

A Smart Campus Resource Management System

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Abstract: *This project presents a Smart Campus Resource Management System that integrates IoT, artificial intelligence, and QR-based automation to improve campus operations, security, and resource utilization. The system combines three core modules: face-recognition-based smart attendance, IoT-enabled water level monitoring and automatic pumping system with automated alerts, and a QR-based navigation system for visitors and students. A digital library interface is also implemented to provide structured access to academic resources.*

Using ESP8266 NodeMCU, moisture sensors, Python-based facial recognition, and QR scanning technologies, the system continuously monitors campus activities and provides real-time updates. Water levels are tracked using moisture sensors, and alerts are generated when thresholds fall below predefined limits. The QR navigation module assists users in locating departments easily. By automating attendance, resource monitoring, and navigation, the system reduces manual work, improves accuracy, and enhances overall campus management efficiency. This integrated solution supports smart campus automation and enables scalable future expansion..

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I. INTRODUCTION

Educational institutions face challenges in managing daily operations such as attendance tracking, water-level monitoring, guiding visitors, and organizing academic resources. When handled manually, these tasks become time-consuming, inaccurate, and inefficient for large campuses. With the rise of modern automation technologies, campuses now aim to adopt IoT- and AI-driven systems to improve accuracy and reduce human effort.

The proposed Smart Campus Resource Management System integrates four major modules: face-recognition attendance, IoT-based water level monitoring and automatic pumping systems, QR navigation, and a digital library interface. Each module automates a specific campus task, and all data is combined in a central dashboard for real-time monitoring. This integrated approach improves operational efficiency and supports the development of a smart, technology-enabled campus environment.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Research in IoT applications shows that moisture sensors with ESP8266 provide reliable real-time monitoring for resource management. Studies on face-recognition systems using OpenCV and machine learning demonstrate improved accuracy and reduced manual errors in attendance tracking. Similarly, literature on QR-based navigation highlights its effectiveness as a low-cost, easy-to-deploy solution for guiding users in complex environments.

These findings from previous studies support the integration of IoT, AI, and QR technologies, showing that such systems enhance automation, accuracy, and overall management efficiency in campuses.

III. OBJECTIVES

- To automate student attendance using face-recognition technology.
- To monitor water levels using IoT sensors and generate threshold-based alerts, and automate the pumping system
- To implement QR-based navigation to assist visitors and students.



- To develop a digital library system for organized academic resource access.
- To reduce manual workload and improve campus operational accuracy.
- To integrate all modules into a centralized dashboard for administrators.

IV. METHODOLOGY

Face Recognition Attendance: A camera captures images and extracts facial features using OpenCV-based recognition. Attendance is marked by matching data with stored student profiles.

Water Level Monitoring and Automatic Pumping System: Moisture sensors connected to ESP8266 measure tank water levels continuously. Alerts activate when water reaches Low (<20%), Safe (>30%), or Full (>50%) levels.

Threshold Alert System: A buzzer alert activates during low water levels until the tank is refilled above the threshold.

Hardware Used for Water Monitoring and Automatic Pumping:

- Moisture Sensor
- ESP8266 NodeMCU
- Relay Module
- Mini Water Pump
- 9V Battery
- Connecting Wires

Working Principle:

The moisture sensor detects the presence of water or moisture content in the tank/soil.

The ESP8266 reads this sensor value and determines whether the water level is LOW or HIGH.

When the reading falls below the threshold, the relay module activates the mini water pump, allowing water to be pumped automatically.

Once enough moisture or water is detected, the ESP8266 switches OFF the pump, ensuring automatic control and preventing overflow or dry running.

QR Navigation: QR codes deployed across the campus redirect users to location information or navigation maps upon scanning.

Digital Library: A web-interface library organizes subject-wise materials, notes, and reference resources.

Dashboard Integration: All outputs (attendance logs, water levels, navigation data) are displayed on a unified dashboard for administrative monitoring.

