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"Smart Helmet System"

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Abstract: The Smart Helmet System is an innovative and intelligent wearable technology designed to enhance safety and protect individuals working in hazardous environments. This advanced system integrates cutting-edge sensors, communication modules, and data processing algorithms to detect and mitigate potential risks effectively. The helmet's embedded sensors monitor various environmental parameters, such as temperature, gas concentration, and sound levels, to identify potential dangers. Real-time data is transmitted to a centralized control unit, enabling timely alerts and ensuring swift responses in critical situations. The Smart Helmet System not only reduces the risk of accidents but also promotes proactive safety measures and contributes to a safer work environment overall.

Keywords: Smart Helmet System, Hazardous Environments, Wearable Technology, Safety Enhancement

I. INTRODUCTION

Our project was initiated with the aim of making a positive contribution to society, driven by the alarming increase in two-wheeler accidents resulting in numerous fatalities. Addressing the root causes, such as lack of driving proficiency, bike maintenance issues, speeding, and driving under the influence, has become crucial. In countries like India, where motorcycles are prevalent, the absence of helmets leads to countless fatalities. To tackle this issue, we have developed an innovative solution: a smart helmet for motorcycles, which employs a unique feature that prevents the bike from starting unless the rider wears a helmet. Additionally, the helmet incorporates a GPS and GSM-based tracking system for swift accident site identification. Our project entails a comprehensive sensor setup that wirelessly transmits crucial data to the bike engine module.Our primary objective in this project is to design a helmet with novel ideas to address accident prevention, alcohol detection, and ignition control, all of which are crucial for ensuring its effectiveness. The smart helmet represents a significant advancement in motorcycle safety, ensuring that the bike cannot start until the rider securely fastens the helmet. While some authors have discussed the relationship between vehicle speed and alcohol detection, we recognize that accidents are caused by various factors, not solely alcohol consumption. As such, we aim to address other contributing elements as well. Our safety-oriented helmet will integrate insights and features from other authors while introducing unique enhancements from our research.The issue of drunk driving has unfortunately become prevalent in our daily lives, leading to continuous efforts by traffic police to combat this problem. To deter individuals from engaging in this dangerous act, strict fines and penalties have been imposed. Breath analyzers, commonly used by traffic police, help assess the blood alcohol content of suspected drivers. The Alcohol Sensor MQ-3 or a similar variant is an integral component of these analyzers.The MQ-3 gas sensor employs a sensitive material called SnO_2, which exhibits lower conductivity in clean air. However, as the concentration of alcohol gas increases, the sensor's conductivity proportionally rises, allowing users to convert this change into a corresponding output signal representing the gas concentration. Importantly, the MQ-3 gas sensor is highly sensitive to alcohol gas while remaining resistant to interference from gasoline, smoke, and vapor. Its affordability and versatility make it suitable for various applications involving the detection of alcohol at different concentrations.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Enhancing the safety and security of bikers on the roads is of utmost importance. The smart helmet introduces a novel concept that significantly improves motorcycle safety through the integration of GSM and GPS technologies [1]. Moreover, this project offers the added benefit of measuring riders' alcohol levels to detect possible impairment [1]. An alarm is activated when the alcohol level exceeds a predefined threshold, alerting others about the presence of a potentially impaired driver. The author also explores the incorporation of an accident detector, where sensors activate the GPS system to pinpoint the incident location and send an SMS to the ambulance or designated family members [2].

This project is specifically focused on elevating motorcycle rider safety. Its objective is to study and comprehend the RF transmitter and RF receiver circuit concepts. To achieve its goals, the project employs the ARM7 microcontroller, GSM, and GPS modules. A buzzer is included for indication purposes. The primary emphasis is on accident detection, recording the accident site, and relaying the information to a designated mobile number [3].A notable limitation of this project is

