

Concept, Design and Implementation of Automatic Waste Management System

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Abstract--- One of the main concerns with our environment has been solid waste management which in addition to disturbing the balance of the environment also has adverse effects on the health of the society. The detection, monitoring and management of wastes is one of the primary problems of the present era. The traditional way of manually monitoring the wastes in waste bins is a complex, cumbersome process and utilizes more human effort, time and cost which is not compatible with the present day technologies in any way. This paper proposes an advanced method in which waste management is automated. Radio frequency identification (RFID) is one of the most promising and anticipated technologies in recent years. The system makes use of radio frequency (RF) tags and web support. This work presented here certainly provides a novel approach in handling and disposing off the day to day solid wastes in an efficient and easy way. The system consists of four main subsystems namely Smart Trash System (STS), Local Base Station (LBS), Smart Vehicle System (SVS) and Smart Monitoring and Controlling Hut (SMCH). The proposed system would be able to automate the solid waste monitoring process and management of the overall collection process. The technologies that would be used in the proposed system are good enough to ensure the practical and perfect for solid waste collection process monitoring and management for green environment.

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1. Introduction

The trend of making the manually controlled things automatic has become a common practice these days. The process of making the things automatic is being exploited in almost all the major fields of life. Making things automatic reduces burden on the humans. The cost and effort used in manually controlled products is much higher than the automated systems. Considering the fact, that the problem of efficient waste management is one of the major problems of the modern times, there is an utmost need to address this problem. The proper waste management system is must for the hygienic society in general and for world as a whole. Solid waste which is one of the sources and causes of environmental pollution has been defined under Resource Conservation and Recovery Act as any solid, semi-solid liquid or contained gaseous materials discarded from industrial, commercial, mining or agricultural operations and from community activities [2]. Solid waste also includes garbage, construction

debris, commercial refuse, and sludge from water or waste treatment plants or air pollution, control facilities and other discarded materials [3]. In order to protect human health and the environment from the potential hazards of delayed waste disposal and environmental pollution a systematically supervised and controlled handling of these wastes is must. The type of wastes which constitute environmental pollution and which this work emphasizes on is domestic refuse consisting of degradable food wastes, leaves, dead animals and non-degradable ones such as plastics, bottles, nylon, medical and hospital wastes, generated in households, hospitals, industries and commercial centers [4]. The complexity of issues involved in municipal solid waste management necessitates development and application of new tools capable of processing data inputs of varying formats, numerical models and expert opinions in multi objective decision making scenario. Decision Support Systems (DSS) are among the most promising approaches to confront such situations. The DSS models should ideally be integrated with geographical information system (GIS) to optimize collection,