

IOT Based Smart Safety Helmet

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Abstract:- The increasing rate of two-wheeler accidents and associated fatalities necessitates innovative solutions to enhance rider safety. This project proposes an IoT-based Smart Helmet system aimed at reducing road accident deaths by ensuring compliance with helmet usage and preventing alcohol-influenced riding. The system integrates advanced sensors such as force-sensing resistors for helmet-wearing detection, MQ-3 alcohol sensors, and vibration sensors for accident detection. Key features include ignition control that activates only when safety conditions are met and automatic emergency alerts via GSM modules during accidents. The helmet's design emphasizes compactness, user comfort, and cost-efficiency, ensuring accessibility for widespread adoption. By leveraging IoT technologies, the smart helmet addresses critical gaps in existing safety measures, promoting adherence to traffic laws and enabling faster emergency response. This solution not only enhances road safety but also fosters awareness, potentially setting new standards in transportation safety innovations. Future enhancements aim to further optimize its reliability and scalability for broader applications.

I. INTRODUCTION

Road safety remains a significant global challenge, with two-wheeler accidents accounting for a substantial proportion of fatalities. In India, a death is reported every four minutes due to road accidents, with head injuries being the leading cause. Studies indicate that up to 40% of these fatalities and 70% of severe injuries can be mitigated by wearing helmets. However, non-compliance with helmet usage and drunk driving persist as major concerns. Conventional helmets often cause discomfort, leading riders to avoid their use, while the lack of immediate emergency response exacerbates accident outcomes.

This research addresses these challenges by proposing an IoT-based smart helmet system designed to enforce helmet usage, prevent ignition during alcohol consumption, and trigger emergency alerts during accidents. By integrating sensors and communication modules, the system provides a technology-driven solution to enhance road safety,

ensuring adherence to traffic regulations and significantly reducing accident-related fatalities.

II. WRITE DOWN YOUR STUDIES AND FINDINGS

The research focused on addressing the critical safety challenges faced by motorcyclists, leveraging IoT technologies to develop a Smart Helmet. Findings highlight that the integration of advanced sensors significantly enhances road safety. Key components include Force-Sensing Resistors (FSR) to detect helmet usage,

MQ-3 alcohol sensors to prevent drunk driving, and piezoelectric vibration sensors for accident detection. The system ensures bike ignition is disabled if safety conditions are unmet, while a GSM module communicates emergency alerts.

The studies revealed that helmet non-compliance and alcohol influence are primary causes of fatalities. The Smart Helmet system effectively mitigates these risks by automating safety protocols, ensuring real-time monitoring and response. Tests demonstrated high reliability in accident detection and notification, reducing delays in emergency response.

This innovative approach offers a cost-effective, user-friendly solution, bridging the gaps in existing safety mechanisms. Future enhancements could incorporate bioelectric sensors and predictive analytics for further improvements in rider safety and traffic law compliance

III. IDENTIFY, RESEARCH AND COLLECT IDEA

The development of a Smart Helmet for motorcyclists requires addressing several critical areas of safety and usability. Drawing from the provided research papers, the following ideas and insights have been identified to shape the project's design and objectives:

1. Key Safety Challenges

- **Helmet Non-Compliance:** Studies show that many riders neglect helmet use due to discomfort or lack of awareness, despite its effectiveness in preventing severe head injuries.
- **Drunk Driving:** Alcohol consumption is a significant factor in road accidents, emphasizing the need for systems that detect and deter such behaviour.
- **Delayed Emergency Response:** Current systems lack real-time accident detection and efficient communication to emergency contacts.

2. Core Features of the Proposed System

- **Helmet-Wearing Detection:** Force-Sensing Resistors (FSR) ensure the bike ignition activates only when the helmet is worn.
- **Alcohol Detection:** MQ-3 sensors identify alcohol levels in the rider's breath, disabling the ignition if thresholds are exceeded.
- **Accident Detection and Alerts:** Piezoelectric vibration sensors detect crashes and automatically trigger alerts to pre-registered emergency contacts.

