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2.1 AIM

Building an electronic voting system that satisfies the legal requirements of legislators has been a challenge for a long time. Distributed ledger technologies is an exciting technological advancement in the information technology world. Blockchain technologies offer an infinite range of applications benefiting from sharing economies. This project aims to evaluate the application of blockchain as service to implement distributed electronic voting systems. This project elucidates the requirements of building electronic voting systems and identifies the legal and technological limitations of using blockchain as a service for realizing such systems.

This project also includes some security features and other services like face recognition which decreased the chance of potential attack and makes online voting more secure and reliable.

2.2 OBJECTIVE

This objective of this project is to

- Create an E-voting system using blockchain.
- Make a secure portal for login using face recognition.
- Create an information website where admin can add information.
- Add user profile.
- Update user profile.
- Password recovery using email

3 SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

3.1 BLOCK CHAIN MODEL

- Ethereum Wallet
- Meta-Mask
- Gnache
- Truffle framework
- Solidity
- Node-js packages
- Web Browser which supports Metamask

3.2 DATABASE FOR VOTING AND VOTE LOGIN WEBPAGE

- PHP
- MYSQL
- XAMPP
- Jquery

3.3 MAIN WEBPAGE AND LANDING PAGE

- Pickle
- OS module
- Flask
- Flask_sql_alchemy
- OpenCV
- Numpy
- Pandas
- Har cascade
- MYSQLI
- Other flask dependencies

4.1 DATA - VOTE INTEGRITY

4.1.1 Problem description

In today's world data integrity is one of the major issues. Vote being a very sensitive data is vulnerable to attack thus we need to ensure that it is not manipulated, and its integrity is maintained. It can be solved using new technologies like block chain

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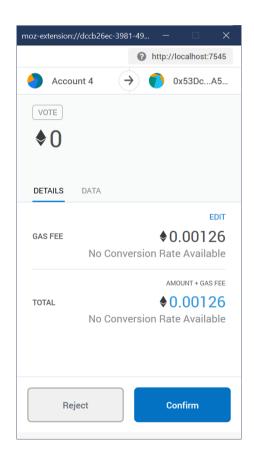
4.1.2 Sample code

```
var Election =artifacts.require("./Election.sol");
contract("Election", function(accounts){
           var electionInstance;
           it("initializes with 3 candidates", function(){
Election.deployed().then(function(instance){
                                                                  count");
instance.candidatesCount();
                                  }).then(function(count){
           assert.equal(count,4);
                                                                  count");
           it("it initializes the candidates with the correct
values", function() {
  return Election.deployed().then(function(instance) {
   electionInstance = instance;
   return electionInstance.candidates(1);
  }).then(function(candidate) {
   assert.equal(candidate[0], 1, "contains the correct id");
                                                                  count");
   assert.equal(candidate[1], "BJP",
                                                                    });
```

```
"contains the correct name");
   assert.equal(candidate[2], 0, "contains the correct votes
   return electionInstance.candidates(2);
  }).then(function(candidate) {
   assert.equal(candidate[0], 2, "contains the correct id");
   assert.equal(candidate[1], "Congress", "contains the
correct name"):
   assert.equal(candidate[2], 0, "contains the correct votes
   return electionInstance.candidates(3);
  }).then(function(candidate) {
   assert.equal(candidate[0], 3, "contains the correct id");
   assert.equal(candidate[1], "AAP", "contains the correct
   assert.equal(candidate[2], 0, "contains the correct votes
   return electionInstance.candidates(4);
  }).then(function(candidate) {
   assert.equal(candidate[0], 4, "contains the correct id");
   assert.equal(candidate[1], "NOTA", "contains the correct
   assert.equal(candidate[2], 0, "contains the correct votes
 });
```

