Smart Helmet for Bikers

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Abstract: All over the world, there are many instances of bike accidents visible around us. Many people get injured in road accidents more frequently because of the main reason not wearing a helmet or not wearing an ISI certified helmets. Considering the increasing number of motor cycle riders in our country and the number of accidents happening each year, it is evident that in most cases the rider suffers injuries to the head and it leads to fatal causalities. Road accidents occur in our day to day life because the riders or drivers won’t stick to the rules made by the Indian Government and also because reckless drives are in the habit of drinking. Under the influence of the alcohol they indulge in rash driving. Some major reasons for the road accidents are over speeding, consumption of alcohol and riding the bike without helmet. Many people lose their loving family in accidents. Numerous lives could have been saved if emergency medical service could get accident information and each in time to the scene. To overcome these issues, we have proposed a system “Smart Helmet for Bikers”. It focuses on three major applications. First, the bike won’t start unless and until the rider wears the helmet. Secondly, alcoholic riding is not possible by using this helmet. Third application is accident detection. When the rider meets with an accident, sensor detects the motion and tilts of the helmet and reports the occurrence of an accident by sending the message to the predefined numbers along with GPS location. The main feature of designing this smart helmet is that it will provide safety to rider.

Keywords: Alcohol, Smart helmet, GPS, Message, Microcontroller- Arduino UNO, Riders, Sensors.

I. Introduction

In this busy life with lot of advancement in the mode of transportation, accidents are common. All over the world, there are many instances of bike accidents visible around us. Many people get injured in road accidents more frequently because of the main reason not wearing a helmet or not wearing an ISI certified helmets. And the other reason is violating the rules and regulations formed by the government. Hence, in this proposed system we design a smart helmet that could help the motorcyclist to save themselves from road accidents. The system consists of a control unit microcontroller which is responsible for guiding the sensors. Sensors used are alcohol sensor which is responsible for checking the alcohol content of the rider, touch sensor is used for detecting if the rider is wearing helmet. Moreover, if the rider meet with any accident then also its sends an alert message to predefined numbers. The proposed project work presents the E- helmet that ensures that the rider cannot start the bike without wearing it. This E-helmet wirelessly switches on a bike, so that the bike won’t start without both the key and the helmet. Also whenever the rider starts ignition, the alcohol sensor measures the content of the alcohol in his breath and automatically switches off the bike if he is drunk.

II. Literature Survey

The authors proposed mechanisms that can detect if one is wearing the helmet, detect accidents, and detect whether the person has over-consumed alcohol. Server also uses the data gathered from the accelerometer and the pressure sensors, to train a support vector machine (SVM) [1].

Most of the systems are available in the rider are designed for only four-wheeled vehicles. Thus, the Internet of Things based application- Konnect, proposed in this paper will prove to ensure greater safety for the motorists. [2]

Two wheelers significantly contribute to road accidents casualties being a major transportation mode in India. Proposed system aims to reduce fatalities, head and face injuries due to road accidents by enforcing helmet usage using RF communication. It also safeguards vehicle by replacing conventional key with keypad. Furthermore, extension of safeguarding mechanism involving multiple operational modes is also considered for implementation. [3]

The pothole detection methods is developed and proposes a cost effective solution to identify potholes and humps on roads and provide timely alerts to drivers to avoid accidents or vehicle damages. The related
research data includes pothole depth, height of hump and geographic location, which is stored in the database (cloud). [4]

The Helmet Operated Smart E-Bike to reduce head injuries from road accidents and from bike thefts is developed and tested. The system has mainly focused on helmet use as mandatory by providing two solutions in the helmet itself, which are security lock system and safety engine system. These two applications are operated when user uses the helmet in a proper manner. The RFID tag which is already fixed on the helmet shown on the RFID reader system matched and operated the locking mechanism and no proper RFID tag did not operated the locking mechanism, hence we made it as high security locking system. [5]

III. System Architecture

The Fig. 1 depicts the overall architecture of Smart helmet. The proposed approach of Smart helmet for bikers using microcontroller and its modules which will ensure compulsory possession of helmet with every motorcyclist. The bike won’t start unless and until rider has worn helmet and he has not consumed alcohol. The helmet status will be displayed on the LCD display and signal given by buzzer. An android application has been created to get the alert message.

![Fig. 1. Block diagram of Smart helmet](image)

The Smart helmet can detect accident if occurs. If accident occurs the Smart helmet waits for 60 seconds to send the alert to the emergency contacts. Within 60 seconds if the rider presses a button fitted with the helmet, the smart helmet understands that the rider is safe and no need to send alert to anyone. If the button is not pressed within 60 seconds then it is considered as something serious condition and helmet sends alert to the android app and android app in return sends alert to the predefined contacts with GPS location and SMS. When the rider over speeds it is sensed by the IR sensor and indication is given by a buzzer. If the rider is not wearing helmet or if he is drunk it is displayed on the LCD display.

IV. Working

![Fig 2. Helmet and Bike module](image)
The figure 2 shows the helmet and bike module. The helmet consists of Arduino UNO ATmega328P and various sensors used are MQ2 gas sensor, Touch sensors, ADXL sensor, IR sensor, Bluetooth, RF transmitter, LCD and buzzer. The bike module consists of RF receiver, Arduino UNO. Figure 3 shows LCD which displays helmet status. The rider wearing the helmet is sensed using touch sensor Figure 4(a & b) depicts the whether rider has worn the helmet or not. Figure 5. Shows the screenshot of android application which shows the location of the rider when accidents occurs.

Arduino UNO board requires external supply of 7-12V. Touch sensors as the name is used to detect touch and it operates as a switch when it is touched. They are used to detect whether the rider is wearing helmet or not. MQ2 gas sensors is mainly used to detect the presence of LPG, propane, smoke. A threshold value of 360 is set to the sensor to get digital output notify the presence of alcohol. The RF module is been used to connect bike and helmet they have the voltage range of 3V - 12V. The ADXL 335 which is a 3 axis
accelerometer has 3.3V regulator used in detecting motion of helmet when the accident takes place. Buzzer is a component used to give an alert to the rider when the rider over speeds. Buzzer is set to 10 seconds when the rider over speeds more than 60kmph, then it gives a beep sound. Bluetooth (HC05) module is used to connect rider’s phone to the helmet, it is been placed in the helmet. An android application is developed to send the accident location to the predefined numbers.

V. Conclusion
The proposed system ensures that the bike rider cares about their safety while riding. It also checks if the rider is under the influence of alcohol or not. The creation of smart helmet increases safety and rate of road accidents can be reduced. The smart helmet ensures the general safety of the rider.

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