

IoT- based Smart Waste Management System for Smart Cities

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Abstract— The rapid change of shift of population from rural to urban areas of modern cities has led to an increasing demand for efficient waste management solutions. Old waste collection methods often result in more usage of money, labour and materials to improve its output which increase costs, and make extreme events in the earth which cause serious damages to humans and environment. This paper proposes an IoT-based smart waste management system that influences AI-driven automation, real-time data analytics, and proceed technologies to improve municipal waste collection. The system combines smart bins consist with IoT sensors to monitor fill levels, AI-powered dynamic route optimization to reduce unnecessary waste collection paths, and continues waste sorting bins for enhance recycling efficiency. In Addition, blockchain technology ensuring transparency in waste tracking and drone monitoring enables fast detection of overflowing bins and open dumping. People engage by gamification and reward systems encourages responsible waste disposal, AI-optimized waste-to-energy convert organic waste into bio-energy or electricity. Digital twin replica allows for predictive modelling and optimization of waste management strategies. The proposed system aims to reduce environmental impact, minimize costs, making urban waste management more sustainable, efficient, and data-driven.

Keywords— IoT, Smart Cities, Waste Management, AI, Blockchain, Waste-to-Energy, Pneumatic Waste Collection, Drones, Smart Composting, Citizen Engagement.

I. INTRODUCTION

The increasing rate of population has led to major challenges to waste management in smart cities. Traditional waste collection methods often lead to inability such as delayed open dumping, overflowing bins, extreme fuel consumption, and environmental pollution. To overcome these challenges, we combine the Internet of Things (IoT) technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in waste management system presents a smart, automated, and data-driven approach to enhance municipal waste collection and disposal. Paper aims to create an IoT-based smart

waste management system that use new technology to improve waste collection system, reduce costs. Smart bins consist with IoT sensors monitor bin levels, sending message to waste collection people. Through AI-driven routing system enhance collection schedule, reducing unnecessary path and minimize fuel Waste. Additional, automatic waste classify bin for classify Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle Waste. To ensure transparency and responsibility, we include blockchain technology for secure waste following, preventing open dumping. Addition, AI-powered drones use for real time waste monitoring, detect overflowing bins and see unofficial dumping areas. People play vital role in waste management system and this system introduced by a gamified mobile application gift to people for responsible waste disposal and motivate public participation. After collection and monitoring, the system also converts waste-to-energy by organic waste to AI-optimized biogas plants and form renewable energy and reducing waste disposal areas. Addition, digital twin copy are used to model and enhance waste management ideas, allowing people to test various stages before implementing. By combining this technology, we create a new solution based on IoT waste management system aim to enhance continues improvement, reduce pollution and create more reasonable for urban area. These papers explore the architecture, implementation, benefit for AI and IoT waste management system, cover the path quickly and eco-friendly.



Components used in waste management system

II. RELATED WORKS

IoT-based waste management systems enhance urban cleanliness and cost efficiency. Many people have developed smart bins enable with IoT sensors to monitor waste levels and optimize collection routes. Throughout the years we add some new functionality in systems for improved real-time tracking, they given the information based on historical data, real-time conditions, and demand patterns, optimizing resource allocation and improving efficiency. Through AI-powered route optimization we reduce fuel consumption and improve efficiency, still many implementations we fail to adapt to real-time conditions.

We use computer-based separating waste material into different categories for recycling, reuse and proper disposal but this is possible in limited places due to high costs and maintenance requirements and also use blockchain for checking clearness in waste disposal but this is also possible in limited places. We also use drone for waste monitoring for identify waste dispose in proper way or not, they proving effective in remote and crowded areas.

We also use gamification in waste management for gained attention of people in waste disposal. But in existing systems lack of individual AI-powered customer experience. Recently AI-optimized waste-to-energy systems has improved in organic waste processing and we produced renewable energy. In Last, we use Virtual twins explored in urban planning, still in waste management remains underdeveloped. Above information is based on the combination of these technology are IoT, AI, automated waste separating, blockchain tracking, drone monitoring, gamification, and waste-to-energy conversion. Aim of proposed system to overcome the limitation of previous works.

III. FLAWS IN THE EXISTING SYSTEM

Set up of IoT-enabled smart bins, sensors, and cloud infrastructure require high investment and maintenance costs include sensor replacement, software updates and connectivity are also expensive for municipalities. IoT systems depend on stable network connectivity (Wi-Fi, LPWAN, or cellular networks), which may not be valid in remote populated urban areas. Signal disruption and network blocking can lead to delays in real-time data transmission.

