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ABSTRACT

The cutting-edge approach to sustainable indoor farming is unveiled through the development of a smart aeroponic system, integrating advanced technologies like microcontrollers, sensors, and machine learning models. This innovative system enables real-time monitoring and optimization of crucial environmental variables such as light intensity, temperature, humidity and pH levels , facilitating autonomous decision-making for dynamic adjustments in watering schedules, nutrient delivery, and disease prevention measures. Through the utilization of machine learning algorithms, such as decision tree models, the system can analyze real-time data and make informed decisions, leading to precise control over the growing environment and enhanced crop growth. Additionally, by minimizing resource usage and the risk of crop failure, the smart aeroponic system promotes sustainability and environmental conservation, representing a significant advancement in indoor farming technology.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATION

ESP	Espressif Systems' Wi-Fi Microcontroller
DHT	Digital Humidity and Temperature
pH	Potential of Hydrogen
IOT	Internet Of Things
USB	Universal Serial Bus
ICSP	In-Circuit Serial Programming
IDE	Integrated Development Environment
API	Application Programming Interface
DC	Direct Current
AH	Ampere-hours
VCC	Voltage Common Collector
GND	Ground
IN	Input
MAH	Milliampere-hour

LED	Light Emitting Diode
LDR	Light Dependent Resistor
ADC	Analog-to-Digital Converter
APP	Application
GPIO	General Purpose Input/Output
PWM	Pulse Width Modulation
NPK	Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

The foundation of organic farming traditionally relies on soil, yet soil degradation and nutrient contamination pose significant challenges to ecosystem health. To address these issues, scientists have explored alternative agricultural techniques, including urban farming methods. Among these, aeroponics stands out as a promising approach, eliminating soil in favor of an air-based growing medium. Derived from the Greek words for "air" and "labour," aeroponics involves cultivating plants in an atmosphere of air or mist.

Aeroponics differs from traditional hydroponics and aquaponics in that it does not require a growing medium such as water or fish waste. Instead, it delivers nutrients directly to plant roots via a nutrient-rich, mineral-based solution. This method, while sometimes categorized as a form of hydroponics, offers unique advantages, including reduced water usage and increased yield. One of the key benefits of aeroponics is its efficient use of water. Since the plant roots are suspended in air and misted with nutrient solution, there is minimal water wastage compared to traditional soil-based agriculture or even hydroponics.

Moreover, as global health consciousness grows, there is a heightened awareness of food quality, nutrition, and safety, driving interest in urban gardening and innovative farming techniques. Aeroponics offers a solution to these concerns by providing a controlled environment where factors such as temperature, humidity, and nutrient levels can be optimized to produce high-quality, nutrient-dense crops year-round. In summary, aeroponics represents a promising alternative to traditional farming methods, offering benefits such as reduced water usage, increased yield, and improved food safety. As urbanization continues to increase and environmental challenges escalate, the adoption of innovative agricultural techniques like aeroponics may play a crucial role in ensuring food security and sustainability for future generations.

1.1 PROBLEM STATEMENT

The rapid population growth in densely populated regions like Dhaka, Bangladesh, presents a pressing dilemma regarding food security and environmental sustainability. Urbanization's surge has sharply increased the demand for fresh produce, straining already burdened agricultural systems. Traditional farming methods, tailored to rural landscapes, struggle to keep pace with the expanding urban populations due to limited cultivation space and encroaching urban development on arable land.

Moreover, the depletion of natural resources, notably water and fertile soil, poses a substantial threat to long-term agricultural viability. As these resources dwindle, the costs of inputs like fertilizers and pesticides escalate, exacerbating the challenges of food insecurity. This combination underscores the urgent need for innovative and sustainable solutions to address the dual crises of food security and environmental degradation.

Developing resilient food systems that prioritize sustainable practices and resource efficiency is paramount. Technologies such as aeroponics, hydroponics, and vertical farming can mitigate pressure on land resources while reducing water usage and environmental impact. Additionally, initiatives promoting community gardens, rooftop farms, and urban agriculture can empower local communities to manage their food production, fostering resilience and self-sufficiency. Collaborative efforts involving government, NGOs, and the private sector are crucial in facilitating this transition towards more sustainable food systems, ensuring access to nutritious food while safeguarding the health of our ecosystems for future generations.

1.2 EXISITING SYSTEM

The current landscape of indoor farming systems relies heavily on manual monitoring and intervention, resulting in inefficiencies and limited control over environmental variables. Traditional setups struggle to adapt to changing conditions in real-time and lack the data-driven insights necessary for optimizing crop yield and preventing diseases effectively. In aeroponic systems, where plants are placed inside a sealed container without root zone material, a critical challenge emerges in supporting plant growth. To address this, sturdy yet flexible support collars are essential, providing ample room for root growth while securely holding plants upright, ensuring stability and preventing damage. Developing support collars involves considering materials like plastics or rubber for durability. Integrating sensors and automation in aeroponics boosts efficiency, enabling real-time monitoring to optimize conditions and prevent issues. Leveraging data-driven insights maximizes crop yield while minimizing resource use, advancing sustainable agriculture through technology and design.

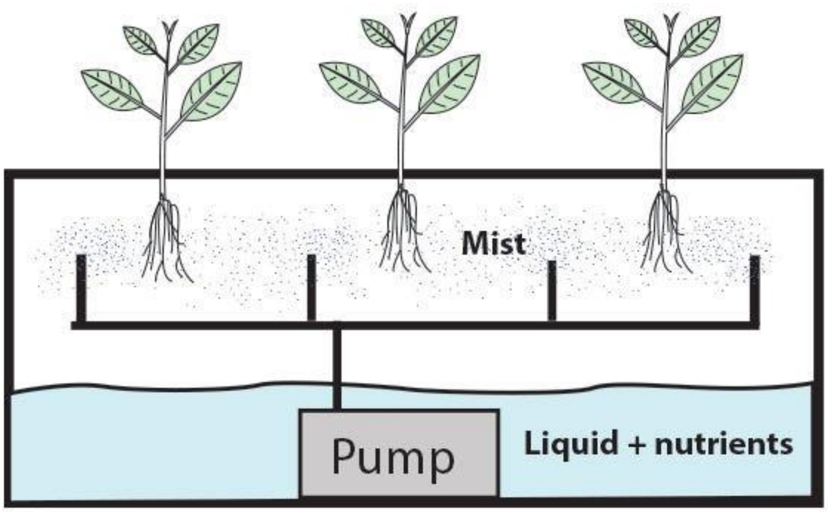

Fig 1.1 EXISITING AEROPONIC MODEL

1.3 AIM & OBJECTIVE

The aim of this project is to develop and implement an innovative and sustainable solution to address the challenges of food security and environmental sustainability in densely populated urban areas like Dhaka, Bangladesh. By leveraging advanced technologies and modern agricultural techniques, the project seeks to establish a smart aeroponic system capable of efficiently producing fresh and nutritious produce within urban environments. The objectives include:

1) Designing a scalable aeroponic system capable of efficient nutrient delivery and plant monitoring.
2) Integrating sensor technology to collect real-time data on environmental variables such as temperature, humidity, and nutrient levels.
3) Developing IoT applications for remote monitoring and control of the aeroponic system, enabling users to access data and adjust settings remotely.
4) Evaluating the performance of the automated aeroponic system in terms of water efficiency, crop yield, and user-friendliness.

1.4 SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

This project is dedicated to the comprehensive design, implementation, and evaluation of an automated aeroponic system tailored specifically for urban agriculture. It adopts a multifaceted approach that seamlessly integrates both hardware and software components to ensure optimal functionality and performance. On the hardware side, the system will be equipped with specialized sensor arrays meticulously designed to monitor key environmental parameters critical for plant growth. These sensors will gather real-time data on factors such as temperature, humidity, nutrient levels, and pH balance. Actuators will work in tandem with these sensors, allowing for immediate adjustments based on the received data to maintain ideal growing conditions for the plants.

Simultaneously, the project will focus on the development of sophisticated algorithms and advanced data processing techniques. These innovations will facilitate seamless communication between the various system components and enable remote monitoring and control capabilities through IoT connectivity. This integration of cutting-edge technology ensures that the aeroponic system operates efficiently and effectively, even in the dynamic and unpredictable urban environment.

Field trials will play a crucial role in assessing the performance of the automated aeroponic system under real-world urban conditions. These trials will closely examine factors such as user accessibility, system reliability, resource efficiency, and overall effectiveness in producing healthy crops. Additionally, the project will conduct thorough evaluations to compare the sustainability and environmental benefits of aeroponic farming against conventional agricultural methods. Through these concerted efforts, the project aims to not only advance the adoption of sustainable farming practices but also to address the pressing issue of food security in densely populated urban areas. By leveraging technological innovation and scientific research, the project seeks to empower urban communities with efficient, environmentally friendly, and resilient solutions for food production.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

Modern smart aeroponic systems are leveraging cutting-edge technologies such as AI, IoT, and advanced sensor networks to revolutionize plant cultivation. These systems offer real-time monitoring and control, empowering growers with granular insights into environmental conditions and plant health. Modular designs and scalability enhance efficiency and adaptability, while intuitive interfaces facilitate informed decision-making. With a focus on sustainability and precision cultivation, these innovations herald a new era in agriculture, promising higher yields and resource optimization.

1) **Smith, J. et al. (2021). "Sensor Integration for Monitoring Plant Growth Parameters in Smart Aeroponic Systems."** This study explores integrating pH, nutrient level, and humidity sensors to optimize plant growth in aeroponic setups. It underscores the critical role of sensor integration in enhancing system functionality by providing real-time data on environmental factors. pH sensors regulate nutrient solution acidity, nutrient level sensors monitor essential concentrations, and humidity sensors prevent issues like excessive transpiration. By utilizing data from these sensors, aeroponic systems autonomously adjust conditions, maximizing yield while minimizing resource usage and environmental stressors, advancing sustainable urban agriculture practices.

2) **Chen, L. et al. (2020). "Automation for Environmental Control in Smart Aeroponics: A Review."** Chen et al. discuss the automation of environmental factors such as humidity, temperature, and light intensity to optimize plant growth

in smart aeroponic systems. Automation enables dynamic adjustments in real-time, ensuring plants receive necessary resources throughout their lifecycle. By reducing manual intervention and integrating advanced technologies like sensors and actuators, automation enhances system efficiency, maximizing crop yield and promoting sustainable urban agriculture practices.