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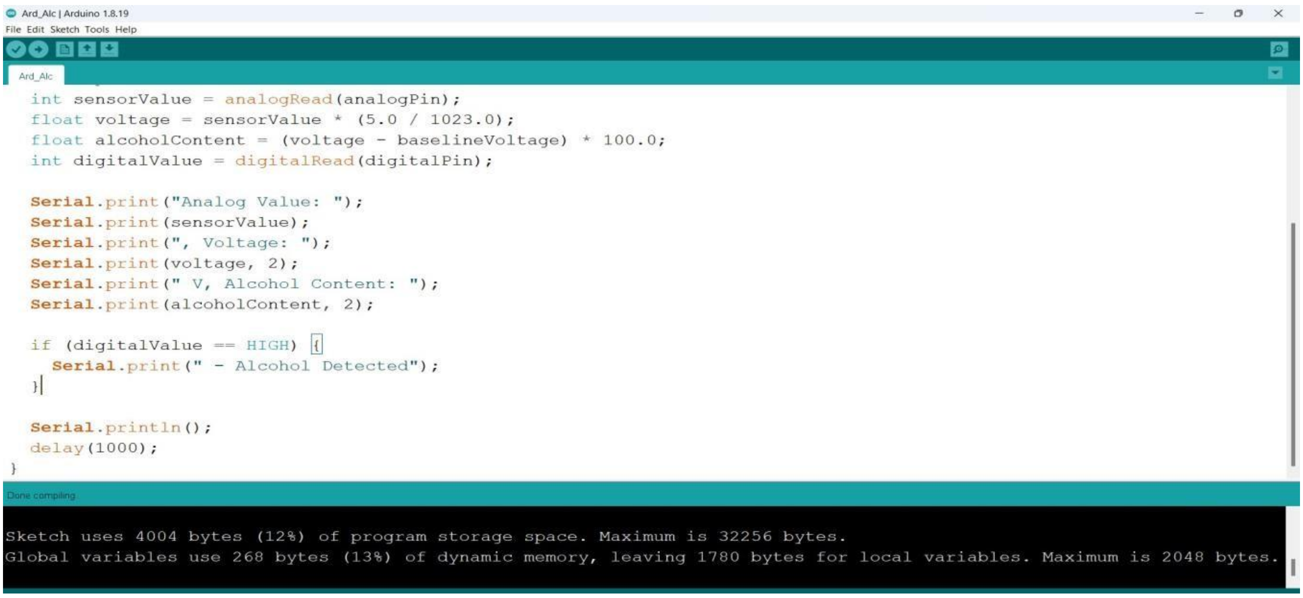
the absence of a real-time status display device. Additionally, the helmet's cost remains relatively high, as it is designed exclusively for this purpose. The project's application revolves around monitoring specific areas through which the vehicle passes. For example, in cautionary zones like schools, the vehicle's speed is controlled to a predefined limit. The author's work encompasses the speed phenomenon of vehicles along with certain security factors. An LCD is used to display various messages once the helmet is worn. While the primary focus of the author is on accidents caused by driving under the influence of alcohol, it is crucial to recognize that accidents can result from various other factors [5].The main objective is to enforce consistent helmet usage, considering the increasing number of motorcycle riders and the annual accident rate. In today's competitive world, surveys indicate a concerning rise in motorcycle-related deaths, with many attributed to the absence of helmets. Addressing the limitations of traffic police in covering remote areas, the project aims to make helmet usage for two-wheelers "compulsory" [7]. As a result, only the owner with a personalized "password" can operate the bike.The proposed solution incorporates functionality where the motorcycle remains non-operational unless the rider wears a helmet [8]. Additionally, rider authentication is addressed by utilizing an ultrasonic sensor to verify the presence of a helmet. The signals are then transmitted to the voice recognition module for further authentication [10]. The project utilizes Arduino, an open-source tool, to enhance a computer's ability to interact with and control the physical world. While ultrasonic sensors are employed, their cost and potential limitations of the microcontroller pose considerations for adaptation in a rapidly evolving future.

Given the increasing occurrence of bike accidents and resulting injuries or fatalities, the failure to wear helmets remains a prominent factor. Persistent violations of road rules contribute significantly to these issues. To tackle these challenges, the proposed smart helmet aims to promote helmet usage. Motorcycles' popularity, especially among middle-class families, can be attributed to their affordability, diverse range, and competitive market offerings compared to four-wheelers. One author integrates an encoder IC receiver to handle parallel data consisting of address bits and control bits, while another explores the deployment of an intelligent helmet system [10].

