

# MONITORING AND ANALYSING WATER QUALITY USING WIRELESS SYSTEM AND MACHINE LEARNING

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**Abstract-** Water is the most essential need for all forms of life. Predicting water quality is of prime importance while formulating the environmental control plan and can contribute to better water resource conservation. Accurate projections of water quality are the testimony that can assist authorities in making prudent choices before predicament. The goal of this study was to provide a novel Machine Learning based model for water quality prediction and it aimed for comparative analysis of different Machine Learning algorithms on the available dataset while evaluating their accuracy. Intensive and comprehensive approach was performed to study the potability of water. A software simulation using three sensors namely temperature, turbidity and pH sensor on Proteus platform was implemented initially. Then in the second stage of the study, a hardware project using these 3 sensors was set up with Arduino and ESP8266 to test real-time various water implies and store these values in cloud server using Node MCU and predict their potability. An extensive study was carried out to explore further the categorisation of potable water using various Machine Learning algorithms in the third and final stage of the current project. Balancing the data set using re-sampling and shuffling helped to improve the accuracy of the models and prevent bias towards the majority class. The Random Forest algorithm (RF) was executed the best with an accuracy of 88 percent. The Decision Tree and XGBoost algorithms also performed well, achieving accuracies of 80 percent and 86 percent respectively. The SVM and ANN algorithms performed inferiorly, achieving accuracies of 70 percent and 68 percent respectively. The KNN and AdaBoost algorithm under performed with 66 percent and 63 percent accuracies respectively. Performance of the ML techniques were also evaluated using accuracy precision, recall, F1 Score and MCC score which reconfirmed the highest performance of RF algorithm. Performance of all the ML algorithms were compared against Deep Learning (ANN), it was found all the tree based classifiers (ML algorithms) outperformed the Deep Learning algorithm (ANN). with RF showing the best accuracy of 88 percent. It can also be reasonably concluded and deduced that deep learning algorithms have limited performance on tabular and numerical data which is not linearly separable. DL algorithms are superior for images and text. These results suggest that the RF algorithm is a promising approach for classifying potable water and can be used for future research in this area. As a future scope the IOT based hardware system of this present study can be explored to testing real-time water samples and analysing their potability.

**Index Terms:** Random Forest, ANN, XGBoost, KNN, Adaboost, Decision Tree and SVM

## I. INTRODUCTION

Water is vital for all forms of life that exist on Earth. Water requirement for humans differs with age, gender and place of living. An adult male need 3 litres/day whereas female needs

2.3 litres/day. The exceptional characteristics of water make it basic to life and its excellent ability to dissolve various substances allow our cells to perform various biochemical reactions and use these valuable ingredients. Water can be grouped into ground water and surface water depending on its source [1]. Anthropogenic activities have put the quality

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of water at risk that people consume which may include pollutants such as toxic and hazardous waste, pesticides, fertilizers and industrial effluents. Water may be classified [1] as drinkable, pleasant, contaminated (polluted), and infected depending on its quality. Water that is fit for human consumption, has a good flavour, and is potable. Consideration is given to the presence of compounds in water that are both visually pleasant and do not provide a health risk. Contaminated (polluted) water possess undesirable biological, physical, chemical or radiologically active substances, making it unfit for drinking or household usage. Infected water harbours pathogenic organisms [1]. Water quality parameters determine the chemical, biological and physical properties of water. Predicting water quality is of prime importance while formulating the environmental control plan and can contribute to better water resource conservation. Organisations for Water management have installed monitoring stations to determine and track the development of the water quality issues. Accurate projections of quality of water are the testimony that can assist authorities in making prudent choices before predicament.

In this study our objective was to provide a novel Machine Learning-based model for predicting water quality and aimed comparative analysis of different Machine Learning algorithms on the available dataset and evaluate their accuracy.

## A. ABBREVIATIONS

- 1) ANN- Artificial Neural Network
- 2) HTML-Hyper Text markup Language

- 3) FP- False Positive
- 4) FN- False Negative
- 5) KNN- K-nearest neighbors
- 6) MCC - Matthew's correlation coefficient
- 7) RF – Random Forest
- 8) SVM- Support Vector Machine
- 9) TP-True Positive
- 10) TN- True Negative