Many times, IoT sensors fail due to weather conditions and physical damage or battery reduction

also occur. Sometimes sensor provide inaccurate information then unnecessary waste collection occur. Different cities can't integrate different types of smart waste management system due to incompatible technology and lack of service provider. Lack of meaningful data and protocols prevents continuous communication between devices and platforms.

IoT systems are unsafe to cyberattacks, such as hacking, unauthorized data access, and system manipulation. Important data related to waste collection like bin status, and tracking location may be access by unauthorized person because of less security. Many systems have lack of advanced AI Analytics to enhance waste collection plan dynamically.

Public involvement is necessary, but many systems do not encourage effectively people adopt proper waste disposal habits. Without performing awareness campaigning and program we can't understand IoT-based Smart Waste Management. Using disposal of electronic waste from IoT devices, such as sensors and batteries, contribute to environmental challenges. Some systems do not integrate sustainable energy sources, increasing environmental challenges.

IV. PROPOSED SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

Proposed system architecture is the combination of technology of IoT, AI, blockchain, drones, and mobile applications to create effective waste management system. Architecture divided into two main components are hardware-based infrastructure and a mobile application platform for user and real-time monitoring.

In hardware system we consist smart bins enable with IoT sensors that monitor waste levels and send real-time data to a main server. This bins also include ai waste sorting procedure that automatically separate Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle Waste. It also use of AI route optimization which is used for collection trucks receive It also use of AI route optimization which is used for collection trucks receive from most efficient pathways based on real time bin status for reducing fuel cost and traffic jam or blockage. In these system Drone consist with AI-powered camera use monitoring public area for overflowing bins and open dumping transmit all related data to municipal corporations. We also use blockchain for secure waste tracking, transparency and responsibility in waste disposal. In addition, we also used AI-enhanced waste to energy process for producing

organic waste into bio-energy to reducing landfill dependency.

The mobile application act as a median between user and waste management system. User can scan QR code on smart bin to participate in gamified reward system earning environmental point responsible for water disposal. App provide real time waste collection updates and allow user to report issue such as overflowing bins or open dumping. Municipal employees can access AI-driven analytic and digital twin replicas through the app to predict waste generation trends and optimize future waste collection strategies. By combing this technology such as IoT, AI, blockchain, drones, waste to energy conversion and mobile application create a smart and sustainable waste management system for smart cities. Through this system we reduce environmental impact, enhance efficiency encourage public to involve waste management system, making smart waste management system.

V. IMPLEMENTATION

In implementation of an IoT based waste management system in smart cities involve the combinations of hardware and software component to ensure efficiency, transparent and sustainable waste collection and disposal. In implementation process we deploy IoT sensor, AI, blockchain, drone monitoring, gamification based mobile application and waste to energy conversion for creating upgraded smart waste management system.

