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Design and Development of an Agricultural Farming Robot for Automated Crop Monitoring and Maintenance

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ABSTRACT :

The expanding request for nourishment generation due to populace development calls for inventive and effective arrangements in horticulture. This extend presents the plan and improvement of an rural cultivating robot competent of performing assignments such as soil checking, seed sowing, and pesticide showering. The robot is outlined to function independently or semi independently utilizing IoT integration and sensor-based route. The execution of such a robot points to decrease labor, upgrade accuracy cultivating, and increment trim surrender with negligible natural affect.

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- Agricultural Robotics
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- Robotic Farming Systems
- IoT in Agriculture
- Autonomous Farming
- Crop Health Monitoring
- Field Maintenance Automation
- Agricultural Automation

Introduction

Farming remains the spine of numerous economies around the world, however conventional cultivating hones are progressively challenged by labor deficiencies, climate alter, and the require for higher efficiency. With the quick progression of computerization, mechanical technology, and sensor innovations, there's a developing move toward savvy cultivating arrangements to meet these advanced challenges.

This extend centers on the plan and improvement of an rural cultivating robot that mechanizes trim observing and upkeep errands. The point is to move forward cultivating proficiency, diminish manual labor, and empower real-time edit wellbeing appraisal. The proposed robot is prepared with different sensors and implanted frameworks to screen natural parameters such as soil dampness, temperature, and plant wellbeing. It moreover underpins upkeep exercises such as water system and splashing based on sensor input.

By joining advances like IoT, independent route, and sensor-based control, this cultivating robot gives a cost-effective and versatile arrangement for exactness agribusiness. The framework not as it were improves decision-making for agriculturists but too bolsters economical cultivating hones through optimized asset utilization and negligible human mediation.

IMPLEMENTATION

The execution of the Agrarian Cultivating Robot for Robotized Edit Checking and Support includes both equipment and computer program integration to perform errands such as natural detecting, trim checking, and independent route. The advancement is carried out in different stages, as laid out underneath**:**

1. Framework Engineering Plan:

The robot is planned employing a measured approach comprising the taking after key components:

- Microcontroller/Board: ESP32 or Arduino Mega is used as the central processing unit for sensor interfacing and motor control.
- Chassis and Locomotion: A four-wheel or differential-drive chassis supports movement across uneven agricultural terrain.

- Sensors Used:
  - Soil Moisture Sensor – to check the moisture level of the soil.
  - DHT11/DHT22 – for temperature and humidity monitoring.
  - Ultrasonic Sensor – for obstacle detection and navigation.
  - Camera Module (optional) – for crop health monitoring using image processing.
- Actuators: DC motors for wheels and servo motors for any robotic arms or sprayers.

2. Sensor Integration:

All sensors are interfaced with the microcontroller. The sensor data is collected in real-time and processed to make decisions. For instance:

- If soil moisture is low, the system activates a water pump for irrigation.
- If high temperature is detected, alert signals can be generated.

3. Autonomous Navigation:

- Ultrasonic sensors are used for basic obstacle detection.
- GPS Module (optional) may be integrated for path planning and field coverage.
- Predefined routes can be programmed, or the robot can follow a line/path using IR sensors.

4. Crop Monitoring:

- Using the camera module and image processing techniques (OpenCV with Python), the robot can detect leaf discoloration, pest presence, or growth issues.
- Alternatively, sensors can measure chlorophyll or NDVI values for health estimation.

5. Control and Communication:

- Wireless Communication (Wi-Fi/Bluetooth): ESP32 enables remote control and monitoring via a mobile app or web interface.
- Data Logging: Sensor data can be stored on SD card or sent to cloud platforms (ThingSpeak, Firebase) for analysis and visualization.

6. Power Supply:

- The robot is powered by a rechargeable battery pack (e.g., Li-ion or lead-acid).
- Solar panels may be added for sustainable operation.

7. Testing and Calibration:

- The robot is tested in a controlled environment to calibrate sensors and fine-tune motor control.
- Field tests are then conducted to evaluate performance in actual agricultural conditions.

8. Software Tools Used:

- Arduino IDE or PlatformIO – for microcontroller programming.
- Python (with OpenCV) – for image processing and automation tasks.
- ThingSpeak / Blynk App – for IoT data monitoring.
- Fritzing / Proteus – for circuit design and simulation.

RESULT AND DISSCUSION

The created Agrarian Cultivating Robot was tried in both reenacted and small-scale genuine cultivating situations to approve its usefulness in edit observing and upkeep. The execution was assessed based on sensor precision, independent route, and assignment execution such as water system and impediment evasion.

