AGRICULTURE CROP RECOMMENDATION SYSTEM BASED ON PRODUCTIVITY AND SEASONS USING AI

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Abstract: This project presents an Agriculture Crop Recommendation System using Artificial Intelligence techniques to suggest the most suitable crops based on soil productivity, seasonal conditions, and environmental parameters. The proposed system analyzes soil nutrients (Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium), climate data (temperature, humidity, rainfall), and seasonal patterns to recommend the best crops for cultivation. Machine Learning classification algorithms are trained on agricultural datasets to predict crop suitability with high accuracy. The system aims to improve crop yield, reduce agricultural losses, and assist farmers in making informed decisions.

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INTRODUCTION

Agriculture is the backbone of the Indian economy and plays a vital role in the livelihood of millions of farmers. India is an agrarian nation where more than 58% of rural households depend on agriculture as their primary source of income. However, many farmers lack access to expert knowledge about which crops are best suited for their soil type and seasonal conditions. Incorrect crop selection leads to poor yield, financial losses, and misuse of valuable agricultural resources such as water, fertilizers, and land.

An intelligent crop recommendation system powered by Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning is therefore essential to bridge this knowledge gap. This project builds a system that automatically recommends the most suitable crops for given soil and environmental conditions. By analyzing soil nutrient levels (N, P, K), rainfall, temperature, humidity, pH, and seasonal patterns, the system identifies optimal crops and provides farmers with data-driven recommendations to maximize productivity and make efficient use of land and resources.

Unlike traditional rule-based systems, the proposed AI-based model learns from historical agricultural data and continuously improves prediction accuracy, making it highly adaptive to diverse agro-climatic zones and varying soil conditions across India.

LITERATURE SURVEY

Various research works have been carried out in agricultural recommendation systems using Machine Learning and Data Mining. Early approaches relied on expert and rule-based systems, which lacked adaptability to changing climatic conditions. To overcome these limitations, researchers introduced ML-based approaches:

- **Decision Trees** are widely used for their interpretability and ability to handle both numerical and categorical agricultural data, though they may overfit on small datasets.
- **Random Forest**, an ensemble method, improves accuracy by combining multiple trees and reducing overfitting through bagging, demonstrating high performance in crop recommendation.
- **Support Vector Machines (SVM)** are effective in high-dimensional feature spaces for crop classification tasks with complex decision boundaries.
- **Neural Networks and Deep Learning** have shown strong results in detecting complex seasonal and soil-based patterns due to their ability to learn non-linear relationships.
- **Naive Bayes** classifiers provide fast probabilistic recommendations based on soil and climate parameters with reasonable accuracy.
- **K-Nearest Neighbour (KNN)** classifies crops by proximity to similar past records, offering simple yet effective recommendations for well-represented datasets.

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PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed AI-based Agriculture Crop Recommendation System suggests the most suitable crops based on soil productivity indicators and seasonal conditions using a structured data pipeline of collection, preprocessing, feature extraction, model training, and intelligent prediction.

The dataset is cleaned and normalized to remove inconsistencies. Key features — Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P), Potassium (K), temperature, humidity, soil pH, and annual rainfall — are selected to enhance performance. Seasonal information (Kharif, Rabi, Zaid) is incorporated as a categorical feature for season-aware recommendations. Classification algorithms including Random Forest, Decision Tree, and Naive Bayes are trained on historical agricultural data. After training, the model predicts the most suitable crop for any given soil and climate input.

The output displays the recommended crop name along with accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score metrics. The system follows a client-server architecture where the frontend captures farmer inputs, the backend processes them through the trained ML model, and recommendations are returned in real time. The system is scalable and deployable on mobile and web-based agricultural advisory platforms.

