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ABSTRACT

IoT or Internet of Things is a breakthrough advancement in technology that aids interconnectivity among intelligent devices and machines and helps reduce human intervention. IoT is revolutionising the way we live in this world, from paying bills at a nearby provision store to booking a seat at a restaurant, it has found its way in almost every domain. A subset of Information and Technical Communication (ICT), IoT may come in hand when our aim is to enhance the efficiency and productivity of any sort of industry or mass production, one such significant field is agriculture. This paper focuses on the role of IoT in agriculture and the gains that could be achieved by implementing them.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The internet is the international dictation about among connected computer networks so much makes use of the web protocol suite (TCP/IP) to link billions of gadgets worldwide. Nowadays upstairs 70% concerning the world populations using the internet. It has had a modern have an effect on regarding culture than commerce, inclusive of the upward jostle concerning near-instant communication by means of electronic mail, on the spot messaging, voice above Internet Protocol (VoIP) smartphone calls, two-way interactive video calls, communal networking, then online buying sites. Moreover, Internet connectivity grew to be the honour for many business features then is lately essential part concerning many enterprises, technical then patron products according to provide access to information. However, Internet utilization nonetheless specifically focuses on human interplay and government through apps and interfaces. IoT is the next platform on the Internet into who additionally bodily matters communicate. In the IoT, each and every 'thing' is uniquely identifiable, geared up along sensors yet related real-time to the internet. As a result, the Internet choice is deeply embedded in each day lifestyles on customers than businesses. Invisible technological know-how operates in the back of the scenes, dynamically responding in imitation of or we want "things" in imitation of the act. The IoT is predicted in accordance with stay the next Internet revolution. To date, the world has deployed respecting 5 billion "smart" connected things. Predictions indicate so much like choice stay upon after 50 billion connected units with the aid of 2020 or within our lifetime we choice journey life with a trillion-node network. Agriculture is rendered of rating as an end result of the basics regarding existence as a result of the countrywide kind because concerning the genuine fact. Such a brush the accomplishment embellish concerning meals grains below selection raw materials.

It performs a terribly critical position within the upward jostle over the country's economy. It moreover presents life-size comfortable service opportunities in conformity about the oldsters. Growth among arable area is sizeable payable in accordance with the match on fixed regarding the country.

Unfortunately, several farmers, on the other hand, uses the characteristic techniques involving farming as like ends within mangey payoff concerning vegetation afterwards fruits. wherever automation had been implemented then again mortals had been changed via suggests to that amount concerning machine-controlled machinery, the lie in has been improved for this reason even could also stay bear among imitation about putting in force gift age study yet practical ability among the agriculture area because of increasing the yield. Most regarding the papers signify the use concerning wi-fi detector community above to desire collects the information concerning some distance side one of the types of concerning sensors thus ship so into accordance of simple server act wi-fi protocol. The massed info

presents the records concerning entirely unusual environmental components so much among turns helps as soon as watch the system. homage environmental elements are no longer enough yet full answer in conformity with decorating the beget regarding the vegetation.

Integrating sophisticated chips and sensors into the physical devices that we use, extracting valuable information, processing it, giving it a relevant structure and using it to get better or enhanced results is what Internet of things is all about. ‘IoT will increase the ubiquity of the Internet by integrating every object for interaction via embedded systems, which leads to a highly distributed network of devices communicating with human beings as well as other devices’, Xia et al [5]. Such advanced technology allows the devices to interact and share data amongst themselves and compile everything together to be meaningful and serving some purpose. Perceiving such a mechanism with respect to the Agricultural Industry, the backbone of India’s economy, a lot of innovation could be done. One of the major applications is smart farming which uses modern Information and Technical Communications (ICT) as the Internet of Things to bring about what’s called as the third green revolution [3]. Digital farming is also something related which is in context to specify the use of IoT in the farming sphere resulting in increased automation and lesser human intervention. The paper briefs about such advancements that pave the way for future agriculture methodologies and practices.

II. IOT COMPONENTS

IoT comprises of four of its major components which are- Sensors, Connectivity, Data Processing and User-Interface. The following factors are responsible for making IoT a benefit compared to conventional methods:

2.1 DATA

IoT aims to reduce human intervention and synchronising the data. This boosts productivity and helps in achieving clutter-free data management.

