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SMART GREENHOUSE MONITORING AND CONTROL USING EMBEDDED IOT

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Abstract- A smart greenhouse monitoring and control system based on embedded Internet of Things (IoT) technology is developed to improve crop growth conditions and reduce manual intervention in agricultural environments. The system integrates sensors to continuously measure important environmental parameters such as temperature, humidity, soil moisture, and light intensity inside the greenhouse. An embedded controller collects the sensor data and transmits it to a cloud platform through IoT communication, enabling real-time monitoring through a mobile or web interface. Based on the measured conditions, automated control actions such as irrigation, ventilation, and lighting can be activated to maintain optimal plant growth conditions. This intelligent monitoring approach helps farmers manage greenhouse environments more efficiently, improves crop productivity, and reduces water and energy consumption through automated decision-making and remote supervision.

Keywords— Smart Greenhouse, Internet of Things (IoT), Embedded System, Environmental Monitoring, Automated Irrigation Control, Temperature and Humidity Sensors, Precision Agriculture, Remote Monitoring System.

I. INTRODUCTION

Agriculture plays a vital role in ensuring food security, and greenhouse cultivation has become an effective method for improving crop productivity by providing a controlled growing environment. However, traditional greenhouse management often relies on manual monitoring, which can lead to inefficient resource usage and inconsistent environmental conditions. To overcome these limitations, the integration of embedded systems with Internet of Things (IoT) technology enables automated monitoring and intelligent control of greenhouse parameters. Sensors placed inside the greenhouse continuously measure factors such as temperature, humidity, soil moisture, and light intensity, while an embedded controller processes the data and transmits it to a cloud-based platform for remote access. Based on the collected information, control mechanisms such as irrigation, ventilation, and artificial lighting can be automatically regulated to maintain optimal plant growth conditions. This smart greenhouse monitoring approach enhances agricultural efficiency, reduces human effort, and supports sustainable farming practices through real- time data analysis and automated environmental management.

II. OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the smart greenhouse monitoring and control system using embedded IoT is to develop an automated platform that continuously observes and regulates important environmental conditions required for healthy plant growth. The system aims to monitor parameters such as temperature, humidity, soil moisture, and light intensity using embedded sensors and transmit the collected data through IoT communication for real-time supervision. Another objective is to implement automatic control mechanisms for irrigation, ventilation, and lighting to maintain optimal greenhouse conditions without constant human intervention. In addition, the system seeks to improve resource utilization, reduce water and energy consumption, and enhance crop productivity through intelligent monitoring and remote management capabilities.

III. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The block diagram of the smart greenhouse monitoring and control system using embedded IoT consists of sensors, a microcontroller unit, communication modules, and control devices that work together to maintain suitable environmental conditions for plant growth. The system is powered by a regulated power supply of 5 V–12 V, which provides stable voltage to the ESP8266 microcontroller and connected components. The soil moisture sensor measures the water content in the soil within a typical range of 0–100 % moisture level, and when the value drops below the threshold of about 30–40 %, it indicates that irrigation is required. The DHT11 sensor monitors environmental parameters such as temperature ranging from 0 °C to 50 °C and humidity from 20 % to 90 % RH, which are important for maintaining a proper greenhouse climate. In addition, the gas sensor detects harmful gases like carbon dioxide or ammonia in the range of approximately 200–10000 ppm, helping to identify unsafe environmental conditions inside the greenhouse.