4.1.3 Screenshot





4.2 SECURITY

4.2.1 Problem description

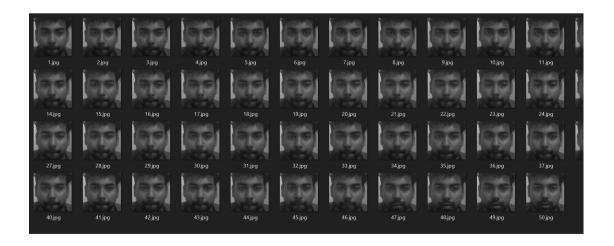
In todays world alpha numeric password are not enough as due to raw computing power and advance technology passwords can be brute forced and phishing is a major issue. To tackle this problem, we have use biometrics in form of face recognition to allow voting

4.2.2 Sample code

```
class RegistrationForm(FlaskForm):
                                                                    if user:
                                                                      raise ValidationError('That username is taken. Please
  username = StringField('Username',
              validators=[DataRequired(), Length(min=2,
                                                               choose a different one.')
max=20)])
                                                                 def validate_email(self, email):
  email = StringField('Email',
                                                                    user = User.query.filter_by(email=email.data).first()
             validators=[DataRequired(), Email()])
  password = PasswordField('Password',
                                                                      raise ValidationError('That email is taken. Please
validators=[DataRequired()])
                                                               choose a different one.')
  confirm_password = PasswordField('Confirm Password',
                                                               class LoginForm(FlaskForm):
                    validators=[DataRequired(),
                                                                 email = StringField('Email',
EqualTo('password')])
                                                                            validators=[DataRequired(), Email()])
  submit = SubmitField('Sign Up')
                                                                 password = PasswordField('Password',
                                                               validators=[DataRequired()])
                                                                 remember = BooleanField('Remember Me')
  def validate_username(self, username):
                                                                 submit = SubmitField('Login')
    user =
User.query.filter_by(username=username.data).first()
```

4.2.3 Screenshot





4.3 RECOVERY

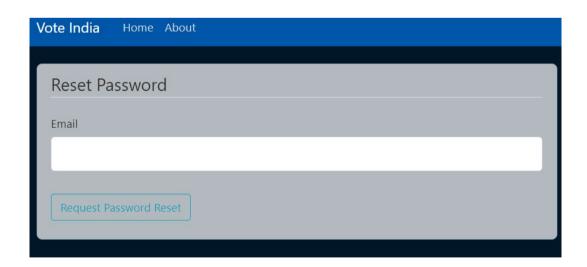
4.3.1 Problem description

Recover of lost data is one of the major problems thus forgot password option is added to the project for safe recovery of password

4.3.2 Sample code

```
class RequestResetForm(FlaskForm):
                                                              def send_reset_email(user):
 email = StringField('Email',
                                                                token = user.get reset token()
             validators=[DataRequired(), Email()])
                                                                msg = Message('Password Reset Request',
 submit = SubmitField('Request Password Reset')
                                                                        sender='noreply@demo.com',
                                                                        recipients=[user.email])
                                                                msg.body = f'"To reset your password, visit the following
 def validate email(self, email):
    user = User.query.filter_by(email=email.data).first()
                                                              link:
    if user is None:
                                                              {url_for('reset_token', token=token, _external=True)}
      raise ValidationError('There is no account with that
email. You must register first.')
                                                              If you did not make this request then simply ignore this email
                                                              and no changes will be made.
class ResetPasswordForm(FlaskForm):
                                                                mail.send(msg)
 password
                                PasswordField('Password',
validators=[DataRequired()])
 confirm_password = PasswordField('Confirm Password',
                                                              @app.route("/reset_password", methods=['GET', 'POST'])
                   validators=[DataRequired(),
                                                              def reset request():
EqualTo('password')])
                                                                if current_user.is_authenticated:
 submit = SubmitField('Reset Password')
                                                                  return redirect(url_for('home'))
                                                                form = RequestResetForm()
                                                                if form.validate_on_submit():
                                                              User.query.filter_by(email=form.email.data).first()
                                                                  send_reset_email(user)
                                                                  flash('An email has been sent with instructions to reset
                                                              your password.', 'info')
                                                                  return redirect(url_for('login'))
                                                                return render_template('reset_request.html', title='Reset
                                                              Password', form=form)
```