The execution of an computerized mechanical framework in farming illustrated how present day inserted frameworks and IoT advances can improve cultivating proficiency. The comes about demonstrate that the robot can serve as a dependable partner for small-scale ranchers, especially in locales confronting labor deficiencies or climate challenges. In spite of the fact that the framework right now performs essential errands, its measured quality permits for future development into exactness splashing, AI-based bug location, and large-scale sending.

This extend serves as a establishment for more progressed Agri-Tech frameworks, where robotization not as it were makes strides efficiency but moreover advances maintainable cultivating by minimizing asset wastage.

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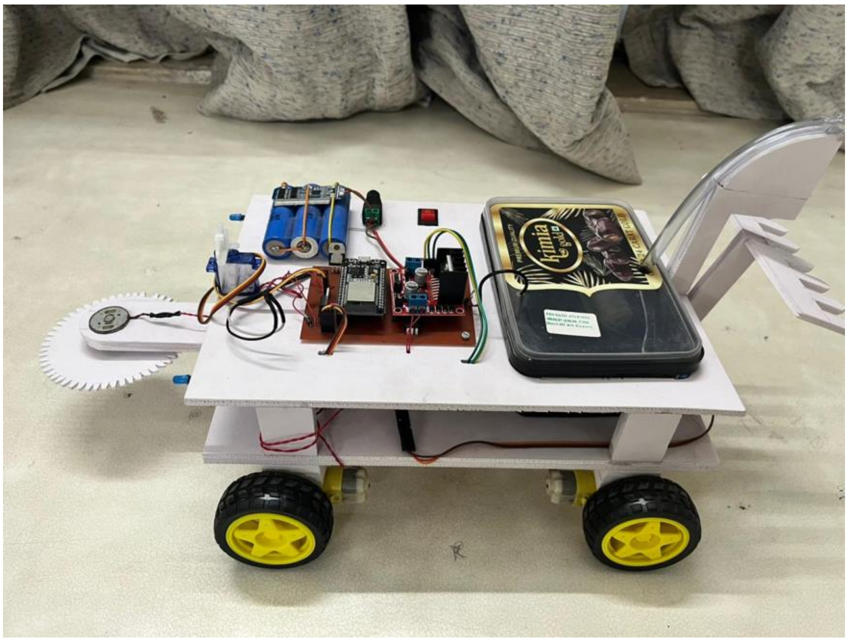

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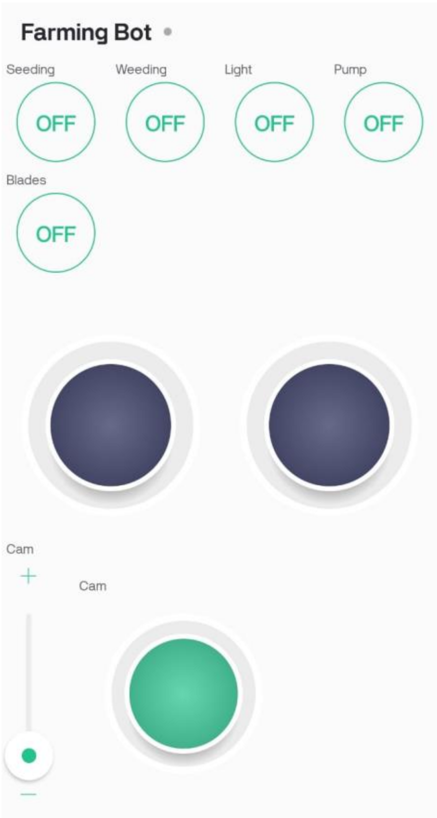

CONCLUSION

The plan and improvement of the agrarian cultivating robot has illustrated the potential of computerization in changing conventional cultivating hones into shrewd, effective, and feasible frameworks. By joining implanted frameworks, different sensors, and remote communication advances, the robot effectively performed basic rural errands such as soil dampness observing, natural detecting, impediment location, and water system control. The robot demonstrated to be a cost-effective arrangement for robotized trim checking and support, particularly for little and medium-sized ranches. Its capacity to function with negligible human intercession decreases labor reliance whereas guaranteeing convenient support activities based on real-time information.

Whereas the current model viably handles fundamental errands, there's noteworthy scope for upgrade. Future enhancements may incorporate progressed AI-based edit infection location, integration of sun powered vitality frameworks for expanded battery life, GPS-guided route for bigger areas, and cloud-based information analytics for prescient bits of knowledge.

By and large, the venture highlights how agri-robotics and IoT can play a significant part in modernizing farming and tending to worldwide challenges like nourishment security, labor deficiencies, and climate changeability.

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