## B. RELATED WORKS

Through this research paper, evaluation of different methods employed to analyse the water quality available to us was done by using various Machine Learning techniques and also predicted the water quality which shall be available in the near future. The present study investigated and compared the accuracy achieved by the different techniques and determined which technique predicts most efficiently. Artificial Neural Network (Deep Learning technique) was also implemented to further analyse the water quality for precision and accuracy of prediction of the water quality. Manisha Koranga et al [2] evaluated water quality for Nainital Lake. In this study, regression analysis was employed on eight ML algorithms and classification analysis on nine ML algorithms. Random Forest algorithm was the most proficient model to forecast the water quality of Nainital Lake using regression analysis. The accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score of Random Forest and Support Vector Machine were superior, at 0.98742, 0.98799, and 0.98742 respectively. In terms of classification methods, no one technique was deemed to be the best; Random Forest, Stochastic Gradient Descent, and Support Vector Machine all performed precisely and accurately.

Water Quality Index (WQI) calculations using Machine Learning (ML) were given by Sandeep Bansal and G. Geetha [3] and categorised water quality to predict water qualities for use. When classifying water quality using the Decision tree technique, 98.28 percent accuracy was attained. The average error was determined to be 0.0199, while the root mean square error was found to be 0.0996. In this article, the WEKA tool (a Java platform) was used to perform  $q$  value normalisation. Deep learning (DL) based models for assessing ground-water quality were introduced by Sudhakar Singha et al.

[4] and compared to three different Machine Learning (ML) models: Random Forest (RF), eXtreme Gradient Boosting (XGBoost), and Artificial Neural Network (ANN). Due to its ability to examine complexity and nonlinear interactions in a dataset, the DL approach became more important. The primary factor in this ML technique's success was that it disregarded the specific feature criteria that, when compared to conventional ML methods, were the most representative. The sole drawback of this study was that the prediction model only took into account one monsoon dataset. The authors of this article employed a feed forward neural network and the EWQI.

In their study, Liang Kuangi et al. [5] introduced the KIG-ELM hybrid DO prediction model, which included K-means, extreme learning machine (ELM), and improved genetic algorithm (IGA). The combination of K-means, IGA, and ELM was successfully used to address the issue of low accuracy of a single model. More than 90 percent of predictions made using the six models were accurate.

S. Angel Vergina [6] used a Real Time Water Quality Monitoring using ML algorithm sensor for measuring the total amount of dissolved solvents and hydrogen ions in the water. K Means calculation was done to forecast the character of water. For a better understanding of water quality affordable embedded devices like the Raspberry Pi and Arduino Uno were used. This proposed concept provides rural residents with water of a consistent quality. Since water samples were taken from different sources (Mud water, Lemon water, Saltwater, Tap water, and Drinking water) k means clustering has given the efficient solutions. In this paper no pre-processing was done for the collected data.

Hamza Khurshid et al [7] investigated bacterial prediction using internet of things (IoT) and Machine Learning. The sensor nodes, which are placed around the study area at various locations, used GSM modules for sending, processing and analysis of data. The data gathered over several months was utilised to classify the quality of water using water quality indicators and to anticipate the presence of microorganisms using algorithms of Machine Learning. For data visualisation, a Web portal with a dashboard of Web services was developed to display the heat maps and other related info-graphics. IoT nodes were used to gather real-time information on water quality. The Rawal Lake Filtration Plant provided historical data. For the prediction of faecal coliform bacteria, many ML algorithms and neural networks (NN), (CNN), ridge regression (RR), (SVM), (DTR), and (BR) were trained. The highest performance was demonstrated by SVM and Bayesian regression models, whose mean squared errors (MSE) were respectively 0.35575 and 0.39566. The few benefits listed are remote monitoring, scalability, real-time water quality monitoring, and portable gear. In this research data collected by IoT nodes was a point data and the authors used GSM module for transferring the data.

Mourade Azroul et al [8] for prediction of efficient water quality analysed various Machine learning algorithms. The four water characteristics of temperature, pH, turbidity, and coliforms were the foundation of their strategy. In order to estimate the water quality index, several regression techniques had proven to be useful and effective. Additionally, the use of artificial neural networks offered the most effective method of categorising water quality and to develop a capable model for estimating the water quality class and index.