4.3.3 Screenshot



4.4 Information access

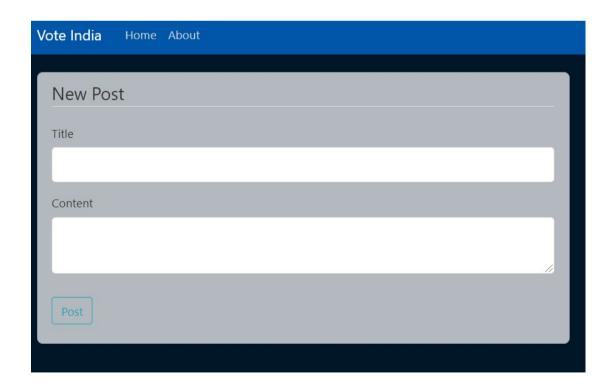
4.4.1 Problem description

In any voting platform data like data and current news feeds are a very important part of the procedure which guides the users through the portal and helps the selecting the right candidate for voting. Thus, mini blogs and new blogs are used to spread information.

4.4.2 Sample code

```
@app.route("/user/<string:username>")
                                                                @app.route("/post/<int:post id>/update",
def user_posts(username):
                                                                methods=['GET', 'POST'])
 page = request.args.get('page', 1, type=int)
                                                                @login required
 user =
                                                                def update_post(post_id):
User.query.filter_by(username=username).first_or_404()
                                                                  post = Post.query.get_or_404(post_id)
 posts = Post.query.filter_by(author=user)\
                                                                  if post.author != current_user:
                                                                    abort(403)
    . order\_by(Post.date\_posted.desc()) \\ \\ \\
    .paginate(page=page, per_page=5)
                                                                  form = PostForm()
 return render_template('user_posts.html', posts=posts,
                                                                  if form.validate_on_submit():
                                                                    post.title = form.title.data
                                                                    post.content = form.content.data
@app.route("/post/<int:post_id>/delete", methods=['POST'])
                                                                    db.session.commit()
@login_required
                                                                    flash('Your post has been updated!', 'success')
def delete_post(post_id):
                                                                    return redirect(url_for('post', post_id=post.id))
 post = Post.query.get_or_404(post_id)
                                                                  elif request.method == 'GET':
 if post.author != current_user:
                                                                    form.title.data = post.title
    abort(403)
                                                                    form.content.data = post.content
 db.session.delete(post)
                                                                  return render_template('create_post.html', title='Update
 db.session.commit()
                                                                Post',
 flash('Your post has been deleted!', 'success')
                                                                              form=form, legend='Update Post')
 return redirect(url for('home'))
```

4.4.3 Screenshot





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Update

Delete

Legislative assembly elections

Assembly elections of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha, Sikkim, were held simultaneously with the general elections

Legislative assembly elections of Haryana, Maharashtra held on 21st October 2019.

Legislative assembly elections of Jharkhand will be held later this year.

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voting starts now

start today



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Link for future election dates

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019_elections_in_India



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General elections

General elections were held in India in April to May 2019 to constitute the 17th Lok Sabha. After the fierce fight in the election, the results were declared on 23 May, early exit polls suggest a win for the BJP led NDA.

The phase-wise schedule, the number of seats in each phase and their State-wise break-up:

4.5 PRIVICY

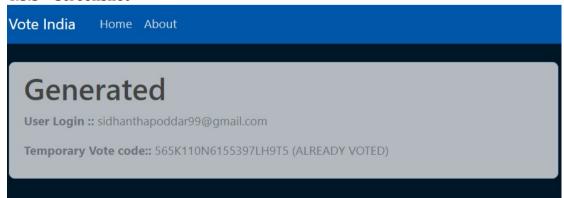
4.5.1 Problem description

Voting is the fundamental right of all citizens of India which is directly provided by the constitution. Vote should be private and must not be linked with the caster to avoid vote manipulation. Thus, to solve this problem different database are formed one maintain a vote count and other containing the people count. Thus, this ensures privacy of votes