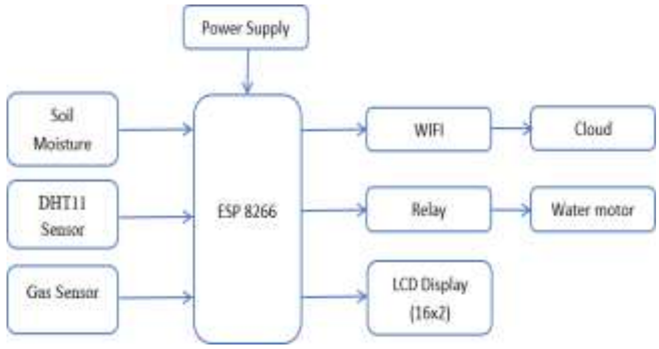

Fig.1 Block diagram of the proposed system

The ESP8266 controller collects data from all sensors, processes the readings, and transmits the information through the Wi-Fi module to a cloud platform for remote monitoring. Fig.1 shows the cloud server stores the environmental data and allows farmers to view real-time information through a mobile or web interface. Based on the soil moisture value, the controller activates a relay module operating at 5 V, which switches the water motor (12 V–24 V) on or off to automatically irrigate the plants when the soil becomes dry. The current environmental parameters are also displayed on a 16×2 LCD display, providing immediate local monitoring inside the greenhouse. As a result, the system maintains optimal temperature, humidity, and soil moisture conditions, enabling automated irrigation and environmental control, which improves plant growth efficiency and can increase agricultural productivity by approximately 20–30 % compared with manual monitoring methods.

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V. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

Parameter	Existing Greenhous e System	Proposed Smart Greenhous e (Embedde d IoT)
Monitoring Method	Manual observation by farmers	Automatic monitoring using sensors (DHT11, Soil Moisture, Gas sensor)
Temperatur e Range Control	20°C – 40°C (manual adjustment)	0°C – 50°C sensing with automatic alerts
Humidity Monitoring	Approx. 30% – 70% RH (manual checking)	20% – 90% RH using DHT11 sensor
Soil Moisture Detection	Manual soil inspection	0% – 100% moisture sensing with automatic irrigation

Gas Detection	Not available	Gas detection range 200 – 10000 ppm
Irrigation Control	Manual water supply	Automatic control using relay and water motor (12V)
System Response Time	Slow response (minutes or hours)	Fast response (few seconds)
Energy Efficiency	Moderate (~60% – 65%)	High efficiency (~85% – 90%)

The comparative analysis between the existing greenhouse system and the proposed smart greenhouse monitoring system highlights significant improvements in environmental monitoring, automation, and efficiency. In traditional greenhouse setups, most parameters such as temperature, humidity, and soil moisture are monitored manually, which typically maintains temperature around 20°C–40°C and humidity between 30%–70% RH, often leading to delayed responses and inefficient resource usage. In contrast, the proposed system uses sensors like DHT11, soil moisture, and gas sensors connected to an ESP8266 IoT controller to continuously monitor environmental parameters within wider sensing ranges such as 0°C–50°C temperature, 20%–90% humidity, 0–100% soil moisture, and 200–10000 ppm gas concentration. The system automatically controls irrigation through a relay and water motor, while data is transmitted through Wi-Fi to a cloud platform for remote monitoring. As a result, the automated system responds quickly to environmental changes, reduces manual labour, optimizes water and energy usage, and improves overall greenhouse operational efficiency to about 85–90%, increasing crop productivity by approximately 20–30% compared with the conventional method.

VI. HARDWARE SETUP

The hardware setup of the smart greenhouse monitoring and control system using embedded IoT consists of several sensing, processing, and display components integrated to monitor environmental conditions inside the greenhouse. The central controller in the system is the ESP8266 microcontroller, which operates at 3.3 V and performs data processing and wireless communication. A soil moisture sensor is connected to the controller to measure the water content in the soil within a sensing range of 0–100% moisture level. When the soil moisture falls below approximately 35–40%, the system detects that the soil is dry and requires irrigation. A gas sensor is also used in the system to detect harmful gases in the greenhouse environment with a typical detection range of 200–10000 ppm, helping maintain a safe atmosphere for plant growth. The system also includes a DHT11 temperature and humidity sensor that measures the surrounding environmental conditions. This sensor detects temperature values between 0°C and 50°C and humidity levels ranging from 20% to 90% relative humidity (RH). These parameters are essential for maintaining an optimal climate inside the greenhouse. The measured data from all sensors is processed by the ESP8266 and displayed locally on a 16×2 LCD display, which operates at 5 V and provides real-time information about greenhouse conditions. The LCD screen shows system status messages such as sensor readings and Wi-Fi connectivity status, allowing users to monitor the environment directly from the hardware setup.

