

Creating Artificial Environment for Indoor Farming Using Iot

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ABSTRACT:

The aim of modern agriculture is to enhance the growth of plants for a maximum yield. As there is an increase in population growth we are in desperate need for increase in productivity to suffice our population. In this project

we are implementing two sensors they are DHT11 which is used to monitor the temperature and humidity parameters and MQ135 which is an air quality sensor

for monitoring the environment of the particular region. If any of these parameters is in an abnormal condition then exhaust fan gets turned on, so that we can reduce the humidity. By using these parameters the rate of plant growth is doubled. Results shown that when all the factors of plant growth are stabilized, then it is possible to grow a plant in 50 days which normally takes 80 days for its growth.

The main components included in this cultivation of plants under artificial environmental parameters are

1. Lights (RGB)
2. Sensors (DHT11, MQ135)

Microcontroller.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The world is increasingly faced with global problems including unusual weather, environmental pollution, and shortages of water, fossil fuel and plant biomass. Accordingly, the stable and safe supply of plant-derived food and other products will be endangered. When leafy vegetables are grown in the open field, their quality and productivity tend to vary with the local climate, weather conditions and soil fertility. On the other hand, when plants are grown in this artificial environment, their quality and productivity are generally improved.

The artificial environment is an approach to grow

crops in a controlled indoor environment. As the environment is indoor it will not have any insects, and pests affecting the crops, hence no insecticides and pesticides will be required. The indoor environment will neither evaporate water nor will percolate it into the earth hence water requirements are very small. The indoor environment is equipped with artificial lighting, so crops can be grown independent of season.

HOW PLANTS GROW

1. **Light:** All living things, except for a few groups of bacteria, depend on photosynthesis for their existence. Photosynthesis is the process by which green plants make their own food. In the presence of light energy, plants manufacture food (mainly sugars), by combining carbon dioxide and water in the presence of chlorophyll to release oxygen and water.
2. **Proper-temperature:** Temperature is the most important environmental factor affecting plant growth. Plants vary in their temperature needs. The ability of a plant to withstand cold temperatures is known as hardiness. Plants that cannot tolerate cold weather are known as tender plants.
3. **Water:** Water is essential for life. It is one of the most important requirements for plant growth.
4. **Air:** The manufacture of carbohydrates and proteins which a plant needs to live and grow requires raw materials.
5. **Nutrients:** Although plants are able to use a few nutrients from the air, most of the nutrients that a plant needs must be present in the growing medium (soil). Minerals such as nitrogen, potassium, phosphorus, calcium, and magnesium are taken up through the plant's roots.

LIGHT SYSTEM

Plants absorb the light spectrum in an almost similar range as the human eye, but unlike humans, they absorb best red and blue light. Red and blue light are the essential light that have higher relative quantum efficiency of photosynthesis, and they can fulfill normal growth and development of plants.

Blue- Blue light is perceived by the blue light photoreceptors, phototropins and cryptochromes. Phototropins mediate stomatal regulation and plant movement towards light. Cryptochromes regulate many photomorphological responses, such as inhibition of stem elongation

Green- Green light is at least partially perceived by phototropins and cryptochromes (blue light receptors). Most green light is reflected or penetrates through the canopy. However, green light contains valuable information about the plant's surroundings, guiding the growth accordingly.

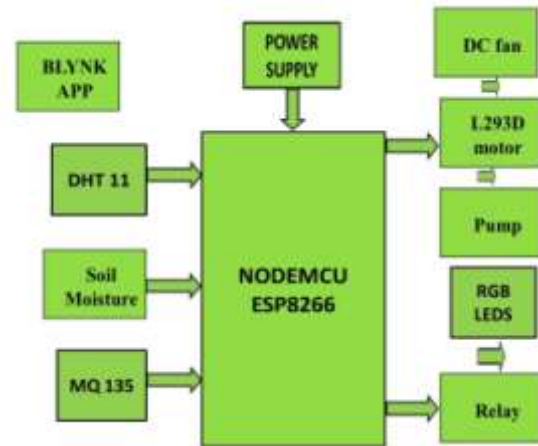
Red- red light is perceived by phytochromes. Phytochromes absorb both red and far-red light and are the main regulators of the shade avoidance syndrome. Red light converts phytochromes to their inactive state, Pr, which has an absorption peak at 660 nm.