4.5.2 Sample code

```
def get rows():
 em=current_user.email
                                                                return KEYCODE
 connection =
pymysql.connect(host="127.0.0.1",user="root",passwd="",
                                                           def gen(code="Not Generated"):
database="voter")
                                                             #code="123123"
 cursor = connection.cursor()
                                                             return render_template('cgen.html',
 retrive = "Select * from vote where ID='"+em+"';"
                                                           title='Account',code=code)
 #executing the quires
 cursor.execute(retrive)
                                                           @app.route("/gene",methods=["POST","GET"])
 rows = cursor.fetchall()
                                                           @login_required
 connection.commit()
                                                           def gene():
 connection.close()
 return rows
                                                             if len(get_rows())!=0:
                                                                row=get_rows()[0]
def insert_into_db(ID,KEYCODE):
                                                                code=row[1]
 connection =
                                                               voted=row[2]
pymysql.connect(host="127.0.0.1",user="root",passwd="",
                                                               if voted==1:
database="voter")
                                                                  code+=' (CODE GENERATED PREVIOUSLY)'
 cursor = connection.cursor()
 insert1 = "INSERT INTO vote
                                                                  code+=' (ALREADY VOTED)'
VALUES(""+ID+"",""+KEYCODE+"",1);"
                                                               return gen(code)
 cursor.execute(insert1)
                                                             form = GenForm()
 connection.commit()
                                                             if form.validate_on_submit():
 connection.close()
                                                               if form.etype.data=="I ACCEPT":
def get_code():
                                                                 next_page = request.args.get('next')
 em=current_user.email
                                                                 code=get_code()
 rows=get_rows()
                                                                 return gen(code)
                                                                 #return redirect(next_page) if next_page else
 if(len(rows)==0):
                                                           redirect(url_for('home'))
KEYCODE=".join([random.choice("12345667890ABCDEF12
                                                               else:
345667890GHIJKLMNOPQRST12345667890") for i in
                                                                 flash('Enter the correct phase', 'danger')
                                                             return render_template('generate.html', title='Login',
range(20) ])
   insert into db(em,KEYCODE)
                                                           form=form)
                                                           1.1.1
                                                                      Screenshot
```

4.5.3 Screenshot



5.1 BLOCKCHAIN

5.1.1 Importance of the technology

Traditional databases are maintained by a single organization, and that organization has complete control of the database, including the ability to tamper with the stored data, to censor otherwise valid changes to the data, or to add data fraudulently. For most use cases, this is not a problem since the organization which maintains the database does so for its own benefit, and therefore has no motive to falsify the database's contents; however, there are other use cases, such as a financial network, where the data being stored is too sensitive and the motive to manipulate it is too enticing to allow any single organization to have total control over the database. Even if it could be guaranteed that the responsible organization would never enact a fraudulent change to the database (an assumption which, for many people, is already too much to ask), there is still the possibility that a hacker could break in and manipulate the database to their own ends.

The most obvious way to ensure that no single entity can manipulate the database is to make the database public, and allow anyone to store a redundant copy of the database. In this way, everyone can be assured that their copy of the database is intact, simply by comparing it with everyone else's. This is sufficient as long as the database is static; however, if changes must be made to the database after it has been distributed, a problem of consensus arises: which of the entities keeping a copy of the database decides which changes are allowed and what order those changes occurred in? If any of the entities can make changes at any time, the redundant copies of the database will quickly get out of sync, and there will be no consensus as to which copy is correct. If all of the entities agree on a certain one who makes changes first, and the others all copy from it, then that one has the power to censor changes it doesn't like. Furthermore, if that one entity disappears, the database is stuck until all of the others can organize to choose a replacement. All of the entities may agree to take turns making changes and all the others copy changes from the one whose turn it is, but this opens the question of who decides who gets a turn when.

