SMART GREEN HOUSE AUTOMATION

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ABSTRACT

The increasing demand for sustainable agricultural practices has driven the development of smart greenhouse systems that leverage modern technologies for environmental monitoring and control. The proposed IoT-based Smart Greenhouse Automation System enables real-time tracking and regulation of temperature, humidity, soil moisture, and light intensity to create an optimal growth environment for plants. By integrating multiple sensors, actuators, and a microcontroller connected through cloud platforms, the system ensures precision in cultivation and minimizes human intervention. The data collected from sensors is transmitted to the cloud, where it can be analyzed and monitored remotely via a web or mobile interface. This approach enhances agricultural productivity, conserves water, and reduces manual labor, making it a sustainable solution for modern farming applications.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Agriculture is one of the most essential sectors supporting global food supply and economic stability. However, with increasing climate variability, water scarcity, and the need for higher crop yields, traditional farming methods are no longer sufficient to meet modern agricultural demands. Greenhouses have emerged as an effective solution to provide a controlled environment for plant growth, but manual monitoring and regulation of temperature, humidity, and irrigation are often time-consuming and inefficient. To overcome these limitations, the concept of **Smart Greenhouse Automation using the Internet of Things (IoT)** has gained significant attention.

The IoT-based smart greenhouse integrates various sensors, actuators, and communication modules to automatically monitor and control environmental conditions. Parameters such as **temperature, humidity, soil moisture, and light intensity** are continuously measured using sensors, and the data is processed by a microcontroller. Based on predefined threshold values, the system automatically activates devices like water pumps, cooling fans, and artificial lighting systems to maintain optimal conditions for plant growth. The use of IoT technology allows this information to be transmitted to cloud platforms, enabling **real-time remote monitoring and control** through a web or mobile interface.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

1. Dr. S. Venkatesan – "IoT-Enabled Greenhouse Environment Monitoring System"

Dr. Venkatesan proposed a system that uses IoT sensors to monitor environmental parameters such as humidity, temperature, and soil moisture in a greenhouse. The data is collected by a microcontroller and uploaded to a cloud platform for real-time access. The study highlights the efficiency of automation in reducing manual labor and improving crop productivity.

The author also discussed the use of MQTT protocol for lightweight data transmission, which enhances system performance and scalability. The results demonstrated a notable increase in plant growth efficiency and resource

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utilization. The system's modular design allows easy integration of new sensors and expansion to larger greenhouse setups.

2. P. Kumar – "Automated Greenhouse Control Using Embedded Systems"

P. Kumar's research focused on developing an embedded control system that automates irrigation and ventilation processes in a greenhouse. The system uses a combination of soil moisture and temperature sensors to decide when to water plants and regulate internal climate conditions.
This system significantly reduces water consumption and maintains consistent plant health by controlling fans, heaters, and sprinklers automatically. The study concludes that microcontroller-based automation enhances precision and enables real-time environmental control, contributing to increased agricultural efficiency.

The proposed framework demonstrates that using low-cost microcontrollers like Arduino or NodeMCU makes greenhouse automation affordable and accessible for small-scale farmers.

3. R. Sharma – "Wireless Sensor Network for Smart Agriculture"

R. Sharma's work explored the use of wireless sensor networks (WSNs) for smart farming applications, including greenhouse management. The system employs multiple sensor nodes connected wirelessly to a central hub, ensuring distributed environmental monitoring.
The author emphasized energy efficiency and data reliability in remote monitoring applications. The network architecture improved scalability and adaptability to different greenhouse environments.
This research serves as a foundation for IoT-based systems, demonstrating how wireless technologies enhance real-time communication and environmental control for agricultural purposes.

4. A. Das – "Cloud-Based Greenhouse Management Using IoT"

A. Das presented a cloud-integrated system that connects greenhouse sensors and actuators to cloud databases for remote management. The system leverages IoT protocols for seamless communication and data storage, enabling farmers to view real-time environmental metrics on their smartphones.
The research introduced data analytics features that predict environmental trends and optimize greenhouse parameters accordingly. The integration of cloud computing enhanced scalability and provided long-term data insights for decision-making.
The study concluded that IoT and cloud integration substantially reduce maintenance costs and improve the sustainability of greenhouse operations.

5. N. Mehta – "Precision Agriculture through Smart IoT Systems"

N. Mehta's research emphasized precision farming techniques powered by IoT. The system automates key agricultural processes such as irrigation, fertilization, and pest control using real-time sensor data.
The study proposed machine learning-based prediction models for environmental forecasting and crop yield estimation. The results demonstrated higher efficiency in resource utilization and consistent plant growth conditions.

The author concluded that IoT-driven systems have transformative potential in modern agriculture, making farming more data-driven, sustainable, and cost-effective.

III. EXISTING SYSTEM

The existing greenhouse systems rely primarily on manual monitoring and traditional irrigation methods. Farmers must physically observe the plants and manually control water supply, lighting, and ventilation. While some semi-automated systems exist, they lack remote accessibility and real-time data tracking. These systems often depend on timers or basic controllers without adaptive intelligence.

IV. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed **IoT-based Smart Greenhouse Automation System** overcomes the limitations of traditional methods by integrating sensors, actuators, and a microcontroller for real-time monitoring and automated control. The system measures key environmental parameters such as temperature, humidity, soil moisture, and light intensity. Based on predefined thresholds, it automatically activates irrigation pumps, exhaust fans, heaters, and artificial lights. Data collected by the microcontroller is uploaded to a cloud platform via Wi-Fi, enabling farmers to monitor and control the greenhouse remotely through a web or mobile interface.

V. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The **System Architecture** of the Smart Greenhouse Automation System consists of a microcontroller (NodeMCU or Raspberry Pi) connected to multiple sensors and actuators. The temperature, humidity, soil moisture, and light sensors collect real-time environmental data, which is processed by the microcontroller. Based on preset threshold values, the controller triggers actuators such as fans, water pumps, and lights to maintain optimal growing conditions.

The system uses an **ESP8266 Wi-Fi module** to establish a connection with the IoT cloud platform (like ThingSpeak or Blynk). The cloud stores and visualizes the data, allowing users to monitor the greenhouse remotely. The web or mobile interface provides live readings, trend graphs, and manual override controls. The architecture ensures seamless communication between sensors, controller, cloud, and user interface, achieving efficient environmental automation.

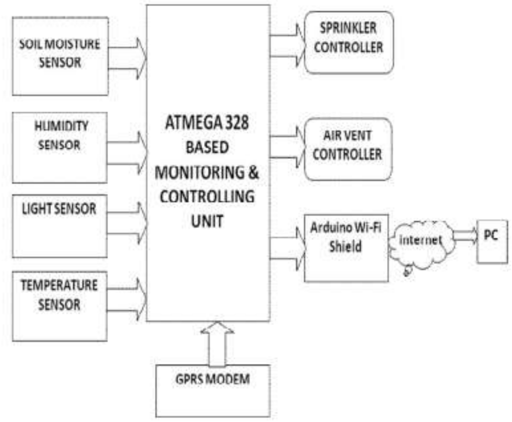

Fig.5.1: Block diagram of proposed model

NODE MCU:

NodeMCU is a low-cost open source IoT platform. It initially included firmware which runs on the ESP8266 Wi-Fi SoC from Espressif Systems, and hardware which was based on the ESP-12 module.[6][7] Later, support for the ESP32 32-bit MCU was added

OVERVIEW:

NodeMCU is an open source firmware for which open source prototyping board designs are available. The name "NodeMCU" combines "node" and "MCU" (micro-controller unit).[8]. The term "NodeMCU" strictly speaking refers to the firmware rather than the associated development kits.[citation needed]

Both the firmware and prototyping board designs are open source.

The firmware uses the Lua scripting language. The firmware is based on the eLua project, and built on the Espressif Non-OS SDK for ESP8266. It uses many open source projects, such as lua-cjson[10] and SPIFFS.[11] Due to resource constraints, users need to select the modules relevant for their project and build a firmware tailored to their needs. Support for the 32-bit ESP32 has also been implemented.

The prototyping hardware typically used is a circuit board functioning as a dual in-line package (DIP) which integrates a USB controller with a smaller surface-mounted board containing the MCU and antenna. The choice of the DIP format allows for easy prototyping on

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breadboards. The design was initially was based on the ESP-12 module of the ESP8266, which is a Wi-Fi SoC integrated with a Tensilica Xtensa LX106 core, widely used in IoT applications

VI. IMPLEMENTATION

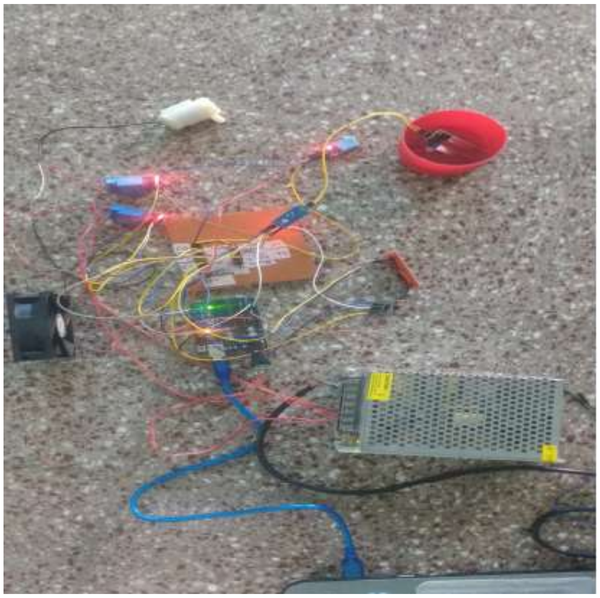

Fig. 6.1: Prototype of proposed model

The implementation begins with setting up the microcontroller (NodeMCU) and connecting sensors including DHT11 for temperature and humidity, soil moisture sensor for water content, and LDR for light intensity. Actuators such as the water pump, exhaust fan, and LED grow lights are interfaced with the microcontroller through relay modules. The system is programmed using the Arduino IDE, incorporating threshold-based control logic.

The Wi-Fi module is configured to connect to the IoT platform, where sensor readings are uploaded and visualized in real-time. The user can access the dashboard through a smartphone or computer to view live data and send control commands. Automation is achieved when the system independently maintains environmental parameters without user intervention. Power is supplied through a 12V DC adapter, and the setup is tested under various conditions to ensure stability, responsiveness, and reliability.

VII. CONCLUSION

The IoT-based Smart Greenhouse Automation System provides an efficient and intelligent solution for modern agriculture. By automating the monitoring and control of environmental parameters, the system minimizes human effort and maximizes crop productivity. The integration of IoT technology allows remote access, real-time data tracking, and optimized resource utilization. The project successfully demonstrates how technology can promote sustainability, improve yield, and support precision farming in controlled environments.

VIII. FUTURE SCOPE

The system can be enhanced by incorporating **AI-based predictive analytics** for crop growth and environmental optimization. Integration of **solar energy systems** can make it more eco-friendly and cost-efficient. Adding **mobile app notifications** and **voice-assistant control** would improve user interaction. Furthermore, future versions can include **automated nutrient control**, **CO_2 regulation**, and **pest detection cameras** to create a fully autonomous smart greenhouse ecosystem.

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