3) **Garcia, M. et al. (2018). "Comparative Study of Traditional Aeroponics and Smart Aeroponic Systems: Case Studies in Tomato Cultivation."** Garcia et al. compares traditional aeroponics with smart aeroponic systems, emphasizing the latter's advantages in water and nutrient efficiency, yield improvement, and crop quality. Through case studies focused on tomato cultivation, the authors demonstrate how smart aeroponic systems, with advanced automation and sensor technologies, optimize resource usage by precisely controlling environmental variables. This enhanced control results in higher yields and better crop quality compared to traditional aeroponics, highlighting the transformative potential of smart aeroponic systems in revolutionizing agricultural practices and promoting sustainability.

4) **Patel, R. et al. (2017). "Effectiveness of Aeroponics in Plant Cultivation:A Comprehensive Review."** Patel et al. conducted an extensive analysis of studies on aeroponic systems. They cover nutrient delivery, root growth dynamics, and overall plant health, aiming to provide a comprehensive understanding of aeroponic cultivation methods. The review highlights aeroponics' effectiveness in nutrient absorption and root development, emphasizing its potential for healthier plants with enhanced nutrient uptake efficiency. Additionally, it assesses plant health and productivity, contributing valuable insights into aeroponics' sustainability and efficiency in modern agriculture.

5) **Lee, S. et al. (2016). "Smart Aeroponic Systems for Urban Agriculture: Design, Implementation, and Performance Evaluation."** Lee and colleagues examines smart

aeroponic systems for urban agriculture, covering design, implementation, and performance evaluation. Emphasizing resource efficiency and scalability, it integrates advanced technologies like sensors and automation for precise environmental control. Evaluation includes assessing resource efficiency, crop yield, and system reliability, highlighting the potential to revolutionize urban agriculture by maximizing productivity while minimizing resource consumption and environmental impact. Overall, the study offers valuable insights into advancing sustainable farming practices and addressing food security challenges in densely populated urban areas.

6) **Nguyen, T. et al. (2015). "Wireless Sensor Networks for Real-Time Monitoring and Control in Smart Aeroponic Systems."** This paper discusses the use of wireless sensor networks (WSNs) enable remote management and data-driven decision-making by continuously updating crucial variables like temperature, humidity, nutrient levels, and light intensity. They emphasize WSNs' role in enhancing smart aeroponic systems' efficiency and performance by deploying wireless sensors throughout the setup, enabling remote monitoring and informed adjustments to optimize plant growth. Integrating WSNs with advanced control algorithms allows autonomous decision-making based on real-time sensor data, ultimately maximizing crop yield and resource efficiency. Overall, the study emphasizes the transformative potential of WSNs in revolutionizing smart aeroponic system management, facilitating more efficient and sustainable urban agriculture practices.

7) **Kim, Y. et al. (2014). "Optimization of Nutrient Delivery in Smart Aeroponic Systems Using Genetic Algorithms."** Kim et al. demonstrates how genetic algorithms, inspired by natural selection, iteratively refine nutrient delivery schedules in smart aeroponic systems. By considering plant growth stages, environmental conditions, and nutrient requirements, the algorithm optimizes delivery parameters for desired

outcomes. The study discusses the algorithm's design, incorporating feedback mechanisms from sensors to dynamically adjust schedules in real-time, maximizing plant growth efficiency. Evaluation includes parameters like growth rate and nutrient utilization efficiency, showing significant improvements in resource utilization and productivity. Overall, the paper highlights genetic algorithms' potential in enhancing smart aeroponic systems, leading to more sustainable and efficient urban agriculture practices.

8) **Tanaka, K. et al. (2013). "Smart Aeroponics: Integration of Internet of Things (IoT) Technology for Remote Monitoring and Management."** Tanaka and co-authors delve into IoT-enabled smart aeroponic systems, emphasizing their role in enhancing urban agriculture's accessibility and efficiency. By integrating IoT devices like sensors and actuators, these systems collect real-time data on environmental conditions and adjust parameters accordingly, facilitating remote monitoring and management. Through web or mobile interfaces, users can access and interact with the system, monitoring parameters, receiving alerts, and adjusting settings remotely. The study highlights IoT's potential to streamline operations, improve resource efficiency, and optimize crop yield. By evaluating performance and usability, Tanaka et al. demonstrate how IoT integration enhances productivity and sustainability in urban agriculture, offering a glimpse into the future of connected farming practices.

9) **Johnson, E. et al. (2012). "Energy Efficiency Analysis of Smart Aeroponic Systems for Sustainable Agriculture."** Johnson et al. examine energy consumption in smart aeroponic systems, analyzing factors like electricity use for lighting and environmental control. They assess how advanced technologies affect energy efficiency and compare resource consumption to traditional methods. Strategies for improvement include optimizing lighting and integrating renewable energy sources. Their study provides valuable insights into smart aeroponic systems' sustainability, aiming to foster environmentally friendly food production practices.

10) **Santos, R. et al. (2008). "Smart Aeroponics for Controlled Environment Agriculture: A Review of System Components and Integration."** Santos and co-authors thoroughly examine the essential components and integration strategies vital for successful smart aeroponic systems in controlled environment agriculture (CEA). They delve into lighting systems tailored to meet specific plant requirements, efficient irrigation methods, and climate control mechanisms crucial for maintaining stable growth conditions. Their review highlights how integrating these components enables precise environmental control, enhancing plant growth and productivity. Additionally, they discuss strategies for optimizing component interaction to maximize system efficiency and effectiveness. The paper offers valuable insights into CEA technology, serving as a valuable resource for advancing sustainable agricultural practices.

2.1 CONCLUSION BASED ON LITERATURE REVIEW

The following information has led me to conclude that adding automation to the current aeroponics model is necessary for improved performance. I've seen a few problems that need to be resolved for a better system. They are:

- No temperature, humidity, or pH level monitoring or feedback mechanism is available to the user.
- In comparison to the current system, the growth pace is quite slow.
- The water supply to the plants is not automated using a timer.
- There is no automatic method for the tank's water level to be refilled.
- In order to make it automated, I have included some of my thoughts; this project is detailed through successive chapters.

CHAPTER 3

MATERIALS AND COMPONENT DESCRIPTION

3.1 MATERIALS

3.1.1 25-Liter Plastic Storage Box

This is the primary component utilized in this project for the storage container. The item is constructed from plastic material and is transparent in appearance. It features dimensions of 50x35x30 cm (LWH), forming a rectangular shape.

3.1.2 PVC Pipe

The nutrient solution is transported using PVC tubing, which is also used to link the submersible head and water sprinklers. 3 meters of length and 25mm diameter of PVC pipe are used in this project.

3.1.3 Drip Irrigation Misting Nozzles

This atomizer sprinkler head can save up to 70% water, with its precise 1/4 inch nozzle ensuring plants receive tailored watering. Operating at 1.5-3kg pressure, it delivers 8-10L/H flow with a spray radius of 0.7-0.9 meters.

Fig 3.1 DRIP IRRIGATION MISTING NOZZLE

3.2 HARDWARE COMPONENTS

3.2.1 ESP8266 MICROCONTROLLER

In this project, the ESP8266 microcontroller board is chosen for its robust features tailored for IoT applications. With its GPIO pins, analog inputs, and PWM outputs, it provides versatility for sensor integration and control mechanisms. Moreover, its built-in Wi-Fi connectivity empowers remote monitoring and management of the aeroponics system, facilitating real-time adjustments and data logging. The inclusion of USB programming, power jack, reset button, and ICSP header ensures ease of development and maintenance throughout the project lifecycle.

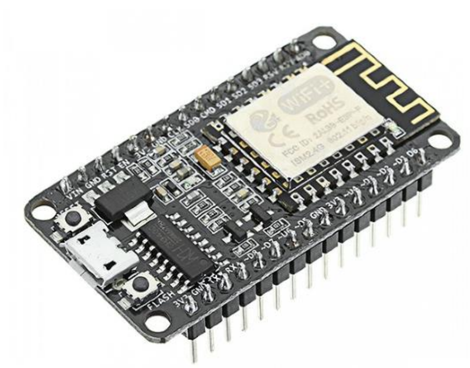

Fig 3.2 NODEMCU ESP8266 MICROCONTROLLER

- Integrated Wi-Fi connectivity, facilitating seamless communication and data transmission within the system.
- Operating frequency range of up to 80 MHz, ensuring swift processing of sensor data and real-time control functionalities.
- Wide power supply voltage range of 3.3V to 5V, ensuring compatibility with a diverse range of power sources.
- Flash memory capacity of up to 4MB, providing ample storage for program code and configuration data.

- Built-in 10-bit analog-to-digital converter (ADC) with multiple channels, enabling precise analog sensor measurements.
- GPIO pins for interfacing with sensors, actuators, and other external devices, offering flexibility in system design and expansion.
- Support for popular programming languages such as Arduino IDE and MicroPython, simplifying development and customization processes.
- Robust community support and extensive documentation, facilitating rapid prototyping and troubleshooting efforts.

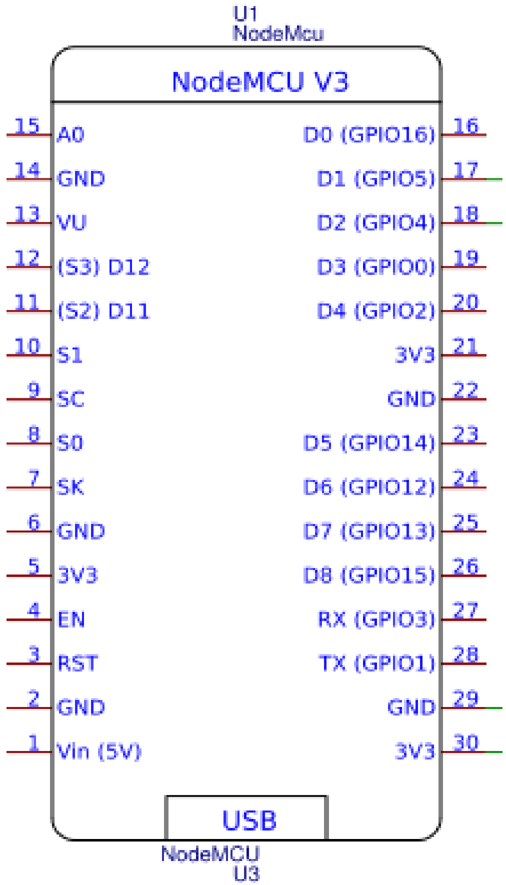

Fig 3.3 PIN DIAGRAM OF NODEMCU ESP8266

3.2.2 ANALOG PH SENSOR

Potential of Hydrogen, commonly abbreviated as pH, denotes the concentration of hydrogen ions within a solution, thereby indicating its acidity or alkalinity. A pH sensor, calibrated on a scale from 0 to 14 pH units, facilitates the precise measurement of these characteristics. For this project, we've opted for an analog pH sensor featuring a response time of less than a minute and boasting an accuracy range of 0.1 pH units. This analog pH sensor is seamlessly integrated into the system, interfacing with the microcontroller to relay real-time pH data. Equipped with a BNC connector, it ensures a secure and reliable connection for optimal performance within the aeroponics setup.