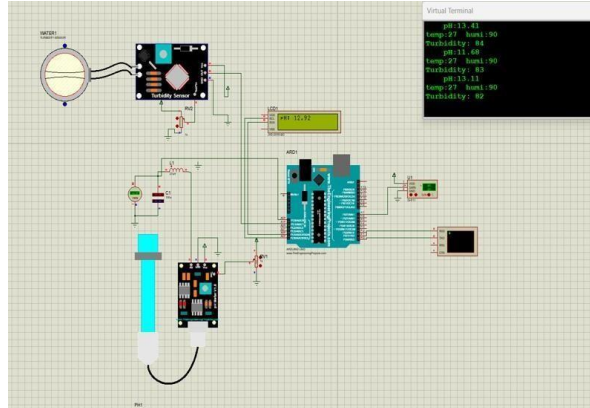
P. Kirankumar et al [9] used IOT and ML to study Smart Monitoring and Water Quality Management in Agriculture as well as marine water and underground water. Implementation of the suggested framework using an Arduino and Machine Learning was done. The Arduino Uno uses sensors and factors that are anticipated in advance using Machine Learning techniques to collect data on things like pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen, and turbidity in water. The farmer will receive a warning notification if the desired range of the parameters was exceeded so that he can make the necessary changes. By using the Machine Learning algorithms, it can predict the most accurate values and send the notification to the farmer when the range of water parameters exceeds or decreases the ranges. This helps the farmers to know the values automatically and take the necessary action.

**II. IMPLEMENTATION**

**A. SOFTWARE SETUP**

**WORKING OF SOFTWARE MODEL**

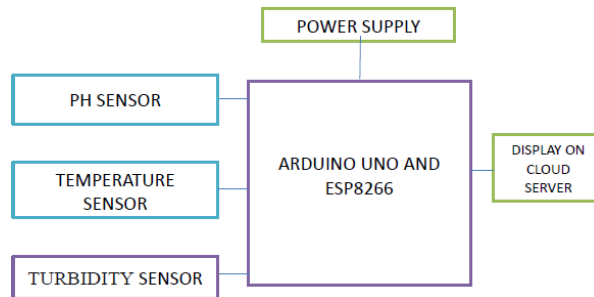
- 1) The LC Circuit was connected to the pH sensor and to the Arduino and the potentiometer was connected to the test pin. Next from the library DHT11 temperature sensor was imported.
- 2) Temperature and turbidity sensors were connected to the port of the Arduino uno, Terminal display is added.
- 3) Test pin was connected to the variable resistance. From the LCD display connections SCL and SDA pins were also attached to the Arduino.



**FIGURE 1. Proteus Simulation**

- 4) Code for virtual terminal was set up. Code loop for running the sensors was added and 6 values were taken from the sensors and their average was calculated, which was taken as the reading of pH, temperature and turbidity (Fig 1).

**B. HARDWARE SETUP**



**FIGURE 2. BLOCK DIAGRAM OF HARDWARE**

**COMPONENTS OF THE HARDWARE**

- 1) PH SENSOR
- 2) TEMPERATURE SENSOR
- 3) TURBIDITY SENSOR
- 4) ARDUINO UNO
- 5) ESP8266(WIFI MODEL )
- 6) BREADBOARD
- 7) POWER

**WORKING OF HARDWARE SETUP(Fig 6)**

**ARDUINO UNO:** The temperature sensor(Fig 5) uses a one-wire bus for communication and was connected to the Arduino's digital pin(ONEWIREBUS). The turbidity sensor(Fig 4) and pH sensor(Fig 3) were attached to the analog pin on the Arduino. The Node MCU was affixed to the Arduino's digital receiver and transmission pins using a software serial communication. **ESP8266:** To establish serial communication between the Arduino and the Node MCU, the serial pins were connected together. The Node MCU used software serial library which were connected two digital



**FIGURE 3. PH SENSOR**

pins of the Arduino to the serial pins of the Node MCU. The connections were made in such a way that the transmission of one device is connected to the receiver of the other and vice versa so that the data is transmitted from the Transmission pin of one device to the Receiver pin of the other. Arduino