II. WORKING PRINCIPLE

The idea of applying cultivation of plants under artificial environmental parameters to increase productivity is very new. As we know the climatic conditions may prevent the growth of certain plants in certain areas. The key aim of modern agriculture is to enhance the growth of plants for a maximum yield. It maintains the microclimatic parameters in a correct ratio as per the requirement of the plants. It has also reduced the labor for the maintenance thus making the system useful for the small scale agriculturists. This paper proposes the adoption and control of soil moisture, temperature, humidity, air quality, light intensity using sensors. The main purpose of this project is to grow crops anywhere, however the climatic parameters be. This proposed system is used for a single plant cultivation and can be developed for mass production. Our proposed system is economical, portable and has low maintenance which can be incorporated in rural areas.

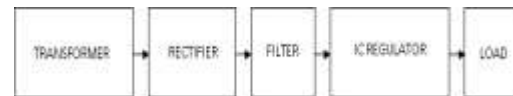
III. HARDWARE DETAILS

Block Diagram



POWER SUPPLY

The Power supplies are designed to convert high voltage AC mains electricity to a sustainable low voltage supply for electronic circuits and other devices. A power supply can be broken down into a series of blocks, each of which performs a particular function.



MICROCONTROLLER DESCRIPTION NODEMCU ESP8266

The Node MCU is an open-source firmware and development kit that helps you to Prototype your IOT product within a few Lua script lines. This module comes with a built in USB connector and a rich assortment of pin-outs. With a microUSB cable, you can connect Node MCU device to your laptop and flash it without any trouble, just like Arduino.

The ESP8266 is a low cost MCU with built in Wi-Fi. It can be paired with another host microcontroller, like an Arduino, to provide Wi-Fi networking capability for a basic IoT development platform. Additionally, the ESP8266 can be used as a stand-alone MCU, as it includes a 32-bit 80MHz processor, 16 GPIO pins (4 PWM enabled) and a built in Analog-to-Digital converter, SPI and I2C interfaces and more.



DHT11

This DHT11 Temperature and Humidity Sensor features a calibrated digital signal output with the temperature and humidity sensor capability. It is integrated with a high-performance 8-bit microcontroller. Its technology ensures the high reliability and excellent long-term stability. This sensor includes a resistive element and a sensor for wet NTC temperature measuring devices. It has excellent quality, fast response, anti-interference ability, and high performance.



MQ135

The MQ-135 gas sensor senses the gases like ammonia, nitrogen, oxygen, alcohols, aromatic compounds, sulfide, and smoke. The boost converter of the chip MQ-3 gas sensor is PT1301. The operating voltage of this gas sensor is from 2.5V to 5.0V. The MQ-3 gas sensor has a lower conductivity to clean the air as a gas sensing material. MQ-135 Gas Sensor Sensitive material of MQ135 gas sensor is SnO₂, which with lower conductivity in clean air. When the target combustible gas exists.



RELAY

A relay is an electromechanical switch, which performs ON and OFF operations without any human interaction. General representation of double contact relay is shown in fig. Relays are used where it is necessary to control a circuit by a low power.



RGB LEDs

RGB LEDs have three internal LEDs (Red, Green, and Blue) that can be combined to produce almost any color output. In order to produce different kinds of colors, we need to set the intensity of each internal LED and combine the three color outputs. In this tutorial, we are going to use PWM to adjust the intensity of the red, green, and blue LEDs individually and the trick here is that our eyes will see the combination of the colors, instead of the individual colors because the LEDs are very close to each other inside.