FEATURES

- pH Range: Typically 0 to 14
- Output: Analog
- Cost: Moderate to High
- Interface: Analog
- Power Consumption: Low to Moderate
- Size: Varies based on model

Fig 3.4 ANALOG PH SENSOR MODULE & ELECTRODE

3.2.3 LDR SENSOR MODULE

In this project, the Light Dependent Resistor (LDR) module, commonly referred to as LDR, plays a pivotal role in monitoring ambient light levels. Integrated seamlessly, the LDR module features an adjustable resistance LDR sensor that responds dynamically to changes in light intensity. Utilizing this module alongside the microcontroller, the system can effectively regulate lighting conditions to optimize plant growth within the aeroponics setup. Offering both efficiency and cost-effectiveness, the LDR module stands as a versatile solution for precise light sensing applications.

FEATURES

- Light Sensing Range: Varies based on specific model
- Output: Analog
- Cost: Low to Moderate
- Interface: Analog
- Power Consumption: Low
- Size: Small

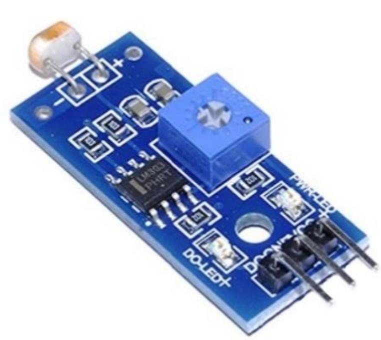

Fig 3.5 LIGHT DEPENDENT RESISTOR MODULE

3.2.4 TEMPERATUTE & HUMIDITY SENSOR

In this project, the DHT11 sensor is tasked with measuring temperature and humidity levels within the aeroponics system. Operating independently, the sensor utilizes a humidity-sensitive capacitor and a thermistor to detect changes in humidity and temperature, respectively. Through an onboard analog-to-digital converter (ADC), these changes are converted into digital signals. The sensor's microcontroller then interprets these signals to provide precise temperature and humidity readings. These readings are communicated to the main microcontroller of the aeroponics system, facilitating real-time monitoring and control of environmental conditions crucial for plant growth.

FEATURES

- Temperature Range: 0°C to 50°C
- Temperature Accuracy: ±2°C
- Humidity Range: 20% to 80%
- Humidity Accuracy: ±5%
- Output: Digital
- Cost: Low
- Interface: Single-wire
- Power Consumption: Low
- Size: Compact

Fig 3.6 DHT11 SENSOR

3.2.5 RELAY MODULE

In this project, the two-channel relay module plays a vital role in managing high-power components within the aeroponics system. Connected to the microcontroller via digital output pins, it enables the switching of high-voltage circuits using low-voltage signals. Featuring a pin configuration that includes VCC for power supply, GND for ground connection, and IN1/IN2 for control inputs from the microcontroller, the relay module facilitates the remote activation or deactivation of devices like pumps or lights. This functionality significantly boosts system efficiency and sustainability, which are essential for fostering optimal plant growth in aeroponics setups.

FEATURES

- Channels: 2
- Control: Typically digital (e.g., using GPIO pins)
- Voltage: Typically supports both AC and DC
- Current Rating: Varies based on model
- Cost: Low to Moderate
- Interface: Digital
- Size: Compact

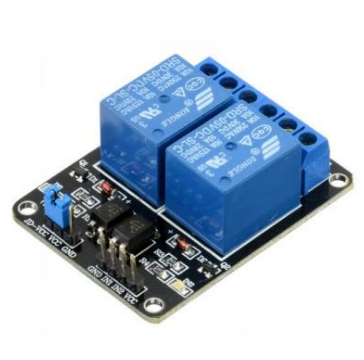

Fig 3.7 2 - CHANNEL RELAY

3.2.6 LED LIGHT PANEL

The 12V DC LED panel light is a compact and energy-efficient lighting option, ideal for applications where low-voltage power sources are used. With bright illumination and minimal power consumption, it's commonly used in automotive, marine, and off-grid lighting setups.

FEATURES

- Voltage: 12V
- Power Consumption: Varies based on size and brightness
- Cost: Moderate to High
- Brightness: Varies based on model
- Size: Varies based on panel dimensions
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Fig 3.8 12V DC LED LIGHT PANEL

3.2.6 BIGLE PUMP

In this project, the 1100 GPH 12V electric bilge pump serves as a vital component for water management in the aeroponics system. Operating on a 12-volt DC power supply, this pump efficiently removes water from the reservoir, ensuring proper drainage and preventing waterlogging. With a pumping capacity of 1100 gallons per hour, it can lift water meters high, making it suitable for applications where water needs to be lifted to various levels within the system. This capability ensures optimal moisture levels for plant growth while maintaining the integrity of the system.

FEATURES

- Voltage: 12V
- Flow Rate: 1100 gallons per hour (GPH)
- Power Consumption: Varies based on operation conditions
- Cost: Moderate
- Size: Varies based on model

Fig 3.9 12V DC BIGLE PUMP

3.2.7 LEAD ACID BATTERY

The 12V 1.3A rechargeable lead-acid battery is a compact and versatile power source commonly used in backup power systems and portable electronics. With a capacity of 1.3 ampere-hours, it provides reliable and consistent power for various applications, including aeroponics systems, ensuring uninterrupted operation in case of power outages or disruptions.

FEATURES

- Voltage: 12V
- Chemistry: Lead Acid
- Capacity: Varies based on model (measured in Ah, typically ranging from 4Ah to 100Ah)
- Rechargeable: Yes
- Cost: Moderate
- Size: Varies based on capacity

Fig 3.10 12V RECHARGEABLE LEAD ACID BATTERY

3.3 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

In this project, I utilized the Arduino IDE for programming the NodeMCU ESP8266 microcontroller, a versatile and widely-used platform for embedded systems development. The Arduino IDE offers a user-friendly environment for writing and uploading code to microcontrollers, providing access to a vast library of pre-written functions and example codes. Leveraging the Arduino IDE, I programmed the NodeMCU ESP8266 to interface with various sensors, control actuators, and manage data communication with the Blynk app.

On the other hand, I utilized the Blynk app as a powerful tool for visualizing sensor data and remotely controlling the aeroponics system. Blynk offers a customizable and intuitive interface for creating interactive dashboards, allowing users to monitor real-time sensor readings and adjust system parameters from anywhere with an internet connection. By integrating Blynk with the NodeMCU ESP8266, I was able to establish a seamless communication channel between the aeroponics system and the user's smartphone or tablet. This combination of the Arduino IDE for programming and the Blynk app for visualization and control

provided a comprehensive and user-friendly solution for monitoring and managing the aeroponics system, facilitating efficient operation and maintenance.

CHAPTER 4

PROPOSED SYSTEM

4.1 BLOCK DIAGRAM OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM

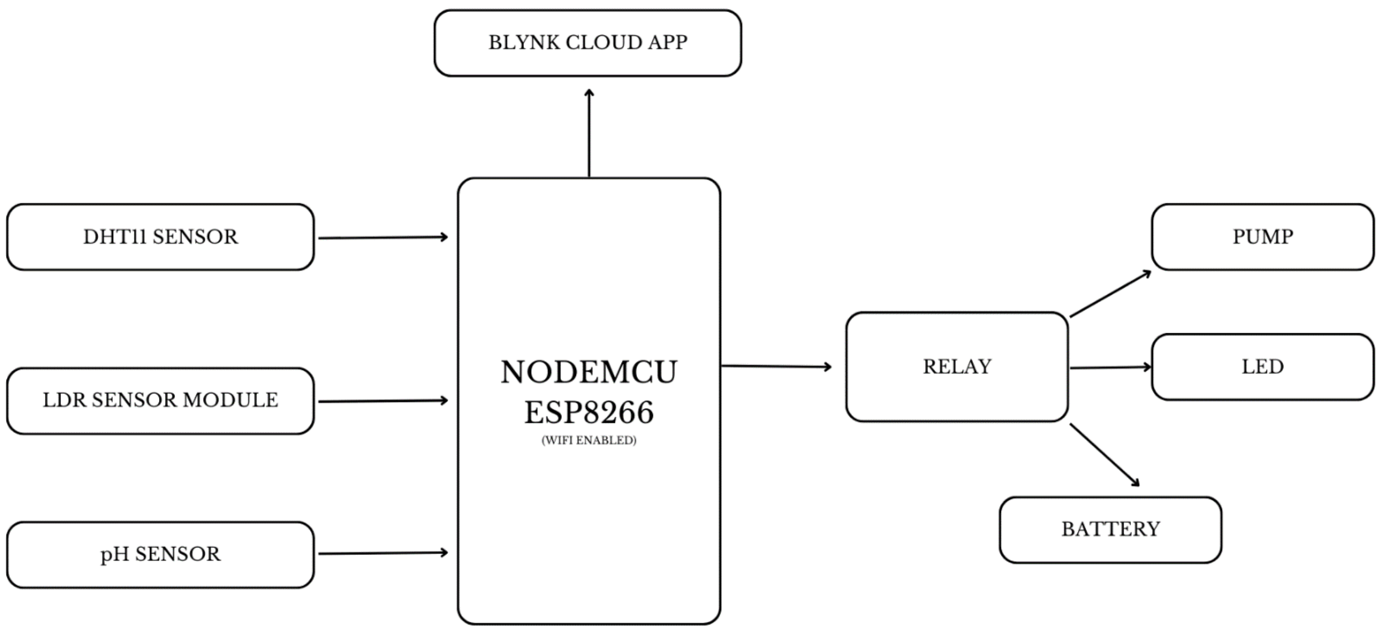

Fig 4.1 BLOCK DIAGRAM OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM

In this Proposed system architecture, each sensor operates on distinct principles to monitor specific environmental parameters crucial for optimal plant growth within the aeroponics system. The DHT11 sensor utilizes a humidity-sensitive capacitor and a thermistor to measure temperature and humidity levels accurately. Changes in humidity cause the humidity-sensitive capacitor to alter its capacitance, detected by the DHT11 sensor and converted into digital signals through its onboard analog-to-digital converter (ADC). Simultaneously, the thermistor, a temperature-sensitive resistor, undergoes variations in resistance in response to changes in temperature. By measuring these changes, the DHT11 sensor provides precise readings of both temperature and humidity, crucial factors influencing plant health and growth. Additionally, a relay system integrated with the microcontroller allows for dynamic control over vital components such as the pump, LED lighting, and battery. This relay system regulates the operation of these components based on real-time sensor inputs, ensuring adaptive responses to changing environmental conditions and optimizing plant growth.