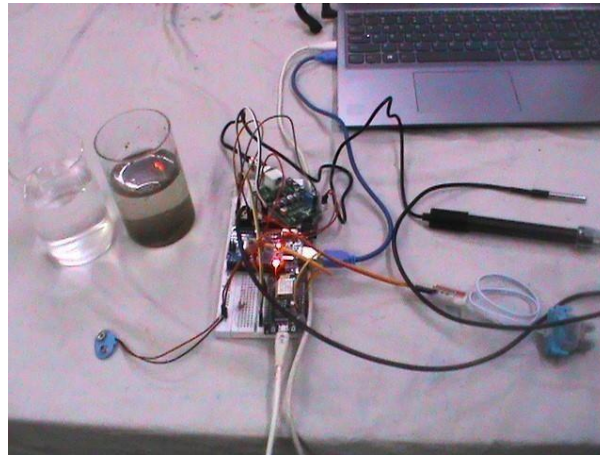
**FIGURE 4. TURBIDITY SENSOR**

code collects data from three sensors, a temperature, pH and turbidity sensors, and sends the data to a NodeMCU using the Software Serial library. The code uses the One Wire library to communicate with the temperature sensor, the Dallas Temperature library to obtain the temperature readings, and the Arduino Json library to format the data as a JSON object before sending it to the Node MCU. The code first initializes the serial communication with the Node MCU and the serial monitor with a baud rate of 9600. In the loop() function, the readings from the three sensors are collected and stored in a JSON object. The data is then sent to the



**FIGURE 5. TEMPERATURE SENSOR**

NodeMCU using the printTo() method. The temp probe() function reads the temperature in Celsius and converts it to Fahrenheit. The turbidity() function reads the value from the turbidity sensor, and the pH() function reads the pH value from the pH sensor. Finally, the code has a short delay of 2000 milliseconds between each reading to avoid overloading the Node MCU with too much data at once. NodeMCU (ESP8266): Code sends data from an Arduino to a Node MCU via serial communication. The code sets up a web server on the Node MCU, which displays the data from the sensors affixed to the Arduino. The data from the Arduino is sent to the Node MCU using the Software Serial library. The code starts by including the necessary libraries for serial communication, Wi-Fi connectivity, and server handling. The network credentials, such as the Wi-Fi name (SSID) and password, are then defined. An instance of the ESP8266 WebServer class is created and defined to listen on port 80. In the setup function, the serial communication with both the Node MCU and Arduino is initialized. The



**FIGURE 6. IMAGE OF WORKING HARDWARE SETUP**

Node MCU then connects to the Wi-Fi network using the defined credentials. The web server is started and a simple HTML page is created, which displays the data from the sensors in the manner of an inner HTML text. In the loop function, the code uses the Static Json Buffer class from the Arduino Json library to parse the incoming serial data from the Arduino, which is expected to be in JSON format. The values for the sensors, such as temperature and turbidity, are extracted from the JSON object and saved in variables. These variables are then displayed on the HTML page of the web server.

**C. MACHINE LEARNING AND DEEP LEARNING**

A subset of artificial intelligence called Machine Learning updates its knowledge every time new data is presented and produces outcomes based on previously learned information. It takes a dataset as input that contains prior data about the task at hand, constructs a model utilizing the information using algorithms, and then can provide results for the input that isn't available in the dataset by providing the closest or most accurate prediction. Machine Learning models help in data representation, evaluation and optimisation of models.



**FIGURE 7. PROPOSED DIAGRAM OF MACHINE LEARNING**

Machine Learning classifications algorithms were used to predict potability of water.

- 1) Support Vector Machine
- 2) Adaboost
- 3) RF(Random Forest)
- 4) XGBoost
- 5) Decision Tree
- 6) ANN(deep learning)
- 7) KNN

Steps undertaken while Machine Learning included Importing necessary libraries, reading and analysing data, performing deep exploratory data analysis, performing data visualization, data pre-processing, splitting data, scaling the data building models and predicting the accuracy using algorithms of Machine Learning.

The dataset was taken from open source Kaggle, using displaying head to display top 5 results and bottom 5 results was done. Data pre-processing was performed and libraries were imported. Null values in the dataset were checked, target variable distribution was displayed, bar plot followed by dropping of null values was created, values were further reduced and bar plots were created. (Fig 12,13 )

To balance the dataset and to increase the model accuracy, resampling was done and shuffled to fill null values (Fig 12). After the dataset was balanced, the bar plot was analysed using the The linear link between two variables is measured by the Pearson correlation coefficient (Fig. 13).

All the features' pair plots and the co-relation between them were plotted. Dataset standardisation was carried out. Data modelling was the following phase. The dataset was divided into two sections. The training dataset was the first subset that was used to fit the model. The second subset was not used to train the model; instead, the input element from the dataset was used to produce predictions, which were then compared to actual values. It's the second dataset, the test dataset.

To assess and study a classification model’s efficacy, a confusion matrix of size N x N is utilised, where N is the total number of target classes. The matrix contrasts the actual goal values with projected values from the Machine Learning model. This gave a comprehensive picture of the categorization models’ abilities and the types of mistakes they were committing. Hyperparameter tuning was performed for model optimization using hyperparameter tuning for Decision tree, XGBoost and RF algorithm.