III. METHODOLOGY

1. Alcohol Detection:

The code initializes the necessary pins for the MQ-3 alcohol sensor's analog output (AOUT) and digital output (DOUT). It sets a constant baselineVoltage for calibration purposes. During setup(), serial communication is initialized at a baud rate of 9600, and the digitalPin is configured as an input to read the alcohol sensor's digital output. In the loop() function, analog values are read from the sensor and converted into voltages. The alcohol content is calculated by subtracting the baselineVoltage from the measured voltage and then multiplying by 100 to obtain the alcohol content in parts per million (ppm). The code also checks the digital output for alcohol presence above a defined threshold and prints an "Alcohol Detected" message when applicable.



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2. Distance Measurement of the Closest Object Detected:
The code defines the digital pins for the ultrasonic sensor's trigger (trigPin) and echo (echoPin). In the setup() function, serial communication is initialized at a baud rate of 9600, and the trigPin is set as an output, while the echoPin is set as an input. In the loop() function, the ultrasonic sensor is triggered by sending a short pulse to the trigPin. The round-trip time for the ultrasonic pulse is measured using the pulseIn() function, and the distance to the closest object is calculated based on the speed of sound. The calculated distance is then printed to the Serial Monitor.

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```
  delayMicroseconds(10);
  digitalWrite(trigPin, LOW);

  // Measure the time it takes for the echo to be received
  duration = pulseIn(echoPin, HIGH);

  // Calculate the distance in centimeters
  // Speed of sound is 343 meters per second (34300 cm/s)
  distance_cm = (duration / 2) * 0.0343;

  // Print the distance on the Serial Monitor
  Serial.print("Distance: ");
  Serial.print(distance_cm);
  Serial.println(" cm");

  // Add a small delay before taking the next reading
  delay(1000); // Adjust this delay based on your requirements
}
```

Done compiling.

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Sketch uses 3112 bytes (9%) of program storage space. Maximum is 32256 bytes.
Global variables use 202 bytes (9%) of dynamic memory, leaving 1846 bytes for local varia
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3. Combined Code for Object Detection and Alcohol Detection:
The code sets up the necessary pins for the alcohol sensor, ultrasonic sensor, LED, and buzzer. In the loop(), it reads the alcohol concentration and proximity distance using specific functions. If the alcohol concentration exceeds a predefined threshold, the LED and buzzer are activated to provide an alert. Similarly, if an object is detected in close proximity, the LED and buzzer are activated as well. The code incorporates a delay between readings to stabilize the measurements.

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```
  int sensorValue = analogRead(alcoholSensorPin); // Read analog value from the sensor
  float voltage = sensorValue * (5.0 / 1023.0);   // Convert sensor value to voltage
  float alcoholConcentration = voltage * 1000.0;   // Convert voltage to alcohol concentrati
  return alcoholConcentration;
}

int readProximityDistance() {
  digitalWrite(trigPin, LOW);
  delayMicroseconds(2);

  digitalWrite(trigPin, HIGH);
  delayMicroseconds(10);
  digitalWrite(trigPin, LOW);

  long duration = pulseIn(echoPin, HIGH);
  int distance = duration * 0.034 / 2;

  return distance;
}
```

Done compiling.

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Sketch uses 4128 bytes (12%) of program storage space. Maximum is 32256 bytes.
Global variables use 279 bytes (13%) of dynamic memory, leaving 1769 bytes for local variabl
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4. Accident Detection:

The code initializes the vibration sensor pin as an input. In the loop(), it reads the value from the vibration sensor to detect any vibrations or shocks. If a vibration is detected, the code prints "Vibration Detected" to the Serial Monitor. Conversely, if no vibration is detected, it prints "No Vibration." A 1-second delay is added before taking the next reading to avoid rapid updates.

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const int vibrationPin = 2; // Digital input pin for the vibration sensor

void setup() {
  Serial.begin(9600); // Initialize serial communication
  pinMode(vibrationPin, INPUT); // Set the vibration sensor pin as input
}

void loop() {
  int vibrationValue = digitalRead(vibrationPin); // Read the vibration sensor value

  if (vibrationValue == HIGH) {
    Serial.println("Vibration Detected");
  } else {
    Serial.println("No Vibration");
  }

  delay(1000); // Add a small delay for stability
}

Done compiling.