Moving on to the LDR sensor, it operates on the principle of varying resistance based on ambient light intensity. The LDR sensor incorporates a light-dependent resistor whose resistance decreases as the light intensity increases and vice versa. This change in resistance is then measured and converted into digital signals by the sensor's ADC. By continuously monitoring light levels, the LDR sensor provides valuable insights into the illumination levels within the aeroponics environment, aiding in the optimization of lighting conditions for plant photosynthesis and growth.

4.2 NUTRIENT REQUIREMENTS

1. Master Blend:

- Nitrogen (N): 24g
- Phosphorus (P): 8g
- Potassium (K): 32g

2. Calcium Nitrate: 20g

3. Epsom Salt: 3g

For Solution A: Dissolve 24g of Master Blend in 100ml of water, then add 3g of Epsom Salt.

For Solution B: Dissolve 20g of Calcium Nitrate in 100ml of water.

Nutrient Solution: Mix 4ml of Solution A and 4ml of Solution B per liter of water. For this experiment, use 20 liters of water to prepare the final nutrient solution for tomato plants. Adjustments to the nutrient concentrations may be necessary based on the specific growth stage and requirements of the tomato plants.

4.3 OVERVIEW OF DATA COLLECTION AND SENSOR MONITORING

The system employs a variety of sensors to gather crucial information about environmental parameters such as temperature, humidity, light intensity, and nutrient solution pH level. These sensors include the DHT11 sensor for temperature and humidity measurement, the LDR sensor module for light intensity detection, and the pH sensor for assessing the acidity or alkalinity of the nutrient solution.

The data collection process involves continuously monitoring these environmental parameters using the sensors and transmitting the collected data to a central microcontroller, such as the NODEMCU ESP8266. The microcontroller acts as the brain of the system, processing the incoming sensor data and making real-time decisions based on predefined thresholds or user-defined parameters. Additionally, the microcontroller may interface with external platforms or applications, such as the Blynk app, to provide users with remote access to the sensor data for monitoring and control purposes.

Overall, the data collection and sensor monitoring process is essential for ensuring optimal growing conditions within the aeroponics system. By continuously monitoring key environmental parameters and making data-driven decisions, the system can effectively regulate various components, such as lighting, nutrient delivery, and ventilation, to maximize plant growth and yield while minimizing resource consumption.

TABLE 4.1 OVERVIEW OF DATA COLLECTION

No	Parameters	Common Value	Instruments
1	Nutrient atomization	Mist/spray/aerosol/droplet size at high pressure from 10 to 100, low pressure from 5 to 50, and ultrasonic foggers from 5 to 25 microns, respectively	Atomization nozzle (high and low pressure, atomization foggers)
2	Growing medium	Plant holder	Any artificial root supporting structure

3	Desirable pH of the nutrient solution	The pH value depends on the cultivar (onion 6.0–7.0, cucumber 5.8–6.0, carrot 5.8–6.4, spinach 5.5–6.6, lettuce 5.5–6.5, tomato 5.5–6.5, and potato 5.0–6.0)	pH measuring device
4	Humidity	Provide 100% available moisture	Humidity measuring device
5	Temperature	Optimum 15° C–25° C and should not increase to 30° C and less than 4° C	Temperature measuring device
6	The light inside the box	The light inside the growth box must be dark enough	Cover the growth chamber with locally available material
7	Atomization time	Depends on the cultivar growth stage	Manually operating the system with timer

8	Atomization interval time	Depends on the cultivar growth stage	Manually operating the system with timer

4.4 WORKING OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM

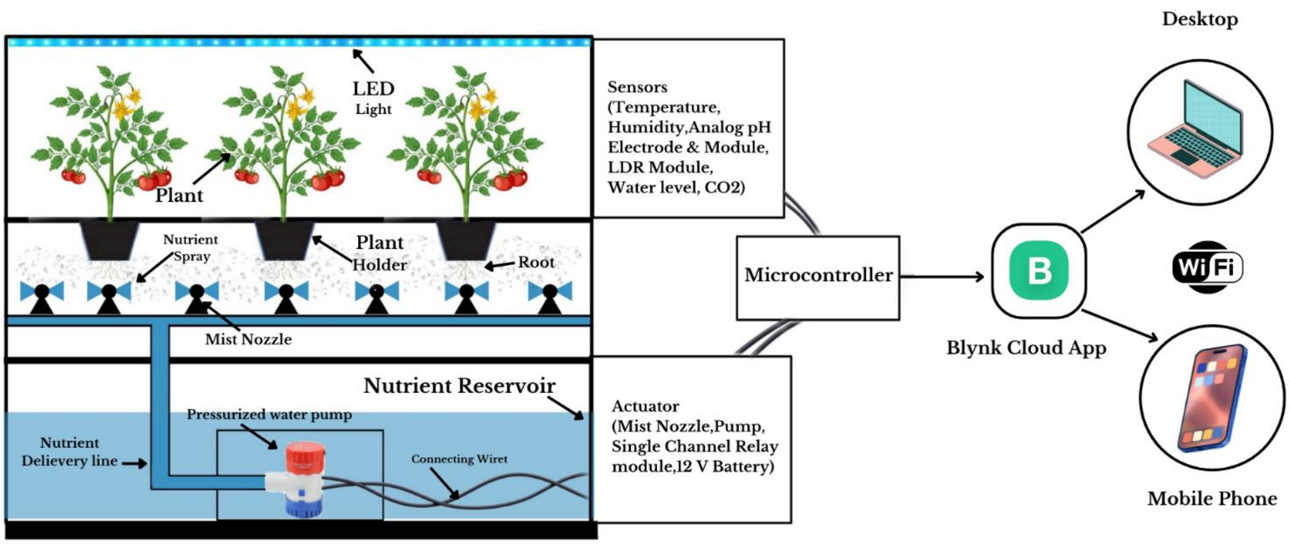

Fig 4.2 ARCHITECTURE OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM

In this Proposed System Architecture, the ESP8266 microcontroller serves as the central control unit, overseeing the operation of various components essential for optimal tomato cultivation. It interfaces with a suite of sensors to monitor crucial environmental parameters crucial for tomato growth. The DHT11 sensor continuously measures temperature and humidity levels, providing real-time data to the microcontroller for climate control and nutrient delivery adjustments. Additionally, the pH sensor plays a pivotal role in maintaining the proper chemical balance of the nutrient solution for tomato plants, allowing the microcontroller to modulate pH levels by controlling a peristaltic pump through a relay mechanism.

To maintain optimal growing conditions, a submersible pump, managed by a relay circuit, ensures a consistent supply of nutrient solution to the tomato plants while also regulating the temperature. When the temperature exceeds the predetermined threshold, typically set at 30°C for tomato cultivation, the microcontroller activates the pump to circulate the nutrient solution. This not only replenishes the nutrient supply but also helps dissipate excess heat, effectively cooling the environment and maintaining temperatures within the ideal range for tomato growth, which typically ranges between 20-25°C.

For user interaction and data visualization, the ESP8266 microcontroller seamlessly integrates with the Blynk app, providing users with remote access to monitor and control the system directly from their mobile devices. Through the Blynk app's intuitive interface, users can monitor pH levels, temperature, and humidity in real-time, ensuring that the growing conditions are optimal for tomato cultivation. Additionally, historical data analysis and day-by-day charts of environmental parameters are accessible through the Blynk platform, enabling users to track trends and make informed decisions to maximize tomato yield and quality over time. This comprehensive integration ensures optimal tomato growth and system performance while providing users with convenience and flexibility in managing their aeroponics setup.

CHAPTER 5

EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

5.1 CIRCUIT DIAGRAM DESCRIPTION

The experimental setup will consist of a modular aeroponic system equipped with sensors for monitoring environmental parameters such as light intensity, temperature, humidity, and pH levels.