**III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

An open-source dataset of 3277 rows which was collected from Kaggle website and Machine Learning was performed on following 10 parameters namely:- pH, Hardness, solids, chloramines, sulfate, conductivity, Trihalomethanes, Turbidity and Potability. Using Google Colab with python programming language and Database from the open source Kaggle and Random Forest classifier along with other classification models such as Decision tree classifier, Support Vector Machine, XGBoost, Adaboost, KNN and ANN artificial neural network (deep learning) were implemented. Data pre-processing was carried out by importing libraries, Extraction of independent variable, x-axis and y-axis was done followed by data optimization and visualization. The dataset includes 3276 entries ranging from 0 to 3275. Null values, non-null values and float values were checked. Null values were dropped and zero was given if the water sample was non-potable and one for Potable water which has been represented on a bar plot, corresponding number of entries: 0= 1998 and 1= 1278 (Fig 11, 12). Balancing of data implies fitting the Random Forest, Decision tree, XGBoost and other algorithms to the training set. As Data imbalance hides the true performance of the model which is objectively not good therefore dataset was balanced (Fig 13).

Balancing of dataset was done so that number of potable and non-potable entries were equal, in order to analyse the execution of the various algorithms (Fig 13). Pearson’s Coefficient of Correlation was performed for better data visualisation by plotting correlation between features and pair plots for all the features were prepared (Fig 15). Pearson’s Correlation was carried out and Correlation Matrix was laid. Corr mat graph, heatmap (Fig 14) and table showed maximum value with solid 0.067185 followed by chloramines 0.035982, turbidity -0.000072, pH -0.009096 and minimum correlation with organic carbon was -0.033958 (Fig 8).



**FIGURE 8. CORRELATION VALUES**

Splitting the dataset into training and test set was performed and all the algorithm namely Adaboost Classifier, Decision Tree Classifier, Random Forest Classifier, XGBoost classifier were imported. The independent and dependent variables were extracted and standard scaling was performed. All the algorithms were run and the test set result were predicted. Since the test model was fitted to the training set, so the results could be predicted. For prediction, a new prediction vector was created. Hence, the confusion matrix could be printed. Hyperparameter tuning was performed for model optimization using hyperparameter tuning libraries for XGBoost, Decision tree and Random Forest algorithms. In case of KNN classifier, an error versus k values graph was plotted. Deep Learning algorithm ANN was also modelled and its accuracy was also optimized using optimiser hyperparameter tuning.

**A. OUTPUT ANALYSIS**

**HARDWARE OUTPUT**

Using the hardware which was developed using 3 sensors, Arduino UNO and ESP8266 a few real-time water samples were tested and results were stored in the cloud server. The water samples were analysed for their pH, turbidity and temperature values (Fig 9)

**B. OUTPUT OF WATER TESTING**

	SAMPLE 1	SAMPLE 2
PH VALUES	6.14	10.59
TURBIDITY VALUES (NTU)	402.00	546.00
TEMPERATURE (IN Fahrenheit)	71.04	73.17

**FIGURE 9. SENSOR TO NODE MCU WEB SERVER**

**C. MACHINE LEARNING OUTPUT**

Creating the confusion Matrix :

The confusion Matrices were created to determine and predict the accuracy of the algorithm using the codes.

NAME OF ALGORITHM	TRUE POSITIVE (top left)	FALSE POSITIVES (top right)	FALSE NEGATIVES (bottom left)	TRUE Negatives (bottom right)	ACCURACY	PRECISION	RECALL	F1 SCORE	MCC
RANDOM FOREST	105	11	18	106	0.88	0.91	0.85	0.88	6.3
DECISION TREE	85	31	16	108	0.80	0.73	0.84	0.78	5.8
XGBOOST	102	14	20	104	0.86	0.88	0.84	0.86	6.05
SVM	85	31	41	83	0.70	0.73	0.67	0.70	3.90
ADABOOST	71	45	45	79	0.63	0.61	0.61	0.61	2.52
ANN	178	64	93	145	0.67	0.74	0.67	0.68	4.31
KNN	3.4e+02	19	1.8e+02	61	0.78	-	0.62	-	2.79

FIGURE 10. TABLE OF RESULTS

After balancing the dataset and identifying the important input variables, several Machine Learning algorithms were used to classify potable water. The outcome of the analysis showed that the Random Forest algorithm performed the best, achieving an accuracy of 88 percent on the testing set (Fig 18). The XGBoost and Decision Tree algorithms followed closely, achieving accuracies of 86 percent and 80 percent (Fig 16,17), respectively. The SVM and ANN algorithms performed inferiorly, achieving accuracies of 70 percent and 68 percent, respectively (Fig 19,21). The Adaboost algorithm also achieved a low accuracy of 63 percent (Fig 10,20).