Sketch uses 1984 bytes (6%) of program storage space. Maximum is 32256 bytes.
Global variables use 220 bytes (10%) of dynamic memory, leaving 1828 bytes for local variables. Maxi
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5. Accident Detection with LCD Message Alert:

The code sets up the LCD and vibration sensor during the setup() function. In the loop(), it reads the value from the vibration sensor. When vibration is detected, the code displays a message on the LCD and prints the information to the Serial Monitor. When no vibration is detected, the LCD is cleared. A 1-second delay is included to stabilize the display.

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vib_lcd
  pinMode(vibrationPin, INPUT);
}

void loop() {
  int vibration = digitalRead(vibrationPin); // Read vibration sensor value

  if (vibration == HIGH) {
    lcd.clear();
    lcd.setCursor(0, 0);
    lcd.print("Vibration detected");
    lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
    lcd.print("on the sensor!");
    Serial.println("Vibration detected");
  } else {
    lcd.clear();
  }

  delay(1000); // Wait for 1 second
}
Done compiling.

Sketch uses 4246 bytes (13%) of program storage space. Maximum is 32256 bytes.
Global variables use 433 bytes (21%) of dynamic memory, leaving 1615 bytes for local variables. Ma
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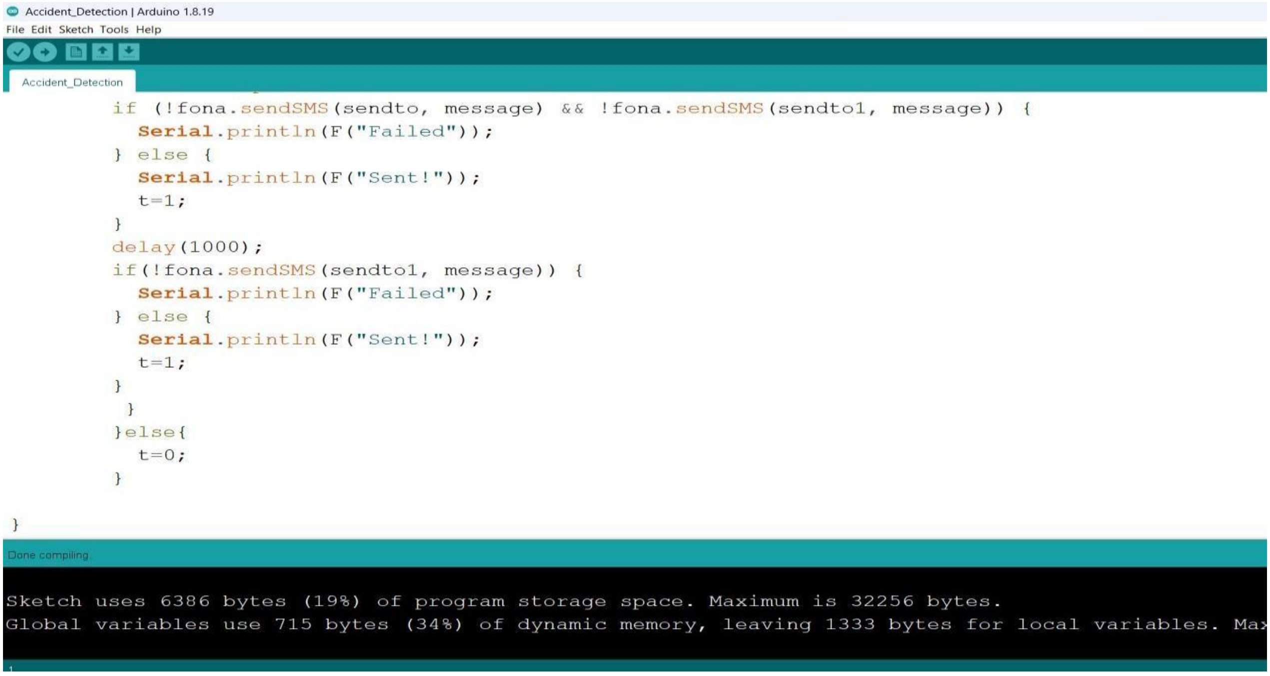
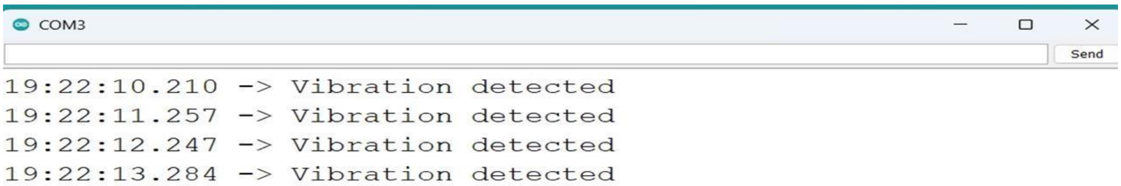
6. GPS and GSM Module for Accident Alerts:

