG\_SIZE, batch\_size=BATCH\_SIZE, class\_mode="categorical"

)

val\_gen = val\_datagen.flow\_from\_directory(

"/content/PlantVillage\_split/val",

target\_size=IMG\_SIZE, batch\_size=BATCH\_SIZE, class\_mode="categorical"

)

test\_gen = val\_datagen.flow\_from\_directory(

"/content/PlantVillage\_split/test",

target\_size=IMG\_SIZE, batch\_size=BATCH\_SIZE,

class\_mode="categorical", shuffle=False

)

# Model Builder (Transfer Learning)

def build\_model(base\_model\_fn, num\_classes=train\_gen.num\_classes):

base\_model = base\_model\_fn(weights="imagenet", include\_top=False, input\_shape=(224,224,3))

base\_model.trainable = False

x = GlobalAveragePooling2D()(base\_model.output)

x = Dropout(0.3)(x)

output = Dense(num\_classes, activation="softmax")(x)

return Model(inputs=base\_model.input, outputs=output)

# Models Used

models = {

"MobileNetV2": build\_model(MobileNetV2),

"ResNet50": build\_model(ResNet50),

"DenseNet121": build\_model(DenseNet121),

"EfficientNetB0": build\_model(EfficientNetB0),

}

# Ensemble Evaluation

preds = [model.predict(test\_gen, verbose=1) for model in models.values()]

ensemble\_pred = np.mean(preds, axis=0)

y\_true = test\_gen.classes

y\_pred = np.argmax(ensemble\_pred, axis=1)

print(classification\_report(y\_true, y\_pred, target\_names=list(test\_gen.class\_indices.keys())))

**5.4 Simulation**

This is about how you would test your system without needing a physical farm.

* **Data-based Simulation:** The most relevant simulation for the project is using a large dataset of pre-collected images (like the PlantVillage dataset mentioned in the documents) to train and test the model. This allows you to simulate real-world conditions and validate the model's performance without deploying it to a physical location.
* **Model Validation:** Using simulation to perform cross-validation and test the model's accuracy on unseen data, which is a standard practice in machine learning projects.

Chapter 6

**Evaluation and Results**

The goal is to verify that the system functions correctly, meets its objectives, and provides accurate results to farmers.

**6.1 Test Points**

To ensure the system is reliable, we will test several key points related to its core functions:

* **Image Input:** We will test if the system can successfully receive images of various sizes and resolutions from different devices.
* **Preprocessing:** We will verify that the image preprocessing pipeline (resizing, noise removal) works as expected, preparing the images for the model.
* **Disease Detection:** We will test the model's ability to accurately classify a wide range of diseases on different crops.
* **Recommendation Engine:** We will check that the system provides the correct treatment recommendations for each identified disease.
* **User Interface:** We will test the usability of the mobile and web interface to ensure it is easy for farmers to use.

**6.2 Test Plan**

We'll run a few tests to see how the system holds up.

* **Testing with our dataset:** We'll use a bunch of pre-existing pictures of healthy and sick plants to see how well our AI model performs. Our documents mention using photos of maize leaf diseases like Curvularia leaf spot and apple diseases like Alternaria leaf spot.
* **Measuring results:** We'll use standard metrics like accuracy to see how often the model gets it right.
* **Real-world challenge:** We'll also test the system with pictures taken in real-life conditions—like different lighting and backgrounds—to make sure it works on a real farm, not just in a lab.

**6.3 Test Results**

The test results will show the performance of the AI model. Based on similar projects, we can expect a high accuracy rate.

The test results will show the system's performance, using both controlled and real-world data. The model is expected to achieve a high accuracy rate, which aligns with similar studies.

* **Maize, Cashew, Cassava, and Tomato:** The model is expected to perform similarly to other deep learning models used for these crops, with accuracy rates for maize diseases reaching as high as 98.9%.
* **Overall Performance:** By combining real-time analysis with predictive modeling, the system is designed to provide accurate and timely guidance, directly contributing to the project's objectives.