- 1) Accuracy =  $\frac{TP+TN}{TP+TN+FP+FN}$
- 2) MCC (Matthew’s correlation coefficient) =  $\frac{TP*TN-FP*FN}{(TP+FP)*(TP+FN)*(TN+FP) *(TN+FN)}$
- 3) PRECISION =  $\frac{TP}{TP+FP}$
- 4) RECALL =  $\frac{TP}{TP+FN}$
- 5) f1 score =  $2*\frac{precision*recall}{(precision+recall)}$

A confusion matrix was built to evaluate the performance of each algorithm. The confusion matrix showed that the Random Forest algorithm had the highest number of true positives and fewest false positives and false negatives (Fig 10). Evaluating the scores of true positive, true negative, false positive and false negatives, accuracy, precision, recall and F1 scores were calculated. The F1 scores are classically between 0 to 1. High F1 scores show high accuracy of the model. The F1 scores for tree based classifiers namely RF, Decision Tree and XGBoost are high 0.88, 0.78 and 0.86 respectively. RF algorithm had shown the maximum F1 scores and highest accuracy.

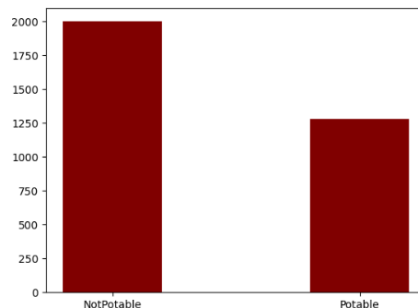


FIGURE 11. BAR GRAPH BETWEEN POTABLE AND NON POTABLE BEFORE DROPPING NULL VALUES

Using Matthew’s correlation coefficient, the effectiveness of the algorithms was further examined. Matthew’s coefficient of correlation, or MCC, is a specific kind of Pearson correlation coefficient used in binary classification situations when the prediction and label are two random variables. Matthew’s Correlation Coefficient is a discrete case of Pearson Correlation Coefficient, in other words. Maximum MCC score (Fig 10) with Random Forest classifier of 6.3 was found, thus indicating that our model prediction using the test dataset is reliable and there is very less chance of over prediction.

Accuracy of each algorithm by plotting a bar graph was checked (Fig 18). The graph demonstrated how accurately (88 percent) the Random Forest method outperformed the other algorithms, followed by the Decision Tree and XGBoost algorithms, 80 percent and 86 percent respectively. The SVM and ANN algorithms had similar accuracy, 70 percent and 68 percent respectively, while the AdaBoost algorithm had the lowest accuracy 63 percent. KNN classifier is based on

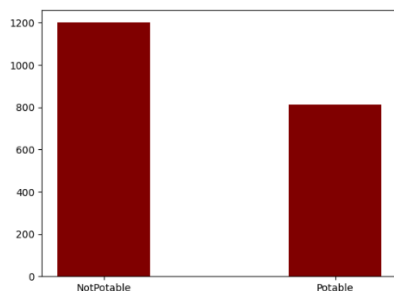


FIGURE 12. BAR GRAPH BETWEEN POTABLE AND NON POTABLE AFTER DROPPING NULL VALUES

k nearest neighbor also showed accuracy of 66 percent (Fig 22) and it was observed in the plot that error decreased as K value increased(Fig 26).

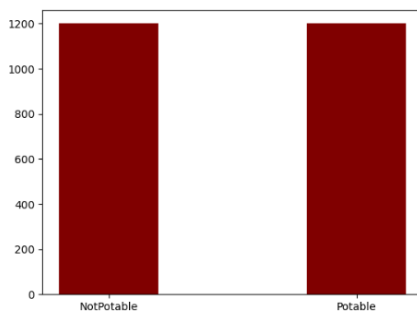


FIGURE 13. BARGRAPH BETWEEN POTABLE AND NON -POTABLE WITH BALANCING

**D. NEW APPROACH OF THE MACHINE LEARNING MODEL**

The dataset was taken from open source kaggle.com. A number of previous studies are available with accuracy level of between 59 percent to 63 percent however the ML algorithms used in the present study are unique and giving accuracy as high as 88 percent. The confusion matrix prediction had been tested on the test set showing the model in the current study is robust and predictable. The MCC Matthew’s correlation coefficient score which is a discrete case of Pearson’s correlation coefficient, based on false positives(FP) and false negative (FN) values further proves and justifies the robustness of this model as RF algorithm showed minimum number of false positive values (Fig 10). The accuracy is predicted on basis of true positive (TP) and true negative (TN) values which was also observed to be maximum for Random Forest classifier.