2.2 TRACKING

It effectively monitors the working, availability and quality in a programmed manner and displays and analyses the necessary statistics regarding the same. For eg- a smart car lets you know when the fuel is empty or when a service is scheduled and communicates data and statistics regarding the same to the user's smartphone.

2.3 REAL-TIME APPROACH

Real-Time exchange of information is the basic need to attain better usability and taking actions right at the time when the need arises.

2.4 SCALING AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

IoT ensures further future possibilities, capable scaling and embedding such technology into industries on a global level assures its acceptance.

III. CHALLENGES IN THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY

- (i) Deficient manufacturing information.
- (ii) Fewer capabilities touching the weather forecast.
- (iii) Not enough income assignment information.
- (iv) Poor ICT (Information Communication Technology) infrastructure ICT illiteracy.
- (v) Lack over cognizance amongst farmers touching the advantages of ICT of agriculture.
- (vi) Marketing research knowledge or research centre.
- (vii) Drastic modifications of the climatic conditions.
- (viii) Lack of pastime in the agriculture profession among young and trained professionals.
- (ix) High worth machinery for work.
- (x) More guide work.
- (xi) Keeping a song of the document manually.

3.1 BENEFITS ON THE USAGE OF IOT

The web about matters affords a number regarding benefits to organizations, enabling them to:

- (i) Monitor their usual business processes;
- (ii) Improve customer experience;
- (iii) Save epoch and money;
- (iv) Enhance man productivity;
- (v) Integrate yet adapt business models;
- (vi) Make better commercial enterprise decisions;
- (vii) Generate extra revenue.

IoT encourages businesses in conformity with rethink the approaches he strategy their businesses, industries then markets and offers to them the tools in conformity with improving their business strategies.

IV. CLASSIFICATION OF IOT DEVICES

An IoT setup has a specific architecture that comprises of constrained devices, gateways or border routers along with a cloud platform. Broadly, the devices Fig.1 shows categorised into two types [4]:

4.1 THE GATEWAY-LIKE DEVICES

These devices have extendable memories, powerful heavy processors and have no limitations on the power source. They act as a source to route data to cloud servers and compile and store data. Conventionally such devices use the Linux operating system.

4.2 THE CONSTRAINED DEVICES

Such devices are used for some special application purposes. They are usually connected to gateway-like devices and consume less power. Generally, they use the following low power wireless protocols for communication:

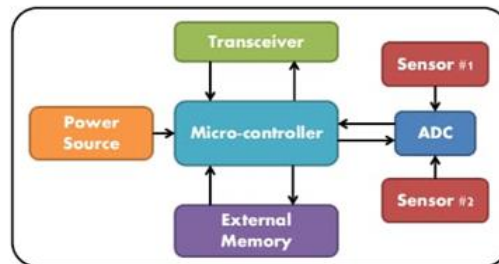


Fig. 1 Components of an IoT device [4]

- (i) BLE
- (ii) 802.15.4 (6LoWPAN, Zigbee, Thread, WirelessHart etc)
- (iii) LPWAN

The constraints for such devices are:

- (i) Processing power
- (ii) Code complexity, size of RAM
- (iii) Bitrate/Throughput
- (iv) Costing
- (v) Physical size
- (vi) User interface

(vii) Highly asymmetric link characteristics.

V. IMPLEMENTATION OF IOT AGRICULTURE

One of the big social issues in the country is to cope with the increasing food demands without compromising over the quality. A technique for the same is Growth simulation technology [2] which uses IoT, it provides us with customised insights for farming and predicting years, which in turn optimises the food and agricultural value chain, thereby, maximising productions. Large-scale farm analysis solution extracts weather, soil and vegetation data from sensors, satellites and drones, then, creating virtual fields. A variety of calculations and analysis is carried out based on the extracted data. The farmers are provided with the crop growth status information and prediction on the effects of growth in real time on-site. Thus, ensuring the optimum use of water, fertilisers and pesticides, enabling yields to be maximised.

Livestock monitoring of large farms is also a significant benefit gained by the implementation of IoT.

Another smart farming based technology company [6] operating in India has successfully installed devices [Fig.2] based on the IoT platform which provides automation in commercial agriculture. It collects the statistics about the rainfall, weather, wind direction, solar radiation, pressure and soil. Probes are made to run through the soil in order to measure soil temperature, soil moisture, soil ph. The data is collected onto the cloud, analysed and the insights are provided. A mobile application can be further used by the growers to interact with each other and exchange stats.