RGB LEDs have three LEDs inside them and usually, these three internal LEDs share either a common anode or a common cathode especially in a through-hole package. So basically, we can categorize RGB LEDs as either common anode or common cathode type just like in seven segment displays.

Soil Moisture sensor

This Moisture Sensor can be used to detect the moisture of soil or judge if there is water around the sensor, let the plants in your garden reach out for human help. They can be very easy to use, just insert it into the soil and then read it. When the soil moisture deficits, the sensor output value will decrease. You can know whether a Plant needs water or not by observing the results that the sensor outputs.



L293D Motor

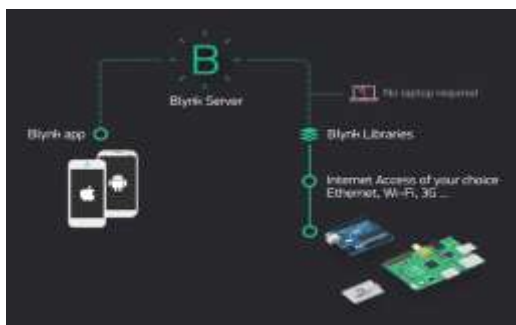
L293D Motor Driver Module L293D is a basic motor driver integrated chip (IC) that enables us to drive a DC motor in either direction and also control the speed of the motor. The L293D is a 16 pin IC, with 8 pins on each side, allowing us to control the motor. It means that we can use a single L293D to run up to two DC motors.



IV. SOFTWARE DETAILS

BLYNK APP

Blynk is a new platform that allows you to quickly build interfaces for controlling and monitoring your hardware projects from your iOS and Android device. After downloading the Blynk app, you can create a project dashboard and arrange buttons, sliders, graphs, and other widgets onto the screen. monitor and control the hardware components by using this app.

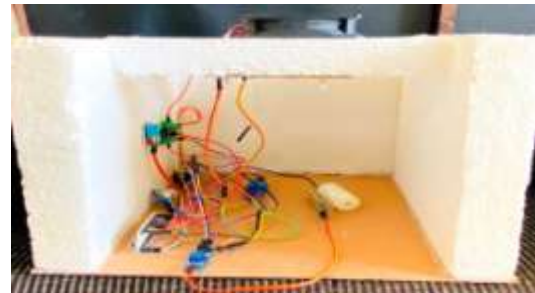


V. RESULT

This project is well prepared and acting accordingly (including all the hardware and software) as per the initial specifications and requirements of our project. Because of the creative nature and design the idea of applying this project is very new, the opportunities for this project are immense. Cultivation of plants under

artificial environmental parameters allow all without any harmful side effects on environment and increases the growth of plant and rate of productivity.

The practical representation of an experimental board is shown below



Practical device



Artificial environment created successfully



Monitoring and controlling the Weather parameters by using the Blynk app

VI. CONCLUSION

This paper mainly reviewed the research and development work for a system to cultivate crops. This system made automatic to provide constant climatic parameters. This constant supply of parameters to provide plants necessary nutrients and protect crops from pests. In this project we have made a rack structure so that we can take the more crop production by making a rack on one above in a small area. In this artificial environment we are using sensors to monitor the condition of soil, air, temperature. According to collected data by the sensors, this data is provided to Arduino for controlling the water supply, lights, fans. The LEDs are used to provide the special light wavelength. By using that wavelength the plants are going to carry out the photosynthesis process. In this process the food making process of plants is done. As the environment is indoor it will not have any insects, and pests affecting the crops. The indoor environment will neither evaporate water nor will it percolate into the earth hence water requirements be very small. By using the artificial farming method we can reduce the greenhouse gases, the overall quality of the food is increased due to the organic fertilizers being used to grow the plant and also the pesticides and the chemical fertilizers are not used in this type of farming.

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