3. Technology Integration

- **IoT Capabilities:** Real-time data transmission between the helmet and bike modules ensures seamless functionality.
- **Communication Modules:** GSM modules provide swift notification to guardians or emergency services in case of emergencies.
- **Compact and Cost-Effective Design:** Emphasis on affordability and user comfort to ensure widespread adoption.

4. Novel Contributions

- **Smart Locking System:** Prevents ignition bypass or theft by ensuring compliance with safety protocols.
- **Customizability and Scalability:** Modular design allows additional features such as traffic rule violation detection and bioelectric sensor integration in the future

IV KEY COMPONENTS USED

1. Force-Sensing Resistor (FSR)

- **Purpose:** Detects whether the helmet is being worn by sensing pressure when the helmet is placed on the rider's head.
- **How it Works:** FSRs measure changes in resistance as pressure is applied. When the helmet is worn, the pressure on the FSR increases, signaling the system that the helmet is in use.
- **Applications in Smart Helmets:**
 - Ensures that the bike ignition will only start if the helmet is being worn.
 - Prevents unauthorized use of the bike.



Fig. 1

2. MQ-3 Alcohol Sensor

- **Purpose:** Detects alcohol levels in the rider's breath to prevent drunk driving.
- **How it Works:** MQ-3 sensors measure ethanol concentration in the air. If the alcohol level exceeds a certain threshold, the system blocks bike ignition.
- **Applications in Smart Helmets:**
 - Embedded near the rider's face in the helmet to easily detect breath alcohol content.
 - Enhances road safety by ensuring sober driving.

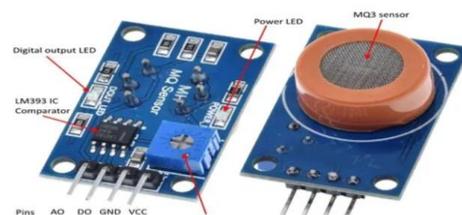


Fig. 2

3. Piezoelectric Vibration Sensor

- **Purpose:** Detects high-impact vibrations indicative of accidents.

- How it Works: These sensors generate an electrical signal when subjected to mechanical stress or vibrations. A threshold is set to identify significant impacts.



Fig. 3

4. Arduino Uno

Arduino Uno is a microcontroller board based on the ATmega328P. It features 14 digital I/O pins, 6 analog inputs, and a 16 MHz quartz crystal. Widely used for electronic projects, it is powered via USB or an external battery. Arduino Uno supports programming through the easy-to-use Arduino IDE.



Fig. 4

5. GSM (Global System for Mobile Communication)

GSM (Global System for Mobile Communication) is a widely-used digital mobile communication standard. It enables voice calls, SMS, and basic data services over cellular networks. Operating on frequencies like 900 MHz and 1800 MHz, GSM supports international roaming, encryption for security, and features like SIM cards for subscriber identity.



Fig. 5

- Applications in Smart Helmets:
 - Triggers emergency alerts by sending location details via GSM/GPS modules upon detecting an accident.
- An FSR Sensor used in helmet detection.
- An MQ-3 Alcohol Sensor in a helmet application
- A Piezoelectric Vibration Sensor for accident detection.



Fig. 6

V CONCLUSION

The integration of advanced technologies in smart helmets has transformed safety measures for two-wheeler riders. By incorporating Force-Sensing Resistors (FSR) for helmet usage detection, MQ-3 alcohol sensors to prevent drunk driving, and piezoelectric vibration sensors for accident detection, these systems enhance rider security. Coupled with IoT-enabled modules and GSM communication, smart helmets ensure rapid accident response. They promote responsible riding by preventing ignition in non-compliant conditions, such as not wearing a helmet or being under alcohol influence. These innovative designs align with societal needs, significantly reducing road casualties and fostering safer driving habits. Future advancements should focus on optimizing comfort, reducing weight, and integrating renewable energy sources like solar panels to further improve usability and sustainability.

APPENDIX

This project leverages Force-Sensing Resistors (FSR), MQ-3 alcohol sensors, and piezoelectric vibration sensors to enhance rider safety. Key components like IoT modules, GSM communication,

and microcontrollers ensure accident detection, emergency alerts, and compliance monitoring. The design addresses road safety challenges, promoting responsible behavior while incorporating scalable, cost-effective solutions for widespread implementation in two-wheeler transportation systems.

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