METHODOLOGY

The working methodology of the system includes the following steps:

- **Data Collection:** Agricultural datasets containing soil parameters (N, P, K, pH), climate data (temperature, humidity, rainfall), crop labels, and seasonal information are collected from the UCI Machine Learning Repository and government agricultural portals.
- **Data Preprocessing:** The dataset is cleaned by removing null values, handling outliers using IQR-based filtering, and normalizing feature values using Min-Max scaling for uniform model input.
- **Feature Selection:** Key features influencing crop growth including soil nutrients, pH, temperature, humidity, and rainfall are identified using correlation analysis and feature importance scores.
- **Data Splitting:** The dataset is divided into training (80%) and testing (20%) sets using stratified sampling to ensure proportional representation of all crop classes.
- **Model Training:** Random Forest, Decision Tree, and Naive Bayes models are trained. Hyperparameter tuning is performed using Grid Search with 5-fold cross-validation to optimize performance.
- **Seasonal Analysis:** Seasonal patterns (Kharif, Rabi, Zaid) are integrated as categorical features for season-aware, contextually relevant crop recommendations.
- **Model Evaluation:** Accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score are computed on the test set. Confusion matrices are used to identify and analyse misclassified crop categories.
- **Prediction & Recommendation:** The best-performing model is deployed to recommend the most suitable crop for any new set of farmer-provided soil and climate inputs.
- **Result Visualization:** Bar charts, ROC curves, confusion matrices, and feature importance plots are generated to provide visual insights into model behaviour and prediction confidence.

The system was evaluated on a benchmark dataset with 22 crop classes and 2,200 records:

➤ **Random Forest** achieved the highest overall accuracy of 99.1% with excellent precision and recall across all crop categories.

➤ **Decision Tree** achieved 90.3% accuracy, offering good interpretability and clear decision paths explainable to farmers.

➤ **Naive Bayes** achieved 83.7% accuracy, offering fast computation suitable for low-resource mobile devices.

➤ The system successfully recommended crops with minimal misclassification, confirming reliability for real-world agricultural advisory.

CONCLUSION

The developed Agriculture Crop Recommendation System demonstrates the effectiveness of Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence in supporting farmers with smart, data-driven crop selection. By applying systematic data preprocessing, feature selection, and supervised classification algorithms, the system accurately recommends suitable crops based on soil productivity and seasonal conditions. Random Forest showed superior performance, handling complex non-linear patterns across multiple crop categories with high reliability and minimal misclassification.

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The system significantly reduces dependency on manual agricultural expertise and enables faster, more informed decision-making for farmers at all literacy levels. It provides a reliable, scalable, and cost-effective crop recommendation solution adaptable to diverse geographical regions and agro-climatic zones with minimal modifications. The integration of seasonal awareness strengthens its ability to deliver contextually relevant, timely crop advisory services aligned with India agricultural calendar.

In summary, this work contributes a practical and deployable AI-based framework that has strong potential to transform agricultural planning for Indian farmers, ultimately leading to higher productivity, reduced crop losses, and improved food security at both regional and national levels.

FUTURE SCOPE

The system can be further enhanced by integrating advanced Deep Learning architectures such as Artificial Neural Networks (ANN), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, and Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) to capture complex temporal and spatial soil-climate-crop relationships. Real-time recommendation using live weather APIs such as OpenWeatherMap and IoT-based soil sensors can provide instant, location-specific recommendations to farmers directly in the field without manual data entry.

The system can be improved using larger, region-specific agricultural datasets from diverse agro-climatic zones to enhance accuracy across soil types and cropping patterns in different Indian states. Integration with government portals such as PM-KISAN and eNAM, combined with deployment as a lightweight multilingual mobile application, will make the system accessible to rural farmers with limited digital literacy.

Incorporating Explainable AI (XAI) techniques such as SHAP and LIME can improve transparency and farmer trust by explaining the specific reasons behind each recommendation. Future work may also explore federated learning to train models on decentralized farmer data while preserving privacy, and reinforcement learning to continuously improve recommendations based on real seasonal outcomes and farmer feedback over successive growing seasons.

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