5.1.2 Sample code(1/10th)

```
App = {
web3Provider: null,
contracts: {}.
account: '0x0'.
hasVoted: false.
init: function() {
 return App.initWeb3();
initWeb3: function() {
  // TODO: refactor conditional
  if (typeof web3 !== 'undefined') {
   // If a web3 instance is already provided by Meta Mask.
   App.web3Provider = web3.currentProvider;
   web3 = new Web3(web3.currentProvider);
   // Specify default instance if no web3 instance provided
   App.web3Provider = new
Web3.providers.HttpProvider('http://localhost:7545');
   web3 = new Web3(App.web3Provider);
```

```
App.listenForEvents();
  return App.render();
});
},
// Listen for events emitted from the contract
listenForEvents: function() {
 App.contracts.Election.deployed().then(function(instance) {
 // Restart Chrome if you are unable to receive this event
  // This is a known issue with Metamask
  // https://github.com/MetaMask/metamask-extension/issues/2393
  instance.votedEvent({}, {
   fromBlock: 0,
  toBlock: 'latest'
  }).watch(function(error, event) {
  console.log("event triggered", event)
  // Reload when a new vote is recorded
   App.render();
 });
});
},
```

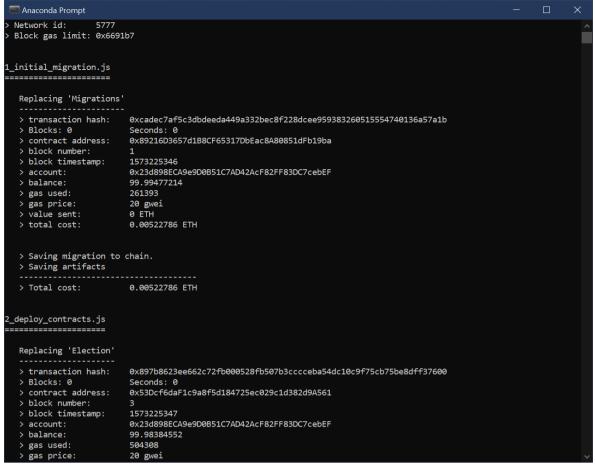
```
return App.initContract();
},
render: function() {
    var electionInstance;
    initContract: function() {
        s.getJSON("Election.json", function(election) {
            // Instantiate a new truffle contract from the artefact

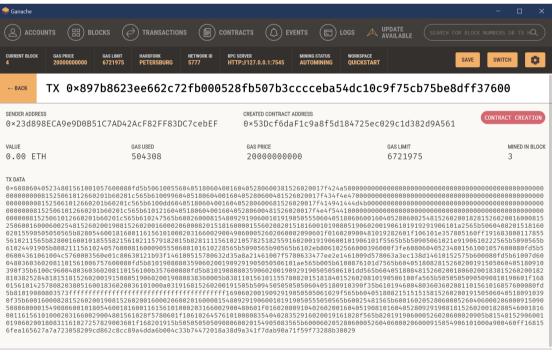
App.contracts.Election = TruffleContract(election);
        // Connect provider to interact with contract
        App.contracts.Election.setProvider(App.web3Provider);

render: function() {
        var election() {
        var content = $("#content");
        loader.show();
        content.hide();
        App.contracts.Election.setProvider(App.web3Provider);
```

5.1.3 Sample screenshot

⊕ Ganache				×
(2) ACCOUNTS (3) BLOCKS (7) TRANSACTIONS (6) CONTRA	CTS (E) EVENTS (E) LOGS (A) UPDATE AVAILABLE			
CURRENT BLOCK GAS PRICE GAS LIMIT HARDFORK NETWORK ID BPC SE 20000000000 6721975 PETERSBURG 5777 HTTP	RVER MINING STATUS WORKSPACE AUTOMINING QUICKSTART	SAVE	SWITCH	٥
MNEMONIC [] layer phone virus avocado dinner festival arrange increase	frog word bring caution	HD PATH m/44'/60'/0	'/0/account_	index
ADDRESS 0×23d898ECA9e9D0B51C7AD42AcF82FF83DC7cebEF	BALANCE 100.00 ETH	TX COUNT 0	INDEX 0	F
ADDRESS 0×75C29Ebf31DB5814BBaC25471D715EF97bf97de7	BALANCE 100.00 ETH	TX COUNT 0	INDEX 1	F
ADDRESS 0×6a1791960A10840034b203e71983AA74A9010528	BALANCE 100.00 ETH	TX COUNT 0	INDEX 2	F
ADDRESS 0×0C854e521d1764B7954c3E3bDCd1CF53117A0070	BALANCE 100.00 ETH	TX COUNT 0	INDEX 3	F
ADDRESS 0×52049281A4931e1Ef0c195243cBDb12F1D7559Ed	BALANCE 100.00 ETH	TX COUNT 0	INDEX 4	F
ADDRESS 0×B7483Fe4AC12b5e1Be94d22882AF705ccaCC3766	BALANCE 100.00 ETH	TX COUNT 0	INDEX 5	F
ADDRESS 0×953bD659Bcc6E5Ae81819d2323955775DC492b32	BALANCE 100.00 ETH	TX COUNT 0	INDEX 6	F