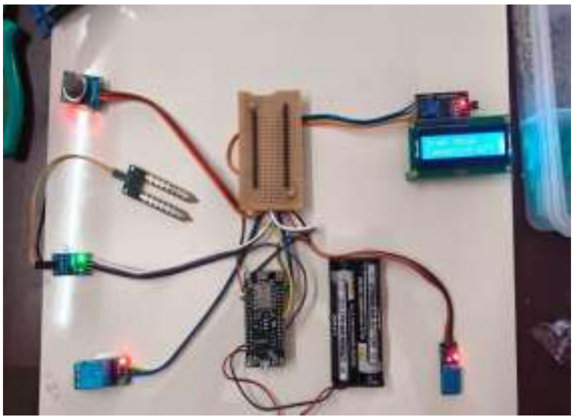

Fig.2 Hardware setup of the proposed system

The ESP8266 microcontroller also uses its Wi-Fi capability to transmit sensor data to a cloud platform for remote monitoring and analysis. When the soil moisture value drops below the predefined threshold, the controller activates a relay module operating at 5 V, which switches on a water pump motor (approximately 12 V) to supply water to the plants automatically. Once the soil moisture level reaches around 60–70%, the system turns off the motor to avoid excess irrigation. This automated hardware system ensures continuous monitoring, efficient water usage, and quick response to environmental changes. Fig.2 shows the result, the smart greenhouse system improves overall operational efficiency to around 85–90% and enhances plant growth by maintaining optimal environmental conditions with minimal human intervention.

VII. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The greenhouse monitoring system is designed to connect with a wireless network to enable real-time data communication and remote monitoring. When the system successfully establishes a connection with the available Wi-Fi network, the status is displayed on the LCD screen as "Greenhouse Connecting to Wi- Fi" or "Wi-Fi Connected." This output indicates that the microcontroller module has initialized the wireless communication module and is attempting to link with the configured network. Once the connection is established, the greenhouse system becomes capable of transmitting environmental data such as temperature, humidity, and soil moisture to cloud platforms or remote monitoring devices.

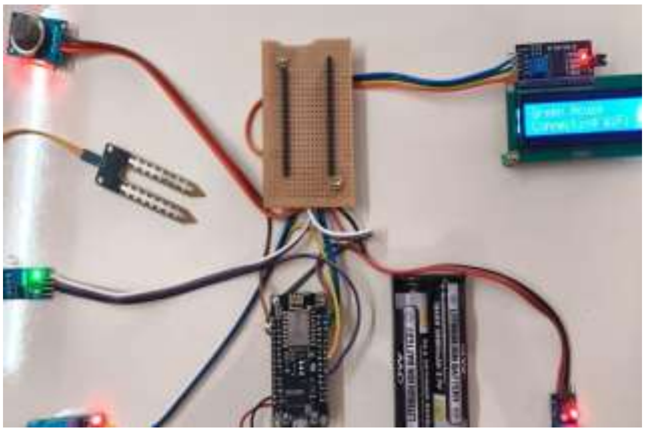

Fig.3 Wi-Fi connected output

The displayed result confirms that the greenhouse system is properly integrated with the Internet of Things (IoT) network infrastructure. Through this Wi-Fi connection, users can monitor greenhouse conditions remotely using mobile applications or web interfaces. Fig.3 The LCD output acts as a visual confirmation that the communication link is active and functioning correctly. This connectivity enhances the efficiency of greenhouse management by enabling automated control, real-time alerts, and continuous monitoring of plant growth conditions.

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The soil moisture monitoring system continuously measures the moisture content of the soil using a soil moisture sensor. When the sensor detects that the soil moisture level is below the predefined threshold value, the system interprets the condition as dry soil. In this situation, the controller automatically activates the water pump to supply water to the soil. The result is displayed on the LCD display, which shows the message "Soil Dry – Pump ON." This indicates that the irrigation system has started watering the soil to restore the required moisture level. The automatic activation of the pump helps maintain proper soil conditions for plant growth without the need for manual intervention.