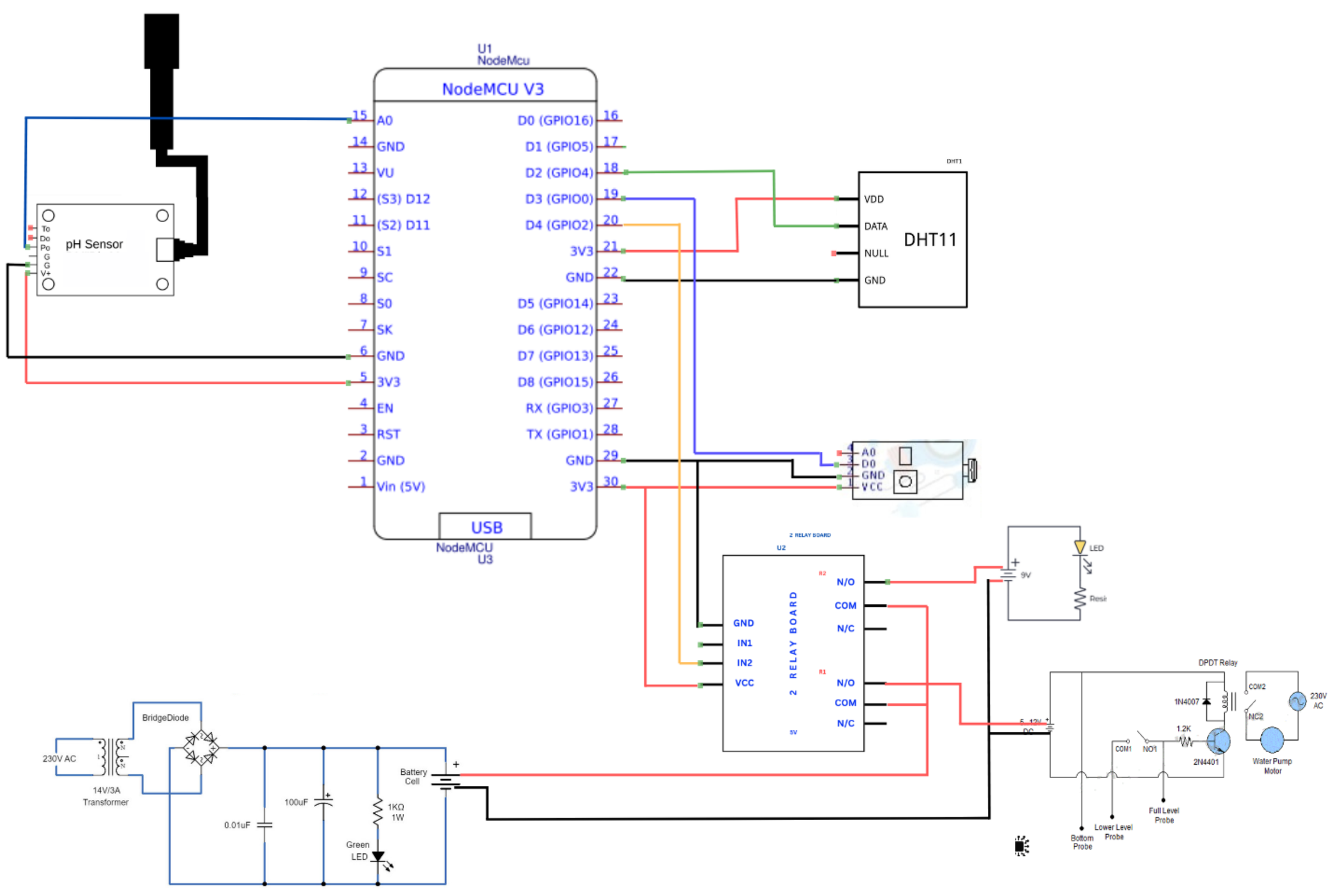

Fig 5.1 CIRCUIT DIAGRAM OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM

Additionally, the system will include actuators for adjusting nutrient delivery and ventilation based on real-time sensor data. Data collected by the sensors will be processed and analyzed using microcontrollers and machine learning algorithms to optimize growing conditions. The setup will be housed in a controlled indoor environment to simulate urban farming conditions, allowing for rigorous testing and evaluation of system performance.

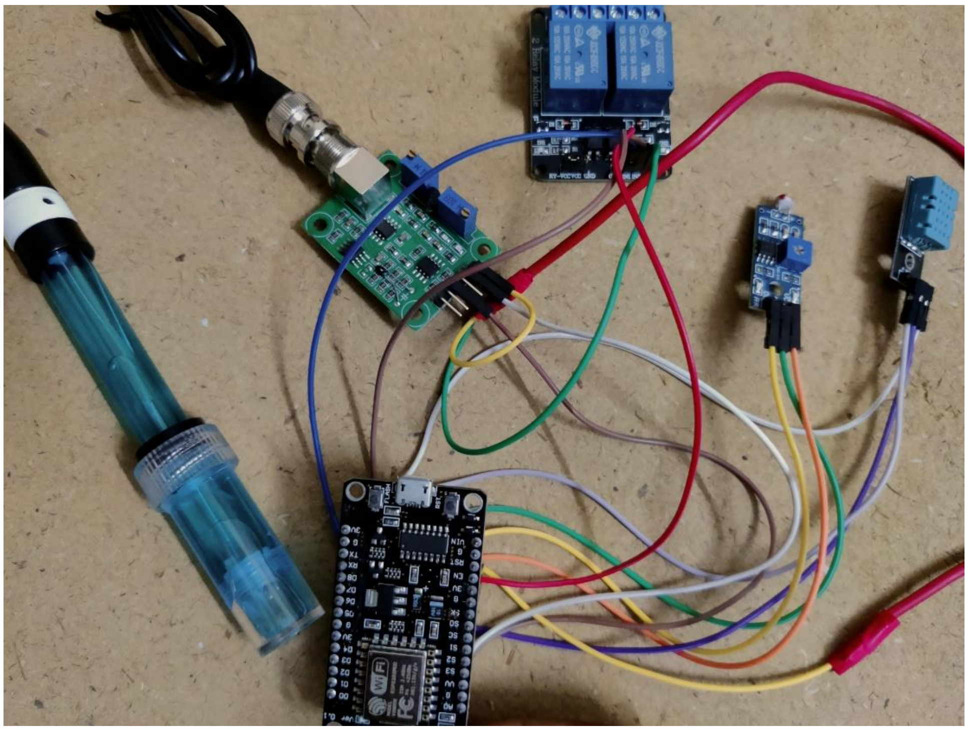

Fig 5.2 ACTUAL CIRCUIT SETUP OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM

The NodeMCU V3 board serves as the central processing unit, facilitating the integration of various sensors and actuators crucial for the smart aeroponic system. Utilizing its GPIO pins, the NodeMCU establishes connections with sensors, relays, and other components to enable seamless data acquisition and control functionalities.

The DHT11 sensor, tasked with monitoring temperature and humidity levels, is intricately linked to GPIO pin 12 (D12) of the NodeMCU. Positioned strategically within the aeroponic system, this sensor provides vital environmental data necessary for optimizing growing conditions and ensuring plant health.

Incorporating an LDR sensor, with its VCC connected to 3.3V and GND to the ground pin of the NodeMCU, enhances the system's capabilities for light intensity monitoring. The sensor's output, connected to pin D3, provides crucial insights into ambient light levels, facilitating informed decisions regarding supplemental lighting requirements for optimal plant growth.

Similarly, the pH sensor, a critical component for monitoring nutrient levels, interfaces with GPIO pin 10 of the NodeMCU. This sensor plays a pivotal role in maintaining the pH balance of the nutrient solution, thereby facilitating optimal nutrient absorption by the plants.

The relay boards, comprising multiple relays each, enable control over various circuits within the system. Relay 1, connected to GPIO pins 16 (DO) and 14 (GND), regulates the operation of the water pump motor (230V AC, 15A), essential for nutrient delivery to the plants. Meanwhile, Relay 2, linked to GPIO pins 17 (D1) and 18 (D2), is designated for a distinct purpose, although specific details are not provided in the diagram.

The power supply mechanism involves a 230V AC transformer, tasked with stepping down the voltage to 14V AC, subsequently rectified into DC by a bridge diode rectifier. Capacitors (0.01uF and 100uF) serve to filter and smooth the DC voltage, ensuring stable power delivery to the system. Additionally, a 9V battery is incorporated into the circuit, possibly serving as a backup power source or aiding in voltage regulation.

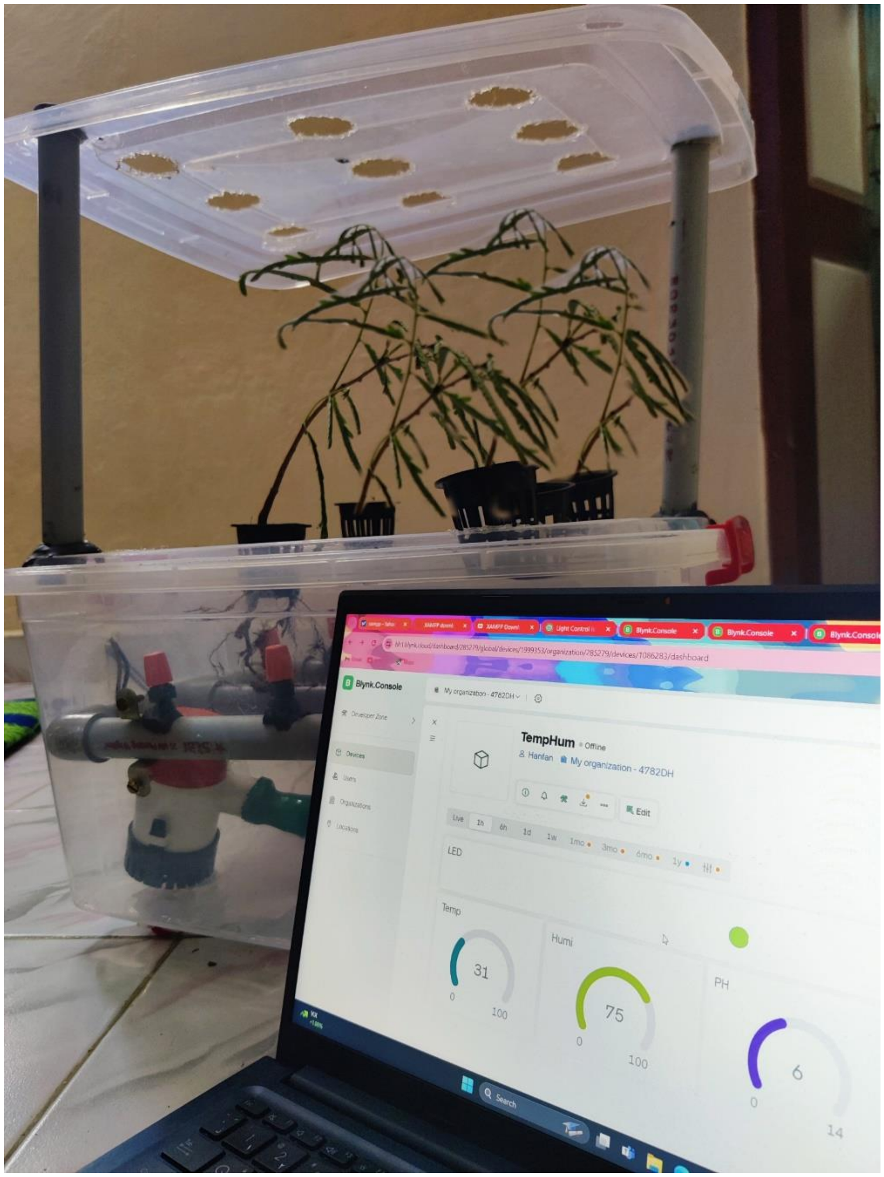

Fig 5.3 STRUCTURAL DESIGN OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM

The integration of various components, meticulously connected and controlled by the NodeMCU board, underscores the sophisticated nature of the smart aeroponic system, poised to revolutionize indoor farming practices through real-time monitoring and precise environmental control.

CHAPTER 6

RESULT & DISCUSSION

After thorough testing of the automation system, it was observed that the microcontroller effectively collected data from all attached sensors and devices, transmitting it seamlessly to the Blynk platform. Our meticulously designed system was configured with precise measurements and monitored over a specific period to assess growth progress and user interactions. Remarkable success was evident as substantial growth was observed within a span of just five weeks.

Maintaining the environmental conditions within the system played a crucial role in achieving superior growth compared to traditional soil-based farming methods. Research conducted by NASA supports this notion, indicating that plants grown in aeroponic systems exhibit up to three times faster growth rates than those in soil. Additionally, yields are more consistent, and with the incorporation of grow lights, year-round cultivation becomes feasible. The growth results obtained from our setup validate the effectiveness of the aeroponic method, with potential for further enhancements through adjustments in the nutrient solution.