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5.2 FACE RECOGNITION

5.2.1 Importance of the technology

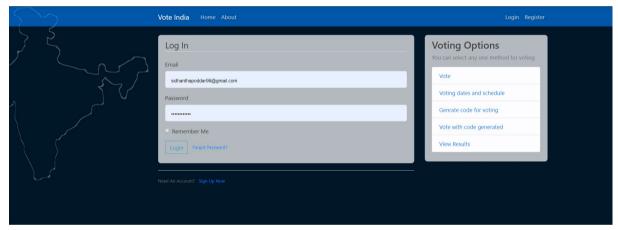
As we see that existing voting system has many defects such as lengthy process, time taking, not secure, bogus voting, no security level but now we can say that our approach is more useful and secure from the existing system. Since, we are using three level of security in this proposed system the false voters can be easily identified. The facial authentication technique is very much useful in identifying the fraud voters, so we can avoid the bogus votes during election commission. The voters can cast their voting from anywhere by login to our proposed smart voting system through internet. As every operation is performed through internet connectivity so, it is one-time investment for government. Voters' location is not important, but their voting is important. As data is stored in centralized repository so, data is accessible at any time as well as backup of the data is possible. Smart voting system provides updated result at each minute. Also requires less manpower and resources.

5.2.2 Sample code

```
def getface(valtbc):
                                                                                     def register():
  #print("1")
                                                                                       if current user.is authenticated:
 face cascade =
cv2.CascadeClassifier(pathss('face\\HCTrainingImages\\haarcascade frontalface
                                                                                         return redirect(url for('home'))
default.xml'))
                                                                                       form = RegistrationForm()
  recognizer = cv2.face.LBPHFaceRecognizer_create()
  recognizer.read(pathss('face\\training.yml'))
                                                                                       if form.validate_on_submit():
  iddict = pickle.load(open(pathss('face\\pickle\\iddict.pkl'),'rb'))
  font = cv2.FONT_HERSHEY_SIMPLEX
                                                                                         hashed_password =
  cap = cv2.VideoCapture(0)
                                                                                     bcrypt.generate_password_hash(form.password.data).d
  start_time = time.asctime(time.localtime(time.time()))
                                                                                     ecode('utf-8')
  att_stud = {}
                                                                                         user = User(username=form.username.data.
  init_faculty = {}
                                                                                     email=form.email.data, password=hashed_password)
  facenum = 0
  arrn=[]
                                                                                         newUser(form.email.data)
  #print("2")
  while facenum<50:
                                                                                         train()
                                                                                         db.session.add(user)
    grey = cv2.cvtColor(img, cv2.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)
                                                                                         db.session.commit()
    faces = face_cascade.detectMultiScale(grey, 1.3, 5)
                                                                                         flash('Your account has been created! You are now
    for (x,y,w,h) in faces:
                                                                                     able to log in', 'success')
      roi grey = grey[y:y+h, x:x+w]
      pred_id, config = recognizer.predict(roi_grey)
                                                                                         return redirect(url_for('login'))
                                                                                       return render_template('register.html', title='Register',
      facenum+=1
                                                                                     form=form)
      for regno,[id,desig] in iddict.items():
        if id == pred id:
          pred regno = regno
      arrn+=[pred regno]
                                                                                     @app.route("/login", methods=['GET', 'POST'])
      #print(pred_regno)
      colour desig = tuple([255 if desig == 'student' else 0, 255 if desig ==
                                                                                     def login():
'faculty' else 0,255 if desig == 'admin' else 0])
      cv2.putText(img, str(pred_regno), (x,y), font , 1, colour_desig, 2)
                                                                                       print("0")
      #cv2.putText(img, str(desig), (x,y+h), font , 1, colour_desig, 2)
      #cv2.rectangle(img, (x,y), (x+w, y+h), (255,0,0), 2)
                                                                                       if current_user.is_authenticated:
      cv2.circle(img, (int(x+w/2), int(y+h/2)), int(h/2), (0,255,0), 2)
                                                                                         return redirect(url for('home'))
      """if regno not in att_stud and desig == 'student':
                      att_stud[regno] = [desig,
                                                                                       form = LoginForm()
time.asctime(time.localtime(time.time()))]
                                                                                       print("00")
                   if regno not in init faculty and desig == 'faculty':
```

```
init_faculty[regno] = [desig,
                                                                                      if form.validate_on_submit():
time.asctime(time.localtime(time.time()))]"""
                                                                                   User.query.filter_by(email=form.email.data).first()
    cv2.imshow('img', img)
    k = cv2.waitKey(30) &0xFF
                                                                                        if getface(form.email.data)>40 and user and
    if k==27:
                                                                                   bcrypt.check\_password\_hash (user.password,
        break
                                                                                   form.password.data):
  cap.release()
                                                                                          login_user(user, remember=form.remember.data)
  cv2.destroyAllWindows()
  end_time = time.asctime(time.localtime(time.time()))
                                                                                          next_page = request.args.get('next')
                                                                                          return redirect(next_page) if next_page else
  if os.path.exists('face\\pickle\\all_att.pkl'):
                                                                                   redirect(url_for('home'))
    all_att = pickle.load(open(pathss('face\\pickle\\all_att.pkl'), 'rb'))
  all_att.append([att_stud, init_faculty, start_time, end_time])
  pickle.dump(all\_att,open(pathss('face \ \ l\_att.pkl'),'wb'))
                                                                                          flash('Login Unsuccessful. Please check email and
  #print("3")
                                                                                   password', 'danger')
  return arrn.count(valtbc)
                                                                                     return render_template('login.html', title='Login',
                                                                                   form=form)
```