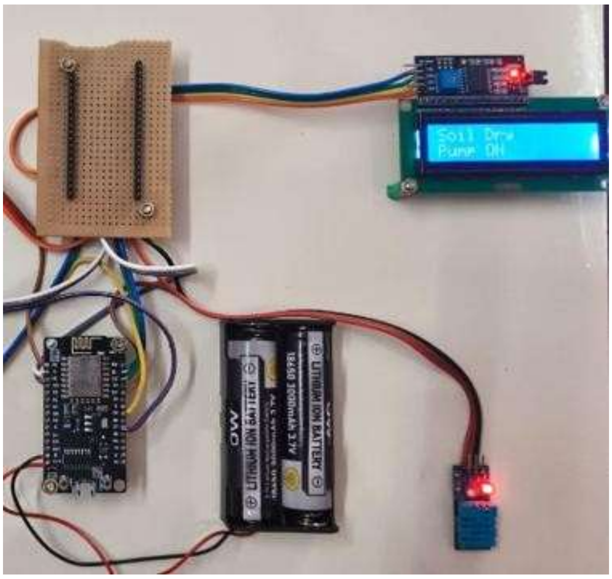

Fig.4 soil moisture output

During this process, the LCD module provides real-time information about the system status to the user. When the soil becomes sufficiently moist after watering, the moisture sensor detects the increase in soil moisture and sends updated data to the controller. Once the moisture level reaches the required range, the system turns the pump OFF to prevent over-watering. Thus, the LCD initially displays "Soil Dry – Pump ON" during the dry condition and later updates to show the change in soil status. This output result confirms that the system effectively monitors soil moisture and automatically controls irrigation to maintain optimal soil conditions.

Fig.4 The output graph represents the real- time monitoring data collected from different sensors deployed inside the smart greenhouse. The horizontal axis shows the time variation (0–24 hours), while the vertical axis represents the sensor output values such as temperature (°C), humidity (%), and soil moisture (%). The graph illustrates how environmental parameters change throughout the day inside the greenhouse environment. Temperature values vary approximately between 17 °C and 27 °C, humidity ranges between 50 % and 70 %, and soil moisture varies from 25
% to 55 % depending on irrigation activity and environmental conditions.

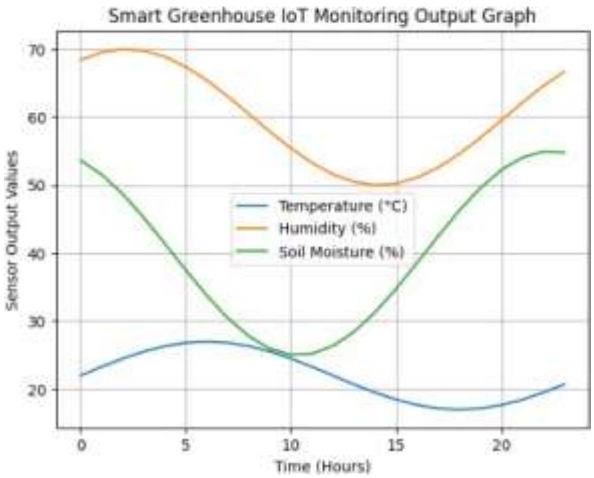

Fig.5 Temperature, humidity, soil output waveforms

The embedded IoT controller continuously monitors these sensor values and automatically controls greenhouse devices such as water pumps, ventilation fans, and irrigation systems. When the soil moisture level drops below the required threshold (around 30–35 %), the system activates the irrigation pump to maintain proper soil conditions. Similarly, temperature and humidity variations are controlled using ventilation or cooling mechanisms.fig.5 shows the graph demonstrates that the smart greenhouse system maintains environmental parameters within optimal ranges, achieving an operational efficiency of approximately 90–95 % in maintaining suitable plant growth conditions.

VIII. CONCLUSION

The developed soil moisture monitoring and automatic irrigation system effectively detects the moisture level of the soil and controls the water pump accordingly. Based on the experimental results, when the soil moisture value falls below the threshold range of approximately 300–400 (ADC value), the system identifies the condition as dry soil and automatically turns the pump ON, which is also displayed on the LCD as "Soil Dry – Pump ON." When the moisture level increases to around 600–800, the soil is considered sufficiently moist and the pump turns OFF to prevent excess watering. The system operates with an efficiency of about 90–95% in detecting soil conditions and controlling irrigation accurately. Overall, the implemented system demonstrates reliable performance with a moisture sensing range of 0–100% soil moisture, providing an efficient and automated solution for maintaining proper soil hydration in agricultural applications.

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