V. BLOCK DIAGRAM

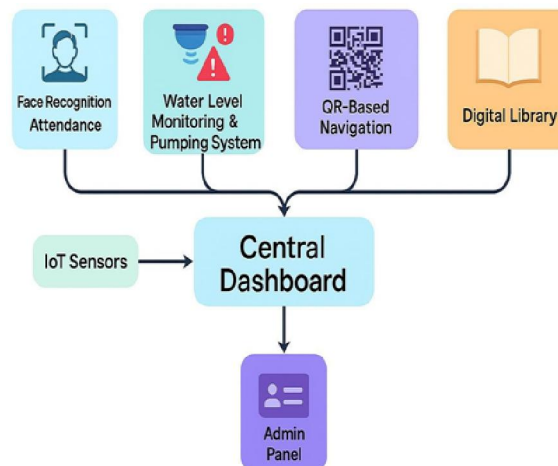


Fig. 1 Block Diagram of Smart Campus Resource Management System

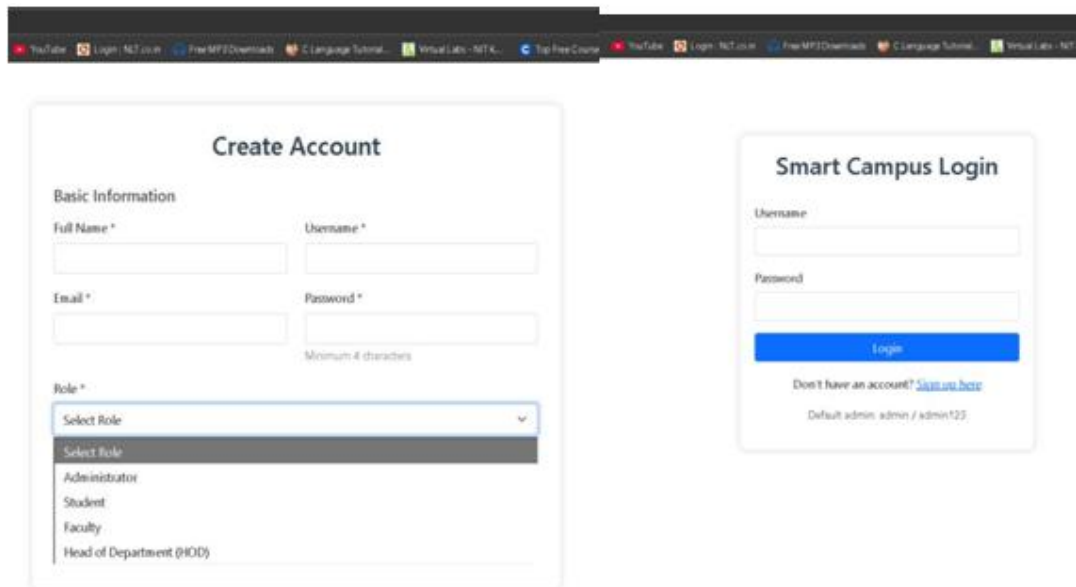


The architecture consists of:

- IoT Moisture Sensors connected to Esp8266 for water monitoring and pumping system
- Camera Module for face-recognition attendance
- QR Codes linked to navigation pages for campus guidance
- A centralized web dashboard displaying module outputs
- Admin monitoring controls for alerts and logs

VI. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The integrated dashboard enabled administrators to monitor all modules simultaneously, enhancing operational efficiency.



The image shows two side-by-side web forms. The left form is titled 'Create Account' and contains fields for 'Full Name *', 'Email *', 'Username *', and 'Password *' (with a note 'Minimum 4 characters'). Below these is a 'Role *' dropdown menu with options: 'Select Role', 'Administrator', 'Student', 'Faculty', and 'Head of Department (HOD)'. The right form is titled 'Smart Campus Login' and contains fields for 'Username' and 'Password', followed by a blue 'Login' button. Below the login button, it says 'Don't have an account? [Sign up here](#)' and 'Default admin: admin / admin123'.

