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2. Project Title : DESIGN AND FABRICATION OFAERIAL REFORESTATION

SYSTEM

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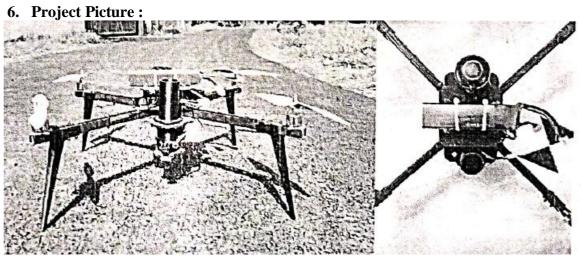
5. Abstract :

In response to the pressing need for large-scale reforestation, this project introduces aninnovative aerial reforestation system designed to facilitate the efficient and precise deployment seed balls using a drone. Traditional reforestation methods face challenges such as difficult terrain, limited accessibility, and high labor costs. Our approach leverages drone technology to address these issues, enabling rapid reforestation efforts acrossdiverse landscapes, including remote and ecologically sensitive areas.

The project is divided into two main components: drone fabrication and seed balloptimization. The first part focuses on the design and construction of a drone tailored forseed ball dispersal. Key considerations include drone payload capacity, range and easeof control. To accommodate these requirements, we have designed a robust, lightweightdrone capable of carrying and releasing seed balls efficiently over large areas. Specialattention is given to the deployment mechanism, which ensures controlled and accuratedispersal at designated locations.

The second part involves a comprehensive study of seed balls to maximize germination rates. Seed balls—seeds encased in a mixture of soil and nutrients—are an effective means of protecting seeds during aerial deployment. This study evaluates factors such assoil composition, weight of the seedball and height of dropping the seed ball to determine the optimal configuration for various environmental conditions. Our aim is to identify themost effective combination for enhancing seed survival and growth after deployment.

Overall, this aerial reforestation system aims to provide a scalable, cost-effective solutionfor environmental restoration. By combining drone technology with optimized seedball techniques, our project presents a promising method to accelerate forest regrowth indeforested or degraded areas. The findings of this project contribute to the field of sustainableenvironmental management and highlight the potential of drone-based reforestationas a viable strategy for addressing climate change and biodiversity loss.



 $7. \ \ \textbf{Project Report:} \ \underline{\textbf{https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DoUp0rzW8rpvO1JHVmxX1HD49OY5MSR3/view?usp=drive_link}$