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A STUDY ON AGRICULTURAL AUTOMATION-A SMART FARMING

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Abstract

The development of the Agricultural Automation System aims to reduce labor and improve socio-economic conditions. Artificial intelligence can provide solutions to processes involved in seed sowing and harvesting, leading to increased efficiency and productivity. Currently, there is a shortage of professional manpower in the agricultural sector, which adversely affects the economy of the country. This is the primary reason for automating the agriculture sector. In India, 70% of the population is dependent on agriculture. Food is a basic necessity and improving the farming process is the only way to increase food production. To produce enough food, we must find ways to make agriculture easier, time-saving, and computerized.

In the past, over 60% of the population was involved in farming, but the current scenario is different. Nowadays, people are more inclined towards towns because farming is not an easy task and farmers don't earn enough through farming. Recent statistics show that the growth rate of farmers in India has slowed down over the last decade, leading to a fall in rice production. By automating agricultural processes, people can easily monitor the cultivation process from time to time, even when they are not available in the field.

In this study, we explore the concept of agricultural automation and its implementation in the form of smart farming. Smart farming involves the use of modern technologies such as sensors, drones, and artificial intelligence to optimize agricultural processes. By automating various tasks, farmers can save time, reduce costs, and increase yields. This study looks at the benefits of smart farming and its potential impact on the agricultural industry.

CHALLENGES IN AGRICULTURE

1. Demand and supply gap-The fast-food industry's excessive availability of unhealthy meals has led to a surge in demand for healthier food products among consumers. The harmful effects of unhealthy food on our bodies have resulted in a "back to basics" approach, with people all over the world craving plant-based wholesome food. To meet the