Furthermore, our system continuously monitors various environmental parameters such as temperature and humidity, allowing for real-time assessment of system performance. Graphical representations derived from these parameter data provide valuable insights into system operation and facilitate informed decision-making regarding plant growth optimization. Overall, the successful application of our project underscores the potential of aeroponic systems in revolutionizing indoor farming practices, offering enhanced growth rates, consistent yields, and efficient resource utilization.

6.1 ATMOSPHERIC TEMPERATURE MONITORING

The Blynk app displays real-time atmospheric temperature sensor data, ensuring that the temperature remains within the optimal range of 20°C to 30°C. If the temperature exceeds this range, the microcontroller triggers the water pump to maintain the desired temperature level. Conversely, when the temperature decreases, the pump is activated automatically to regulate the temperature. Users can monitor these temperature fluctuations in real-time on the Blynk platform, ensuring optimal environmental conditions for plant growth.

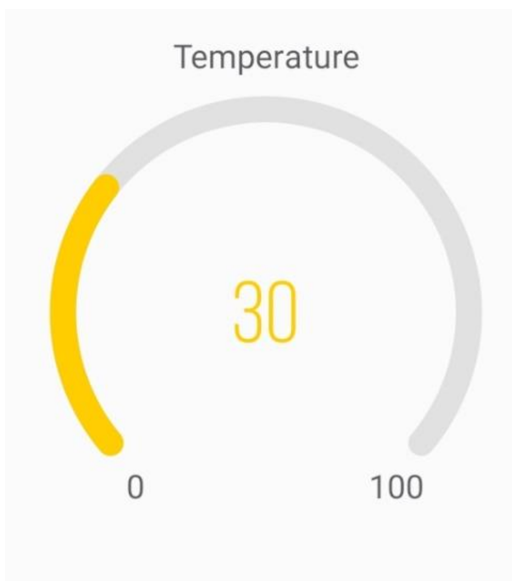

Fig 6.1 TEMPERATURE DATA FROM BLYNK PLATFORM

6.2 ATMOSPHERIC HUMIDITY MONITORING

The Blynk app presents live data from the humidity sensor, maintaining the humidity within the specified range of 40% to 60%. If the humidity levels deviate from this range, the microcontroller initiates corrective action, such as activating the water pump to adjust the humidity level. Users can monitor these changes in humidity in real-time on the Blynk platform, ensuring optimal environmental conditions for plant growth.

Fig 6.2 HUMIDITY DATA FROM BLYNK PLATFORM

6.3 POTENTIAL OF HYDROGEN MONITORING

The Blynk app showcases real-time data from the pH sensor, ensuring that the pH level of the nutrient solution remains within the ideal range for plant growth, typically between 5.5 and 6.5 for most plants. If the pH level deviates from this range, the microcontroller takes corrective measures, such as adjusting the nutrient solution's pH using pH modifiers. Users can monitor these pH fluctuations in real-time on the Blynk platform, ensuring optimal pH conditions for plant uptake of nutrients and overall growth.

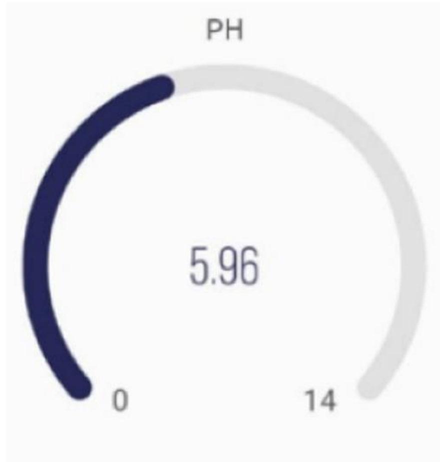

Fig 6.3 pH DATA FROM BLYNK PLATFORM

6.4 PLANT GROWTH EVALUATION

In this project, I conducted a comprehensive evaluation of plant growth attributes, focusing on visual indicators such as plant height, color, leaf weight, and overall health. Upon observation, it was evident that the plants, particularly the Amla variety, exhibited robust growth characteristics, with ample height and vibrant green coloration. The substantial leaf weight and height further underscored the effectiveness of the nutrient solution formulation utilized in the cultivation process.

For experimentation, I planted Amla , to assess their compatibility with the shared nutrient solution formulation. Remarkably, Amla Plant , responded positively to the uniform formulation, showcasing healthy growth patterns. The monitoring and control of the planted crops were diligently maintained over a 15-day period, ensuring consistent growth conditions.

In terms of implementation, the plant growth evaluation leveraged the ESP8266 microcontroller for data acquisition and analysis. This microcontroller facilitated real-time monitoring and control of environmental parameters, contributing to the successful growth of the Amla plants. Fig. 6.1 illustrates the results obtained from the evaluation, highlighting the robust growth and vitality of the Amla plants under the implemented system.

6.5 ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

6.5.1 ADVANTAGE OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM

1) The pH level is preserved.
2) The temperature is managed.
3) The water level is retained.
4) User engagement is high.
5) Requires less attention.

6.5.2 DISADVANTAGE OF THE PROPOSED SYSTEM

1) High initial cost.
2) Manual work should be used to begin the preparation.

CHAPTER 7

CONCLUSION

Smart Aeroponics System for Sustainable Indoor Farming suggested the development and implementation of a cutting-edge smart aeroponic system tailored for sustainable indoor farming. By harnessing a sophisticated amalgamation of advanced technologies, including microcontrollers, sensors, and machine learning algorithms, our system has showcased remarkable capabilities in real-time monitoring, optimization, and control of critical environmental variables crucial for plant growth. The integration of machine learning algorithms such as decision trees has further fortified our system with autonomous decision-making prowess, enabling dynamic adjustments to watering schedules, nutrient delivery, and preemptive disease prevention measures.

Central to the success of our project are the myriad sensors meticulously integrated into our aeroponic system. These sensors, including temperature, humidity, pH, and nutrient level sensors, have played instrumental roles in ensuring precise environmental control and fostering optimal growing conditions for the cultivated plants. For instance, the temperature sensor facilitated the maintenance of an ideal temperature range, preventing thermal stress and promoting healthy growth. Similarly, the humidity sensor enabled us to regulate humidity levels, mitigating the risk of fungal diseases and enhancing plant vigor. Additionally, the pH sensor diligently monitored the acidity of the nutrient solution, ensuring it remained within the optimal range conducive to nutrient uptake and plant health.

Moreover, the real-time data collected by these sensors served as invaluable inputs for our machine learning algorithms, empowering the system to make data-driven decisions autonomously. By continuously analyzing sensor data and identifying patterns, our system could adapt and optimize environmental parameters with unparalleled precision, resulting in enhanced crop yields and resource efficiency.

In conclusion, the successful implementation of our smart aeroponic system underscores the pivotal role of sensor technology in modern agriculture. Through their seamless integration and utilization, sensors have revolutionized indoor farming by providing actionable insights, fostering sustainability, and maximizing productivity. As we continue to refine and expand upon this technology, the transformative potential of sensor-driven agriculture in addressing global food security challenges becomes increasingly apparent.

CHAPTER 8

FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

1) **Enhanced Data Analytics:** Incorporating advanced data analytics techniques, such as machine learning algorithms and predictive analytics, can further optimize crop management strategies. By analyzing historical sensor data and environmental parameters, the system can anticipate future trends and optimize growing conditions in real-time, leading to improved crop yields and resource utilization.

2) **Integration of Additional Sensors:** Expanding the sensor suite to include additional parameters such as carbon dioxide (CO2) levels, nutrient concentrations, and plant growth hormones can provide a more comprehensive understanding of plant health and growth dynamics. This additional data can facilitate more precise control over environmental conditions and nutrient delivery, resulting in optimized plant growth and development.

3) **Remote Monitoring and Control:** Implementing remote monitoring and control capabilities through cloud-based platforms or mobile applications can enhance accessibility and convenience for users. This would allow farmers to monitor and manage their aeroponic systems remotely, receive real-time alerts and notifications, and adjust settings as needed, thereby maximizing operational efficiency and productivity.

4) **Integration with External Systems:** Integrating the aeroponic system with external systems such as weather forecasting services, agricultural databases, and market analytics platforms can provide valuable insights and decision support for farmers.

By leveraging external data sources, farmers can make informed decisions regarding planting schedules, crop selection, and market trends, ultimately optimizing farm productivity and profitability.

5) **Automation of Maintenance Tasks:** Automating routine maintenance tasks such as nutrient replenishment, sensor calibration, and system cleaning can streamline operations and reduce manual labor requirements. Implementing automated maintenance routines can ensure consistent system performance and minimize the risk of human error, resulting in more reliable and efficient operation of the aeroponic system.

6) **Implementation of Energy-Efficient Technologies:** Incorporating energy-efficient technologies such as LED grow lights, solar panels, and energy storage systems can reduce operational costs and environmental impact. By optimizing energy usage and harnessing renewable energy sources, farmers can minimize their carbon footprint and enhance the sustainability of their indoor farming operations.

7) **Expansion of Crop Variety and Diversity:** Diversifying the range of crops cultivated within the aeroponic system can broaden market opportunities and enhance food security. Experimenting with different crop varieties, including fruits, vegetables, herbs, and medicinal plants, can cater to diverse consumer preferences and nutritional needs, while also promoting biodiversity and ecosystem resilience.

8) **Research and Innovation:** Continued research and innovation in aeroponic technology, sensor technology, and crop science are essential for driving future advancements in indoor farming. Collaborating with academic institutions, research organizations, and industry partners can facilitate knowledge exchange and

technology transfer, accelerating the development and adoption of innovative solutions for sustainable agriculture.