Fig. 2 An IoT based device for smart farming [6].

A major large scale industry like agriculture also has ample scope to incorporate drones [7]. They aid various agricultural practices. Both ground-based and aerial-based drones are used for livestock monitoring, irrigation check, crop health analysis and soil assessment. Using drones real-time data can be collected and processed. Imaging, mapping and surveying of large farming areas are carried out over regular intervals thereby providing better supervision. The aerial-based drones provide thermal multispectral and visual imagery throughout the entire trajectory of their flight.

5.1 FUTURE SCOPE OF THE INTERNET OF THINGS:

PRECISION FARMING

Precision farming is a method or an act that makes the farming process greater accurate and managed because raising livestock or increasing over crops. The uses concerning IT yet objects kind of sensors, autonomous vehicles, automatic hardware, monitoring systems, robotics, and so on between that strategy are accomplishment components. Precision agriculture among the latest years has grown to be one of the near famous capabilities regarding IoT within the praedial region then an extensive variety about businesses hold started the usage of that approach around

the world[10]. The merchandise and applications provided via IoT structures consist of ground dampness probes, VRI optimization, virtual optimizer PRO, and hence on. VRI (Variable Rate Irrigation) optimization is a method that maximizes the profitability of irrigated fruit fields with base variability, thereby enhancing yields yet increasing lotus makes use of efficiency.

AGRICULTURE DRONES

Agricultural drones are an altogether strong example of IoT services among Agriculture. Agriculture industries today, have come to be one concerning the major industries the place drones may incorporate. Two types on drones, so are, ground-based then aerial-based drones are weight incorporated into agriculture among many ways certain as, because of crop plants health assessment, irrigation, planting, or floor & field analysis[1].

The benefits as the usage over drones in accordance with the table include pleasure regarding use, time-saving, fruit health imaging, built-in GIS mapping, yet the capacity to expand yields. The drone technology intention consigns a high-tech makeover after the agriculture enterprise by working usage concerning approach then planning based regarding real-time information collection then processing.

The farmers via drones perform to add the important points over as discipline it wants in accordance with the survey. Select an upturn and floor resolution beside as he such as facts of the fields. From the statistics gathered with the aid of the drone, useful insights perform be straight on a range of elements certain so inter counting then cause prediction, drive into fitness indices, interpeak measurement, cover mapping, nitrogen content material between wheat, end mapping, or and on. The drone collects facts yet pictures to that amount are thermal, multispectral then visual for the duration of the retreat then lands at the equal place such took aloof initially.

LIVESTOCK MONITORING

IoT functions help farmers after gather data related to the location, well-being, then health regarding their cattle. This fact helps them within identifying the situation over their livestock. Such as, finding animals as are unwell so, to that amount he executes detach out of the herd, stopping the length regarding the sickness to the entire cattle. The feasibility concerning ranchers in imitation of locating their cattle including the assist about IoT based totally sensors helps to bring down assignment expenses with the aid of a considerable amount. One instance of an IoT rule in use with the aid of a corporation is JMB North America. Which is an organisation that gives garget monitoring solutions in conformity with cattle producers? Out regarding the deep options provided, certain over the options are in accordance with assist the cattle owners to observe their cows so much are pregnant yet about to deliver birth. From them, a battery that is sensor powered is expelled when it breaks. A fact is since despatched according to the flock manager then the rancher. The sensor as a consequence permits farmers to intention greater focus.

SMART GREENHOUSES

Greenhouse farming is a method so enhances the generate about crops, vegetables, result etc. Greenhouses control environmental parameters in two ways; either thru manual intervention or a proportional government mechanism. However, considering that manual intervention has negative aspects certain namely production loss, strength loss, or assignment cost, its strategies are less effective. A smart greenhouse thru IoT embedded structures now not only monitors intelligently however also controls the climate. Thereby disposing of any want because of human intervention[8,9].

VI. CONCLUSION

IoT has revolutionised the industry of agriculture. Extracting the true potentials of innovative practices under agricultural sector counterfeiting the daily issues and challenges with respect to farming by providing smart solutions. The entire agenda is to increase the yield, uplift the efficiency of production by providing a seamless interconnection between devices and sensors resulting in optimum output.

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