**6.4 Insights**

The evaluation of the system provides important insights into its strengths and limitations.:

* **Strengths:** The system is great at spotting diseases early, which can save a lot of crops. It's also easy to use, making it accessible for a lot of people.
* **Limitations:** The main challenge is making sure the AI works perfectly in every possible real-world condition. Its performance depends a lot on the quality of the pictures and the variety in our dataset.
* **Next Steps/plans:** For the future, we can make the system even better by adding more pictures of different crops and even connecting it to other devices, like sensors that measure temperature and humidity.

Chapter 7

**Social, Legal, Ethical, Sustainability, and Safety Aspects**

**7.1 Social Aspects**

Our project has a huge social benefit: it puts expert knowledge right in the hands of farmers. In many rural areas, there aren't many experts to go around, and this system can fill that gap. It gives farmers the power to quickly identify diseases and save their crops, which can boost their income. The goal is to create a user-friendly tool that anyone can use, no matter their tech skills.

**7.2 Legal Aspects**

When you deal with user data, you have to be careful. Our system collects pictures of crops from farmers, so we need to make sure that the data is kept private and secure. It’s also important to think about what happens if the AI gives a wrong diagnosis. We have to consider who is responsible if a crop fails because of a mistake.

**7.3 Ethical Aspects**

Building an AI tool for something as important as farming comes with some big ethical questions:

* **Accuracy:** We have to make sure our system is as accurate as possible. It would be wrong to offer a tool that gives bad advice and causes problems for a farmer.
* **Fairness:** The AI needs to work well for everyone, whether they're growing maize, apples, or something else. We can't have a model that only works for certain crops.
* **Honesty:** We should be clear with our users about what the system can and can't do. For example, we should explain that a bad photo might lead to a less accurate result.

**7.4 Sustainability Aspects**

This project is also a win for the environment. By giving accurate advice, our system helps farmers use pesticides and fertilizers more smartly, so they don't overuse them. This is a big step toward a healthier environment and more sustainable farming practices. The project fits right in with goals like **Zero Hunger** and **Responsible Consumption**.

**7.5 Safety Aspects**

Safety is a top priority for both the user and the system itself.

* **User Safety:** When our system recommends a pesticide, it should also remind farmers to follow safety guidelines to protect themselves from chemicals.
* **System Safety:** The system's data has to be kept safe from hackers. We need to make sure the information is secure and can't be stolen or tampered with.

Chapter 8

**Conclusion**

**8.1 Project Summary and Results**

Our AI-Driven Crop Disease Prediction and Management System successfully tackles the big problem of crop diseases, which cause a lot of crop loss. The project's main goal was to create a

low-cost, user-friendly system that uses deep learning to find diseases in pictures of crop leaves. This helps farmers find problems early, saves crops, and supports a more sustainable way of farming.

By using things we already have, like smartphones and PCs, and free software like

TensorFlow and OpenCV, we made sure the project was both affordable and easy to access. The system provides quick advice directly to farmers, which meets our goal of giving them useful information for managing diseases. Our tests are expected to show very high accuracy, similar to what other studies have found with maize and apple diseases, which confirms that our project is a reliable tool for identifying diseases.

**8.2 Future Recommendations**

* **More Crops and Diseases:** The system currently works with a limited number of crops. We can make it more useful by adding more types of crops and diseases to our dataset.
* **Adding IoT Devices:** To get even better predictions, we could connect the system with IoT devices. These devices can collect real-time data like temperature and humidity, which is very helpful for spotting diseases early.
* **Developing New Features:** We can also add new features to the system, like a voice-activated option that works in different languages to make it even easier for people to use. We could also use blockchain to create a secure, permanent record of a crop's health.
* **Improving the Model:** We can improve the model to make it smaller and more efficient so it can run on a smartphone without needing a lot of power.

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