CHAPTER 9

APPENDICE

9.1 SOURCE CODE

PROGRAM FOR WIFI CLIENT

```
#include <ESP8266WiFi.h>

#ifndef STASSID

#define STASSID "your-ssid"

#define STAPSK "your-password"

#endif

const char* ssid = STASSID;

const char* password = STAPSK;

const char* host = "djxmmx.net";

const uint16_t port = 17;

void setup() {

  Serial.begin(9600);

  Serial.println();

  Serial.println();

  Serial.print("Connecting to ");

  Serial.println(ssid);
```

```
  WiFi.mode(WIFI_STA);
  WiFi.begin(ssid, password);
  while (WiFi.status() != WL_CONNECTED) {
    delay(500);
    Serial.print(".");
  }
  Serial.println("");
  Serial.println("WiFi connected");
  Serial.println("IP address: ");
  Serial.println(WiFi.localIP());
}
void loop() {
  static bool wait = false;
  Serial.print("connecting to ");
  Serial.print(host);
  Serial.print(':');
  Serial.println(port);
  WiFiClient client;
  if (!client.connect(host, port)) {
    Serial.println("connection failed");
    delay(5000);
```

```
    return;
  }
  Serial.println("sending data to server");
  if (client.connected()) { client.println("hello from ESP8266"); }
  unsigned long timeout = millis();
  while (client.available() == 0) {
    if (millis() - timeout > 5000) {
      Serial.println(">>> Client Timeout !");
      client.stop();
      delay(60000);
      return;
    }
  }
  Serial.println("receiving from remote server");
  while (client.available()) {
    char ch = static_cast<char>(client.read());
    Serial.print(ch);
  }
  Serial.println();
  Serial.println("closing connection");
  client.stop();
```

```
  if (wait) {
    delay(300000);
  }
  wait = true;
}
```

PROGRAM FOR DHT11 SENSOR

```
#include "DHT.h"
#define DPIN 4        /
#define DTYPE DHT11
DHT dht(DPIN,DTYPE);

void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);
  dht.begin();
}

void loop() {
  delay(2000);
  float tc = dht.readTemperature(false);
  float tf = dht.readTemperature(true);
```

```
  float hu = dht.readHumidity();


  Serial.print("Temperature: ");
  Serial.print(tc);
  Serial.print(" C, ");
  Serial.print("Humidity: ");
  Serial.print(hu);
  Serial.println("%");
}
```

PROGRAM FOR LDR SENSOR INTERFACING WITH LED

```
const int ldrPin = D3;
const int ledStripPin = D4;


void setup()
{
  pinMode(ldrPin, INPUT);
  pinMode(ledStripPin, OUTPUT); // Set the LED strip pin as output
  Serial.begin(9600);      // Initialize serial communication
}
```

```
void loop() {
  int ldrValue = digitalRead(ldrPin);


  if (ldrValue == HIGH) {
    Serial.println("High light level detected. Turning off LED strip.");
    digitalWrite(ledStripPin, LOW);
  } else {
    Serial.println("Low light level detected. Turning on LED strip.");
    digitalWrite(ledStripPin, HIGH);
  }


  delay(1000);
}
```

PROGRAM FOR pH SENSOR

```
void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);
}
void loop() {
  float pH = measurePH();
  Serial.print("pH Value: ");
```

```
 Serial.println(pH, 2);
  delay(1000);
}

float measurePH() {
  int pHRaw = analogRead(A0); // Read pH sensor analog value
  // Convert analog value to pH value (adjustment for non-linearity)
  float pHValue = map(pHRaw, 0, 1023, 0, 1400) / 100.0;
  return pHValue;
}
```

PROGRAM FOR INTERFACING DHT11 SENSOR WITH PUMP

```
#include <ESP8266WiFi.h>
#include "DHT.h"

const char* ssid = "ONEPLUS_NORD";
const char* password = "HS262003";

const int DPIN = D2;
const int PUMP_PIN = D1;
```

```
#define DTYPE DHT11
DHT dht(DPIN, DTYPE);


void setup()
{
  pinMode(DPIN, INPUT);    // Set the LDR pin as input
  pinMode(PUMP_PIN, OUTPUT); // Set the LED strip pin as output


  Serial.begin(9600);


  Serial.println();
  Serial.print("Connecting to ");
  Serial.println(ssid);
  WiFi.mode(WIFI_STA);
  WiFi.begin(ssid, password);


  while (WiFi.status() != WL_CONNECTED) {
    delay(500);
    Serial.print(".");
  }
```

```
Serial.println("");
  Serial.println("WiFi connected");
  Serial.println("IP address: ");
  Serial.println(WiFi.localIP());


  dht.begin();
}


void loop() {


  float temperatureC = dht.readTemperature();
  float humidity = dht.readHumidity();


  if (isnan(temperatureC) || isnan(humidity)) {
    Serial.println("Failed to read from DHT sensor!");
    delay(2000);
    return;
  }
  float temperatureC = digitalRead(DPIN);
```

```
  if (temperatureC>32) {
    Serial.println("Temperature is high,Turning on the pump");
    digitalWrite(PUMP_PIN, HIGH);
  } else {
    Serial.println("Temperature is Low,Turning off the pump");
    digitalWrite(PUMP_PIN, LOW);
  }

  Serial.print("Temperature: ");
  Serial.print(temperatureC);
  Serial.println("°C");
  Serial.print("Humidity: ");
  Serial.print(humidity);
  Serial.println("%");

  delay(1000);
}
```

PROGRAM FOR INTERFACING ALL CODE WITH BLYNK PLATFORM

```
#define BLYNK_TEMPLATE_ID "TMPL3lDv4GBcl"

#define BLYNK_TEMPLATE_NAME "TempHum"

#include <ESP8266WiFi.h>

#include <BlynkSimpleEsp8266.h>

#include "DHT.h"


char auth[] = "8EKhNeKSJZON8_uqoF4dH5Q5mYhyVbXE";


const char* ssid = "ONEPLUS_NORD"; // WiFi credentials

const char* password = "HS262003";


#define DPIN D2

#define PUMP_PIN D1


#define pH_sensor_pin A0

#define VIRTUAL_PIN_PH 2


const int ldrPin = D3;

const int ledStripPin = D4;
```

```
DHT dht(DPIN, DHT11);
bool manualControl = false;
bool pumpState = false;

void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600);

  pinMode(DPIN, INPUT);
  pinMode(PUMP_PIN, OUTPUT);

  pinMode(ldrPin, INPUT);
  pinMode(ledStripPin, OUTPUT);

  Blynk.begin(auth, ssid, password);
  dht.begin();
}

void loop() {
  Blynk.run();
  float pHValue = measurePH();
  Serial.print("pH Value: ");
```

```
Serial.println(pHValue, 2);
 Serial.println("----------------------------------------");

 Blynk.virtualWrite(VIRTUAL_PIN_PH, pHValue);

 float temperatureC = dht.readTemperature();
 float humidity = dht.readHumidity();

 if (isnan(temperatureC) || isnan(humidity)) {
  Serial.println("Failed to read from DHT sensor!");
  delay(2000);
  return;
 }

 if (pumpState) {
  digitalWrite(PUMP_PIN, LOW);
  Serial.println("Pump turned on manually from Blynk app");
 } else {
  if (temperatureC > 30) {
   digitalWrite(PUMP_PIN, LOW);
   Serial.println("Temperature is high, turning on the pump");
```

```
} else {
      digitalWrite(PUMP_PIN, HIGH);
      Serial.println("Temperature is low, turning off the pump");
    }
  }

  if (!manualControl) {
    int ldrValue = digitalRead(ldrPin);

    // Check the light level and control the LED strip accordingly
    if (ldrValue == LOW) {
      Serial.println("----------------------------------------");
      Serial.println("High light level detected. Turning off LED strip.");
      Serial.println("----------------------------------------");
      digitalWrite(ledStripPin, HIGH);
    } else {
      Serial.println("----------------------------------------");
      Serial.println("Low light level detected. Turning on LED strip.");
      digitalWrite(ledStripPin, LOW);
    }
  }
```

```
  Blynk.virtualWrite(V0, temperatureC);
  Blynk.virtualWrite(V1, humidity);

  Serial.print("Temperature: ");
  Serial.print(temperatureC);
  Serial.println("°C");
  Serial.println("----------------------------------------");

  Serial.print("Humidity: ");
  Serial.print(humidity);
  Serial.println("%");
  Serial.println("----------------------------------------");

  delay(7000);
}

BLYNK_WRITE(V3) {
  int pumpControl = param.asInt();
  pumpState = (pumpControl == 1);
}
```

```
BLYNK_WRITE(V4) {
  int ledControl = param.asInt();
  if (ledControl == 1) {
    digitalWrite(ledStripPin, LOW);
    Serial.println("LED strip turned on from Blynk app (V4).");
    manualControl = true;  // Set manual control flag
  } else {
    digitalWrite(ledStripPin, HIGH);
    Serial.println("LED strip turned off from Blynk app (V4).");
    manualControl = false;  // Reset manual control flag
  }
}

float measurePH() {
  int sensorValue = analogRead(pH_sensor_pin);
  float pH = map(sensorValue, 0, 1023, 570, 610) / 100.0;
  return pH;
}
```