5.2.3 Sample screenshot





5.3 FLASK

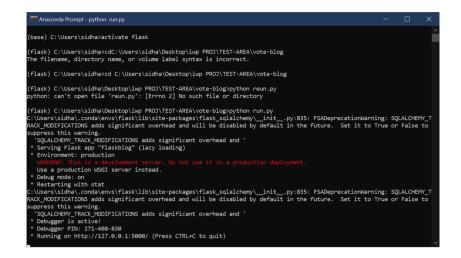
5.3.1 Importance of the technology

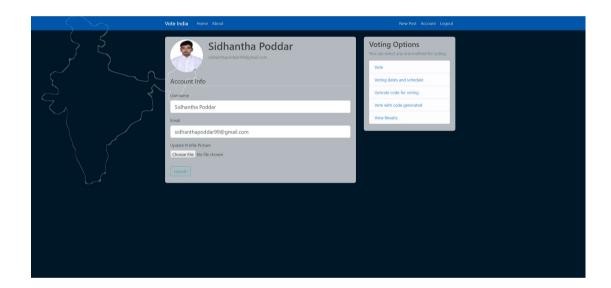
Flask comes with all the benefits of fast templates, strong WSGI features, thorough unit testability at the web application and library level, extensive documentation. So next time you are starting a new project where you need some good features and a vast number of extensions