Fig.2 User login page:

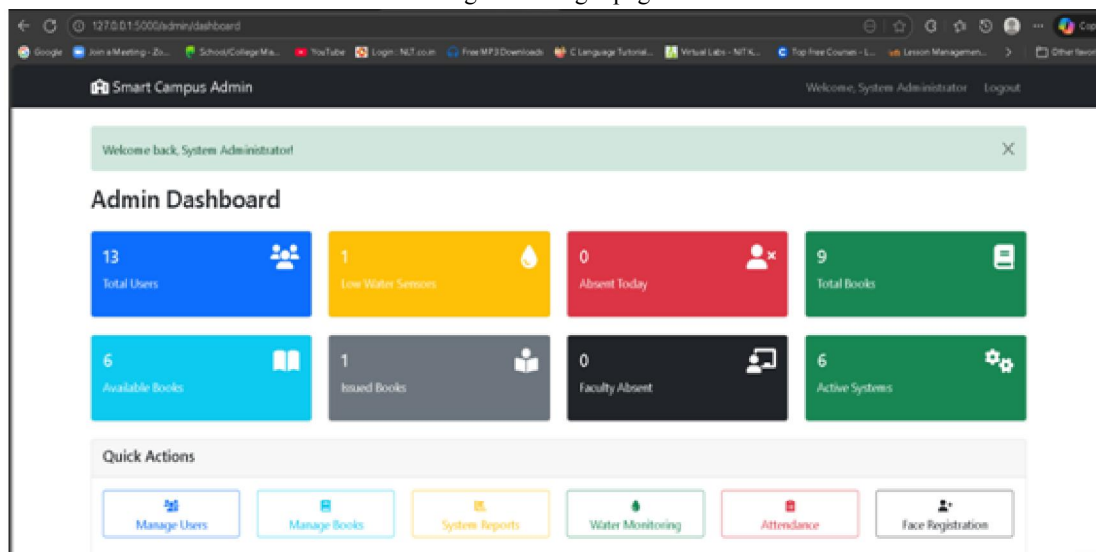
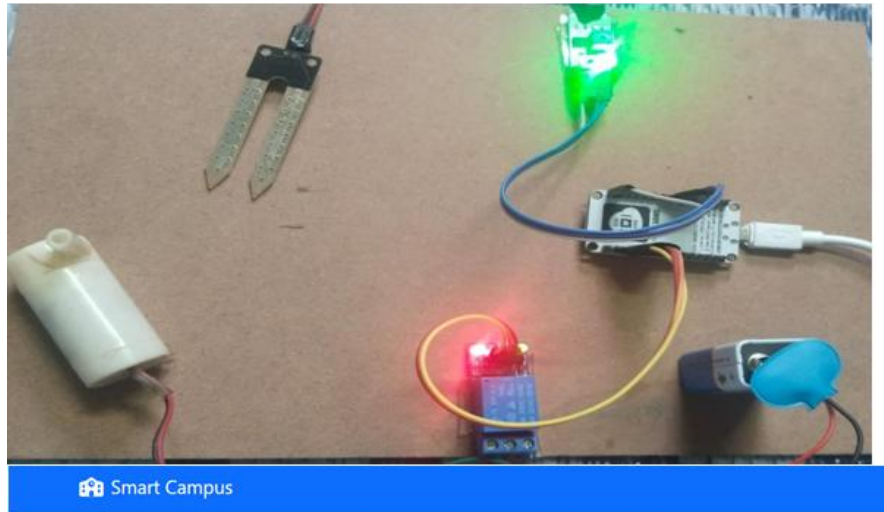


Fig.3 Admin Dashboard showing system overview and key statistics:





Smart Campus

Water Resource Monitoring

Water Sensor Status					
No Water in Toilet		Enough Water in Drinking Water Storage			
Sensor ID	Location	Current Level	Threshold	Status	Last Updated
TSensor1	Toilet Water	<div></div>	30.0%	Low	2025-11-06 17:32:50
TSensor1	Toilet Water	<div></div>	30.0%	Low	2025-11-06 17:33:20
TSensor1	Toilet Water	<div></div>	30.0%	Low	2025-11-06 17:33:50
TSensor1	Toilet Water	<div></div>	30.0%	Low	2025-11-06 17:34:20
TSensor1	Toilet Water	<div></div>	30.0%	Low	2025-11-06 17:34:51
TSensor1	Toilet Water	<div></div>	30.0%	Low	2025-11-06 17:35:21

Fig.4 The IoT-based water monitoring and automatic pumping system effectively measured water levels and generated real-time alerts at threshold points.