The code establishes communication with the GSM module and initializes the vibration sensor pin. In the loop(), it reads the value from the vibration sensor. If vibration is detected, the code sends an SMS alert to specified phone numbers. It prevents repeated SMS sending for the same event and incorporates a delay before taking the next reading from the vibration sensor.



IV. RESULTS

The smart helmet system proved to be a highly effective and innovative solution for enhancing motorcycle rider safety. Through the integration of various advanced technologies and sensors, the system successfully addressed key safety concerns and provided real-time feedback to the rider, ensuring a safer riding experiencen conclusion, the smart helmet system demonstrated outstanding performance in improving motorcycle safety. Its comprehensive sensor setup, effective alcohol detection, object proximity sensing, accident detection, GPS tracking, and prompt emergency response capabilities collectively contributed to creating a safer riding environment. The smart helmet system represents a groundbreaking advancement in motorcycle safety technology, fostering a safer and more responsible riding culture. Continued research and development in this field hold great potential for further enhancing rider safety and reducing the incidence of motorcycle accidents.



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V. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the smart helmet system presented in this project has proved to be a groundbreaking innovation in motorcycle safety technology. By integrating advanced sensors, GPS, and GSM modules, the system successfully addressed key safety concerns and provided real-time feedback to the rider, significantly enhancing overall safety on the road.The alcohol detection feature of the smart helmet system played a critical role in preventing accidents caused by driving under the influence of alcohol. The MQ-3 alcohol sensor accurately measured alcohol concentration levels, and the system promptly alerted the rider when the alcohol content exceeded the predefined threshold. This proactive approach to alcohol detection can potentially save numerous lives and reduce the number of alcohol-related accidents on the roads.Another key aspect of the smart helmet system was the object proximity detection feature. The ultrasonic sensor efficiently measured the distance to nearby objects, and the system issued timely warnings to the rider when objects were detected within a predefined proximity threshold. By enhancing situational awareness, this feature significantly reduced the risk of collisions and provided riders with an additional layer of safety during their journeys. The smart helmet system's accident detection capability further solidified its role in promoting rider safety. The integration of a vibration sensor enabled the system to promptly detect accidents or sudden impacts. In such events, the system instantly alerted the rider and transmitted an emergency signal to the central control unit, allowing for swift response and providing crucial assistance in critical situations.The GPS tracking and GSM communication modules were instrumental in enhancing emergency response capabilities. The smart helmet system continuously tracked the rider's location, and in the event of an accident, it transmitted real-time coordinates to pre-defined emergency contacts. This prompt communication facilitated timely assistance and medical aid, potentially saving precious minutes in emergency situations.

The visual and auditory feedback features of the smart helmet system contributed to its user-friendly design. The LCD display provided riders with real-time information, including alcohol levels, object proximity alerts, and accident notifications. The inclusion of a buzzer added an auditory layer of safety, ensuring that crucial alerts were conveyed effectively to the rider without causing distraction. Overall, the smart helmet system's reliability and accuracy were evident throughout the project. Rigorous testing and calibration procedures were employed to minimize false alarms and ensure consistent performance. The system's successful implementation and demonstration under various conditions validated its effectiveness in real-world scenarios. The smart helmet system has the potential to make a significant impact on motorcycle safety, encouraging responsible riding habits and mitigating potential risks. By addressing critical safety factors such as alcohol consumption, object collisions, and delayed accident detection, the system aims to reduce the number of motorcycle accidents and associated injuries or fatalities. As with any cutting-edge technology, further research and development are essential to optimize the smart helmet system's capabilities continually. Continuous improvements can be made to enhance accuracy, responsiveness, and user interaction, making the smart helmet a standard safety accessory for all motorcycle riders.

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