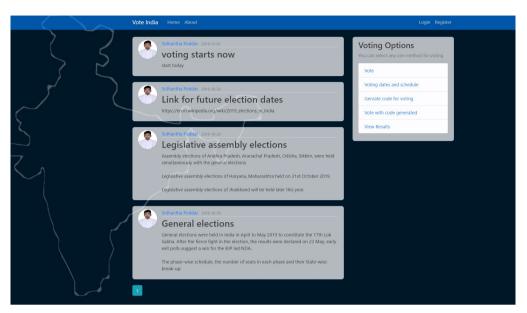
5.3.2 Sample code

```
def account():
                                                               app.route("/post/<int:post id>/update", methods=['GET',
  form = UpdateAccountForm()
                                                               'POST'1)
  if form.validate on submit():
                                                               @login required
    if form.picture.data:
                                                               def update_post(post_id):
      picture file = save picture(form.picture.data)
                                                                 post = Post.query.get or 404(post id)
      current_user.image_file = picture_file
                                                                 if post.author != current_user:
    current_user.username = form.username.data
                                                                   abort(403)
    current_user.email = form.email.data
                                                                 form = PostForm()
    db.session.commit()
                                                                 if form.validate_on_submit():
    flash('Your account has been updated!', 'success')
                                                                   post_title = form_title.data
    return redirect(url_for('account'))
                                                                   post.content = form.content.data
  elif request.method == 'GET':
                                                                   db.session.commit()
    form.username.data = current_user.username
                                                                   flash('Your post has been updated!', 'success')
    form.email.data = current user.email
                                                                   return redirect(url_for('post', post_id=post.id))
  image_file = url_for('static', filename='profile_pics/' +
                                                                 elif request.method == 'GET':
current_user.image_file)
                                                                   form.title.data = post.title
  return render_template('account.html', title='Account',
                                                                   form.content.data = post.content
              image_file=image_file, form=form)
                                                                 return render_template('create_post.html', title='Update
                                                               Post',
                                                                             form=form, legend='Update Post')
@app.route("/post/new", methods=['GET', 'POST'])
@login required
def new_post():
                                                               @app.route("/post/<int:post_id>/delete",
                                                               methods=['POST'])
  form = PostForm()
  if form.validate_on_submit():
                                                               @login_required
    post = Post(title=form.title.data,
                                                               def delete_post(post_id):
content=form.content.data, author=current_user)
                                                                 post = Post.query.get_or_404(post_id)
    db.session.add(post)
                                                                 if post.author != current_user:
    db.session.commit()
                                                                   abort(403)
    flash('Your post has been created!', 'success')
                                                                 db.session.delete(post)
                                                                 db.session.commit()
    return redirect(url_for('home'))
                                                                 flash('Your post has been deleted!', 'success')
  return render template('create post.html', title='New
Post',
                                                                 return redirect(url_for('home'))
              form=form, legend='New Post')
```

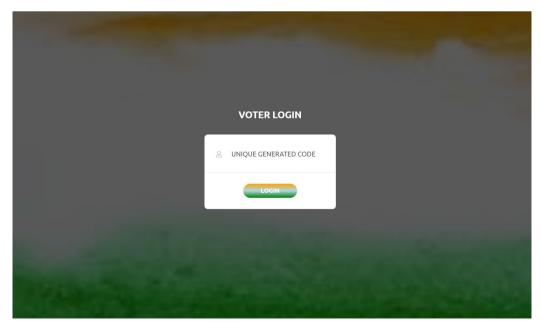
5.3.3 Sample screenshot











7 CONCLUSION

In its most basic form, blockchain is a digital ledger. The technology draws its power from the peers – or nodes – on its network to verify, process, and record all transactions across the system. This ledger is never stored, but rather exists on the "chain" supported by millions of nodes simultaneously. Thanks to encryption and decentralization, blockchain's database of transactions is incorruptible, and each record is easily verifiable. The network cannot be taken down or influenced by a single party because it doesn't exist in one place.

It's not only financial transactions that work with blockchain, but any type of data transmission. This kind of system infrastructure is extremely useful for voting because a vote is a small piece of high-value data. Out of necessity, modern voting systems are largely stuck in the last century, and those that want to vote must leave their homes and submit paper ballots to a local authority. Some have tried, but it has proven difficult to put faith in the results due to large gaps in security.

Blockchain can solve the many problems discovered in these early attempts at online voting. A blockchain-based voting application does not concern itself with the security of its internet connection, because any hacker with access to the terminal will not be able to affect other nodes. Voters can effectively submit their vote without revealing their identity or political preferences to the public. Officials can count votes with absolute certainty, knowing that each ID can be attributed to one vote, no fakes can be created, and that tampering is impossible.