Campus Navigation

← Back to Dashboard

Start Location:

Main Gate

Destination:

CSE

Show Route

← Back to Dashboard



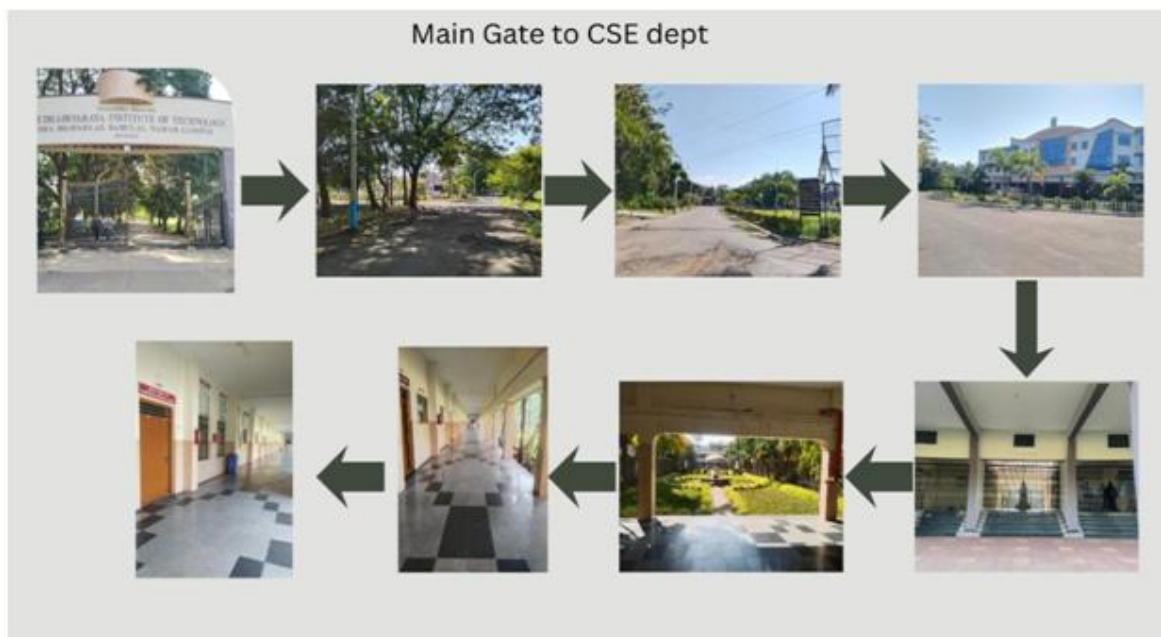


Fig.5 The QR navigation module successfully redirected users to correct locations when QR codes were scanned.

Digital Library

Library File Data

Sortable • Searchable • Paginated

Show 5 entries

id	accession_date	barcode	author	title	publisher	year	edition	pages	call_no	vendor	price	cocode	bill_date
1	2014-12-22	None	Bell David A	Computer and Linear Integrated Circuits	PHI	2005	2	348	BEL	None	None	BK	None
2	2001-04-14	None	Kris Jamsa	Teach yourself C++	Galgolia	1997	3	276	005.133 KUJ	Hema	150.00	BK	None
3	2016-05-10	None	None	Civil Engineering and Construction Review	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None

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Fig.6 The digital library system provided structured access to study materials, improving learning resource availability.