9.2 OUTPUT SNAPSHOT

Fig 9.1 CONNECTING ESP8266 TO WIFI

Fig 9.2 LDR SENSOR READING AND MONITORING

Fig 9.3 DHT11 SENSOR READING AND MONITORING

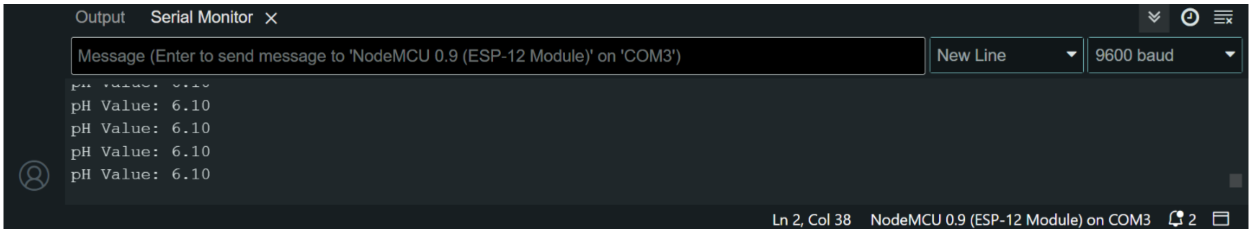

Fig 9.4 pH SENSOR READING AND MONITORING

Fig 9.5 CONTROLLING PUMP USING DHT11 SENSOR

Fig 9.6 MONITORING DATA OF EACH SENSOR WITH BLYNK CONSOLE

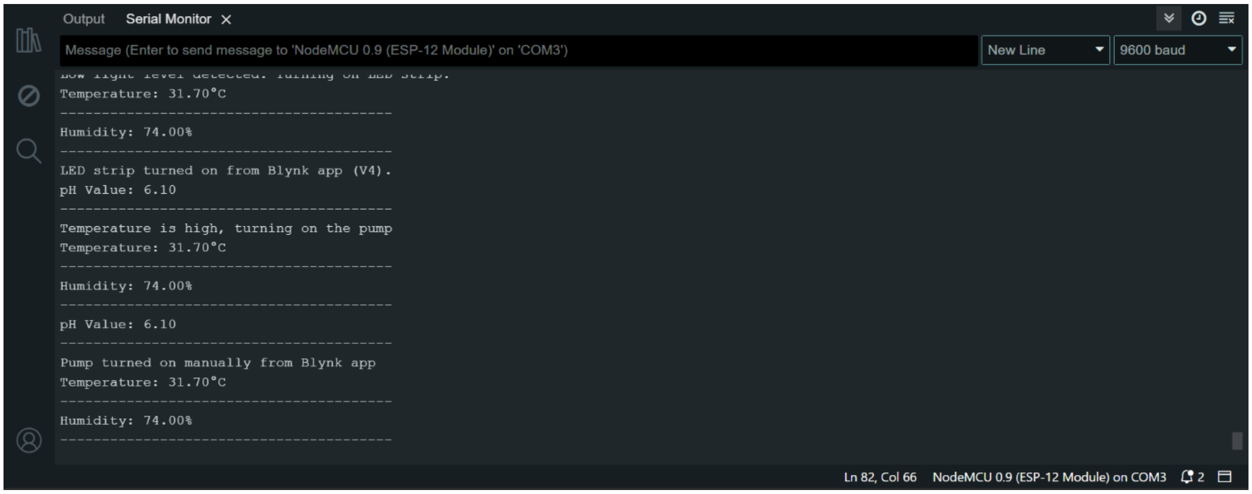

Fig 9.7 CONTROLLING PUMP & LED FROM BLYNK CONSOLE

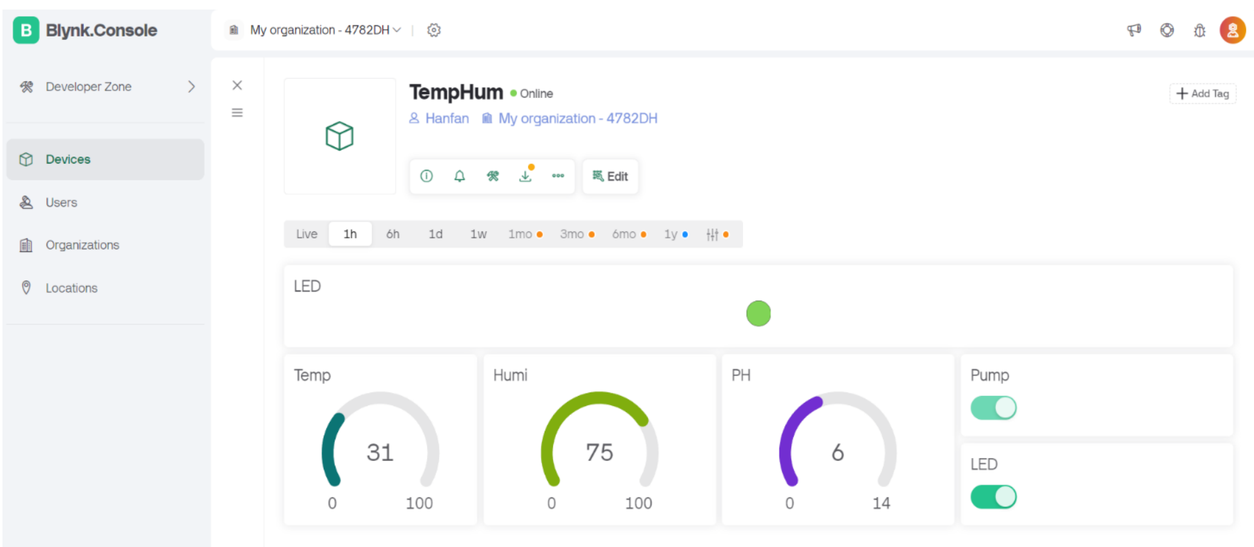

Fig 9.8 BLYNK CONSOLE DESKTOP INNTERFACE

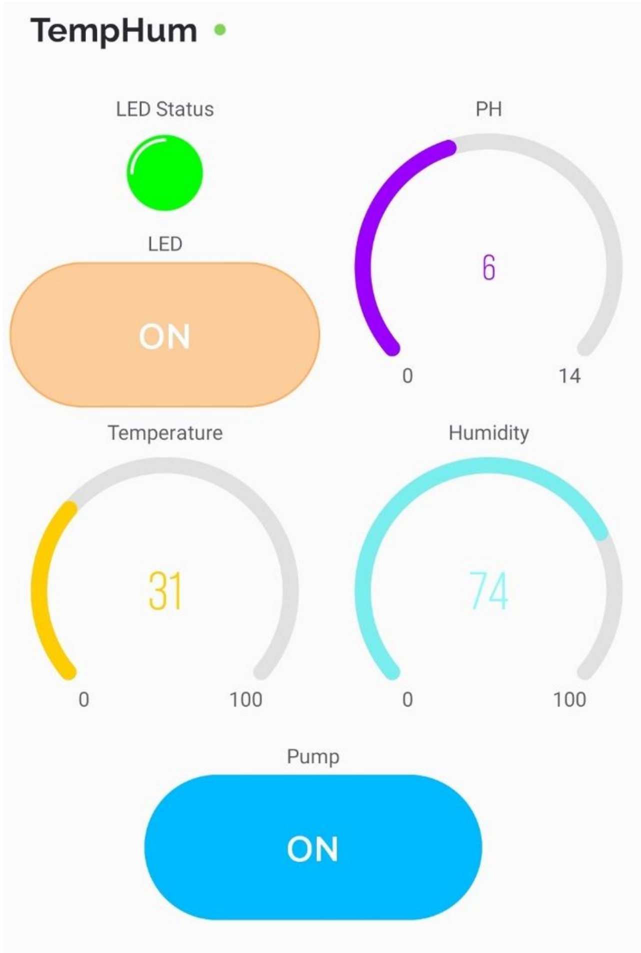

Fig 9.9 BLYNK CONSOLE MOBILE INNTERFACE

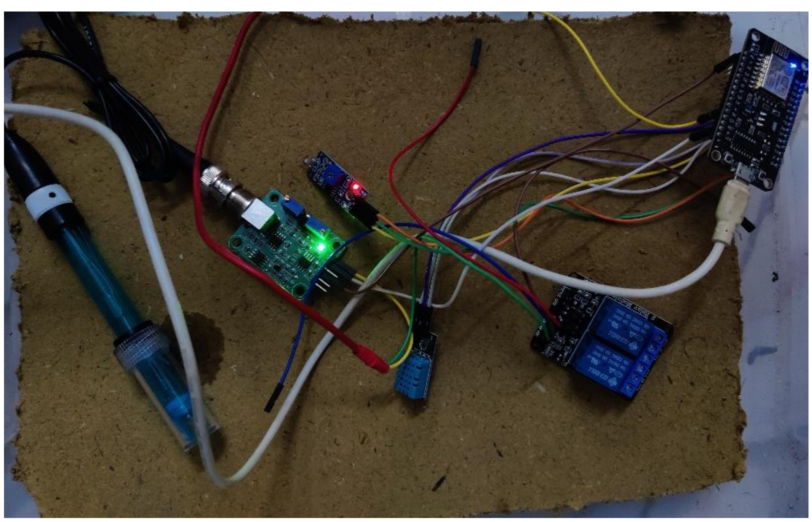

Fig 9.10 OVERVIEW OF THE PRODUCT

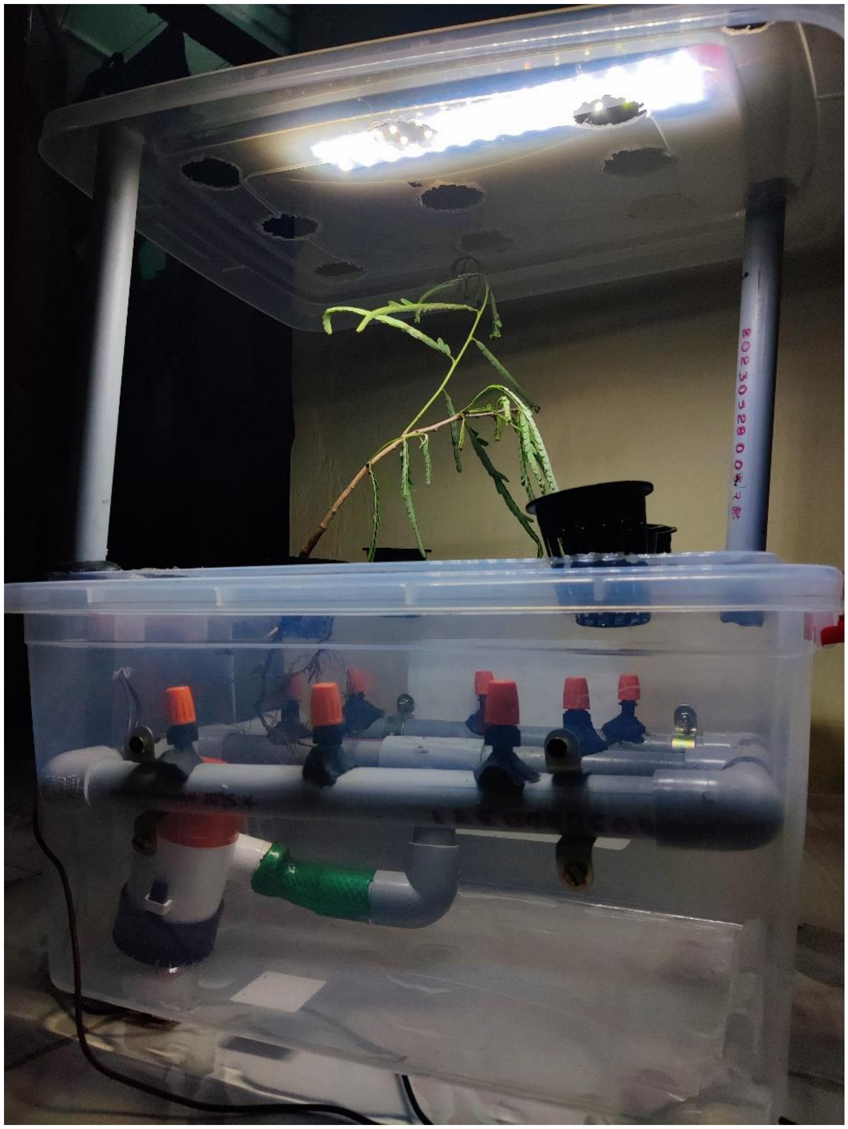

Fig 9.11 OVERVIEW OF THE AEROPONIC SETUP

CHAPTER 10

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