Hence, RF outperformed all other ML algorithms based on accuracy, precision, recall, F1 scores and MCC scores. Therefore, it can be inferred that since the data is numerical data and not linearly separable therefore RF, XGBoost followed by Decision Tree, which are tree-based classifiers showed the best accuracy. In the current study, ML

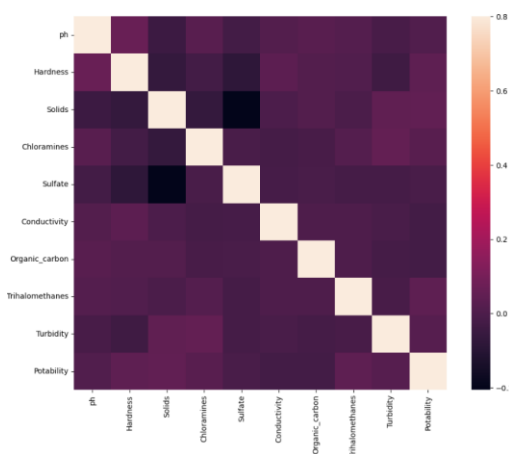


FIGURE 14. GRAPH OF CORRELATION BETWEEN FEATURES



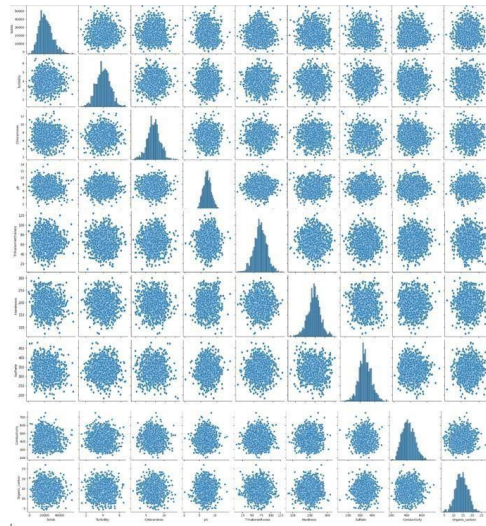


FIGURE 15. GRAPH OF PAIR PLOTS

algorithms were compared with Deep Learning using ANN, it can be inferred and concluded that ML algorithms showed better performance as Deep Learning doesn't perform well on numerical, organised data place in rows and columns. Deep Learning algorithms perform well on unorganised and unstructured data and images.

IV. CONCLUSION

Intensive and comprehensive approach was performed to study the potability of water. In this study water quality analysis was carried out. During the first stage of the project, a software simulation was performed using 3 sensors temperature sensor, turbidity sensors and pH sensor on Proteus platform. Then in the second stage a hardware project was set up using these 3 sensors, Arduino and ESP8266 to test real-time various water samples and these values were

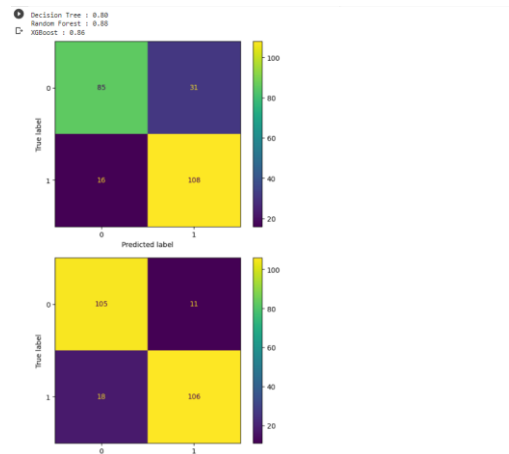


FIGURE 16. CONFUSION MATRIX OF DECISION TREE AND RANDOMFOREST

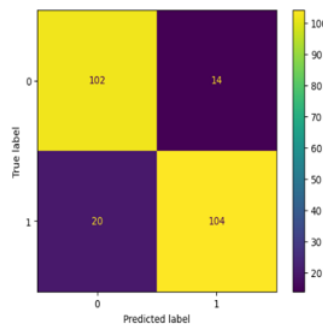


FIGURE 17. CONFUSION MATRIX OF XGBOOST

stored in cloud server using Node MCU. This hardware can be implemented for real-time analysis of the various water samples and predict their potability. An extensive project was carried out to explore further classification of potable water using various ML algorithms in the third and final stages of project.