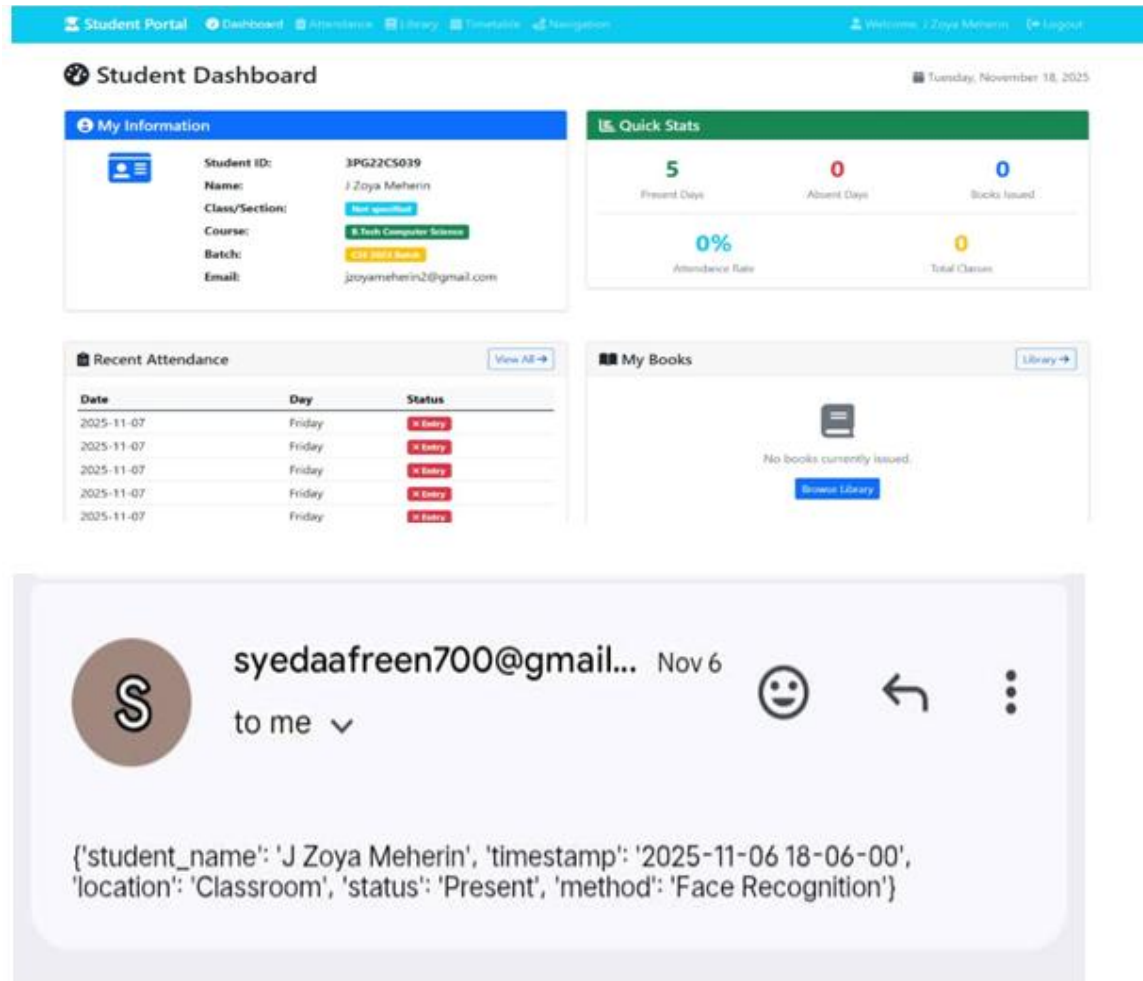


Fig.7 Student Portal displaying attendance and Mail is sent to the parent; whether the student is present or absent.

VII. CONCLUSION

The Smart Campus Resource Management System combines IoT, AI, and automation to streamline essential campus operations. Automated attendance, water monitoring and pumping, and navigation improve efficiency, accuracy, and administrative convenience. The digital library enhances academic resource accessibility. Overall, the system provides a scalable, low-cost, and high-impact solution for developing smart educational campuses.

VIII. FUTURE SCOPE

- Integrating additional IoT sensors for environmental and energy monitoring and pumping.
- Developing a mobile application for real-time alerts and dashboard access.
- Enhancing face-recognition accuracy using advanced deep-learning models.
- Implementing SQL storage for multi-campus data access.
- Adding emergency alert systems and smart parking solutions.

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