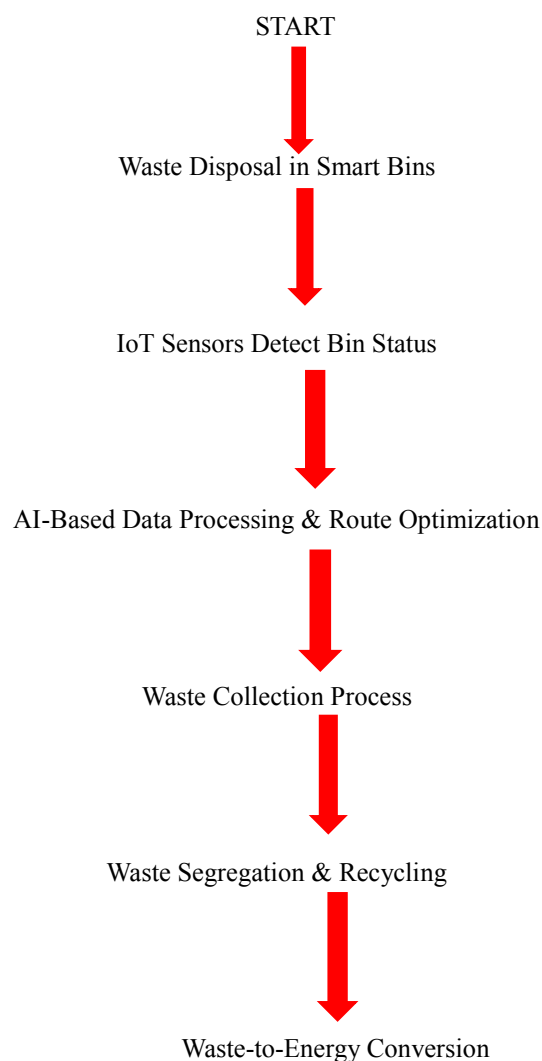
1. Hardware Implementation

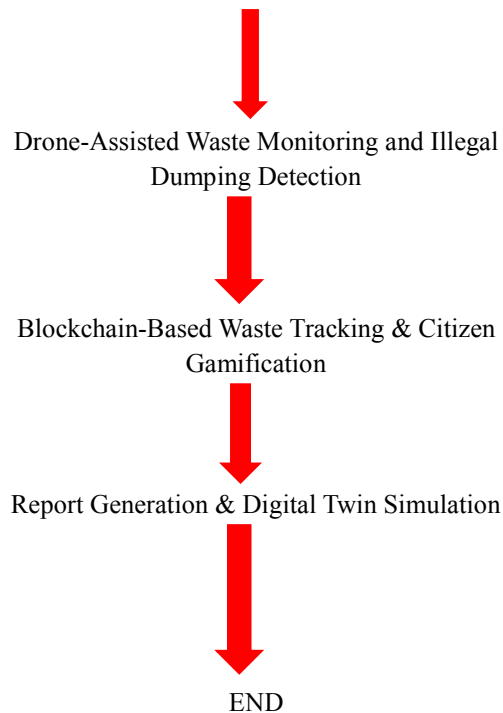
In hardware implementation we make smart bins consist with ultrasonic, infrared and weight sensor detect the fill level and type of waste. This sensor transmits real time data via LoRa WAN, Wifi network to the main server, garbage trucks fitted with GPS and AI based effective routes system for adjust collection scheduling dynamically. AI analyses bin fill level and suggest shortest path for reduce fuel efficient route for waste collection people, AI-powered drones are deployed for monitoring from the air to detect overflowing bins, open dumping or pollution occupied area. Through Drone circulate real time image and alert to municipal cooperation for fast response. Smart bins use AI enabled computer vision to continues separate Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle Waste. This reduces common labour and enhances recycling efficiency. We collect organic waste from bins is processed into biogas or electricity using AI driven waste to energy conversion.

2. Software Implementation

In software implementation, IoT sensors send bin status updates in cloud platform, where AI analyses waste pattern, top disposal points and collection efficiency also predict enhance future waste collection schedules, Blockchain-based waste tracking records every collection and disposal process securely. Peoples, waste collectors, and authorities can track waste movement and prevent open dumping or data manipulation and we create user-friendly mobile app allows user to track waste collection plan, report waste issues and earn rewards for responsible disposal. Gamification features such as leaderboards, challenges, and eco-rewards encourage active participate user in sustainable waste management. A digital twin of the city waste system is created for real-time replica. AI analyses waste trends, city growth, and environmental conditions to help authorities make informed policy decisions.

FLOW REPRESENTATION





VI. CONCLUSION

The process of developing a plan, decision of IoT-based waste management system in smart cities and they are representing a transformative approach to the ability of smart cities and urban areas to improve and maintain the quality of their life for their citizens while minimizing their impact on the environment. By combining different-different parts of IoT sensors, AI-driven route optimization, drone-assisted monitoring, automated waste segregation, blockchain for transparency, and waste-to-energy conversion, cities can optimize waste collection, reduce operational costs, and minimize environmental impact. AI-powered analytics ensure predictive waste management, while blockchain technology enhances accountability and security in waste material to reduce environmental pollution and maintain public health.

Furthermore, To the active citizen in decision making processes, is revolutionized through gamification, encouraging responsible in waste material to prevent environmental pollution with rewards and challenges via mobile applications. Drone surveillance and digital twin simulations provide real-time insights, allowing authorities to make data-driven decisions and in advance to reduce problems in waste-related challenges. The integration of AI-driven waste-to-energy systems further ensures that organic waste is converted into renewable energy using smart

technologies, reduce landfill dependency and prevent a circular economy.

By achieve a good result of these cutting-edge technologies, smart cities can transition towards a more sustainable, efficient, and eco-friendly waste management system. This holistic approach not only enhances urban cleanliness but also fosters a culture of environmental responsibility, making cities smarter, greener, and more liveable for future generations

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