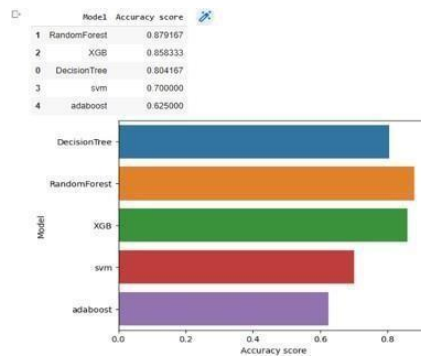


FIGURE 18. ACCURACY SCORE OF ALL MACHINE LEARNING

Balancing the dataset using re-sampling and shuffling helped to increase the accuracy of the models and prevent bias towards the majority class. pH, temperature, and few other parameters were identified as important predictors of potable water classification based on their strong positive correlation with the target variable. The heat map prepared in data visualization shows no parameter is highly correlated to the other, from which it can be inferred that no parameter can be ignored while predicting the water potability. The Random Forest algorithm performed the best, achieving an accuracy of 88 percent (Fig 16,10), and had the highest precision, recall, F1 and MCC scores (Fig 10 ). The Deci-

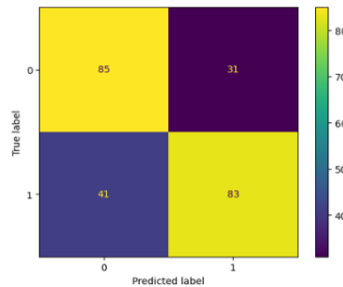


FIGURE 19. CONFUSION MATRIX OF SVM

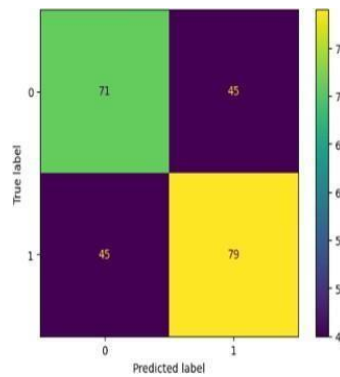
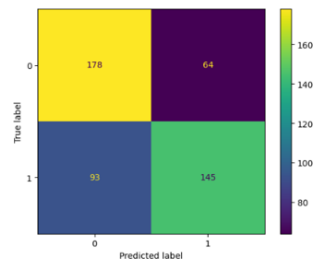


FIGURE 20. CONFUSION MATRIX OF ADABOOST

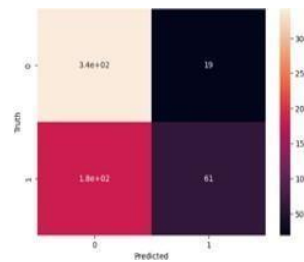
sion Tree and XGBoost algorithms also performed well, achieving accuracies of 80 percent and 86 percent, respectively (Fig 16,17). The SVM and ANN algorithms performed poorly, achieving accuracies of 70 percent and 68 percent respectively (Fig 19,21). KNN algorithms also showed poor performance 66 percent (Fig 22) but the Adaboost was the worst with 63 percent accuracy (Fig 20).

Performance of the ML techniques were also evaluated using accuracy, precision, recall, F1 Score and MCC score (Fig 11), which reconfirmed the highest performance of RF algorithm. Performance of all the ML algorithms were compared against deep learning ANN, it was found all the tree based classifiers (ML algorithms) outperformed the Deep Learning algorithm (ANN), with RF showing the best accuracy of 88 percent. It can also be reasonably concluded and deduced that deep learning algorithms have limited performance on tabular and numerical data which is not linearly separable.

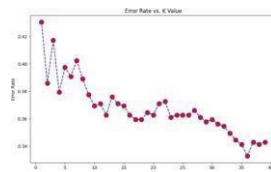


**FIGURE 21. CONFUSION MATRIX OF ANN**

DL algorithms are superior for images and text. These results suggest that the Random Forest algorithm is a promising approach for classifying potable water and can be used for future research in this area. As a future scope the IOT based hardware system can be explored to testing real-time water samples and analysing their potability.



**FIGURE 22. CONFUSION MATRIX OF KNN**



**FIGURE 23. GRAPH OF ERROR RATE VS K.VALUE**

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