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GYNOVEND
A Smart Medical Vending Machine with Gynaco-Assist

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***Abstract*—Availability of maternal healthcare continues to be an issue, particularly in rural towns where gynecologists and hospitals are not common. To make up for the deficit, we recommend GynoVend, a robotic telemedicine-powered vending machine exclusively meant for expectant mothers. The machine gives region-language voice prompts, which make it easily accessi-ble to even illiterate consumers. It takes critical health indicators like pulse, oxygen saturation, temperature, and weight before automatically linking the user to a gynecologist available on video call. Depending on the consultation of the doctor, the system provides prescribed medication and a diet plan based on the trimester phase. Online or offline payment can be made to ensure accessibility. Through the combination of IoT-based health monitoring, AI-powered voice assistance, and automated dispensing, GynoVend seeks to enhance maternal healthcare accessibility in rural communities. This article discusses the design, implementation, and effect of GynoVend in closing the healthcare gap for expectant mothers.**

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***Index Terms*—Intravenous Therapy, Smart Healthcare, Saline Infusion Monitoring , Biomedical Sensors, IoT in Healthcare**

I. INTRODUCTION

Maternal healthcare plays a vital role in ensuring the health and well-being of both mothers and newborns. Regular prenatal check-ups, timely diagnosis, and access to essential medicines significantly reduce maternal and neonatal mortality. However, a large proportion of pregnant women, particularly those living in rural and underserved regions, continue to face considerable challenges in accessing quality gynecological healthcare services. Limited healthcare infrastructure, a shortage of specialized medical professionals, long travel distances, financial constraints, language barriers, and low literacy levels often delay timely medical intervention, increasing the risk of pregnancy-related complications.

To address these challenges, this paper proposes **GynoVend**, an ATM-like smart medical vending machine designed specifically for maternal healthcare. The proposed system integrates Internet of Things (IoT)-based health monitoring, telemedicine, artificial intelligence (AI)-based multilingual voice assistance, and automated medicine dispensing into a single self-service healthcare kiosk. GynoVend enables pregnant women to monitor essential health parameters, consult certified gynecologists remotely through video conferencing, receive personalized healthcare guidance, and obtain prescribed medicines without visiting hospitals. The system is particularly beneficial for women residing in remote villages where access to specialized maternal healthcare services is limited.

By combining digital healthcare technologies with automated dispensing mechanisms, GynoVend aims to improve healthcare accessibility, reduce travel time and treatment delays, support early diagnosis of pregnancy-related complications, and promote safe motherhood through continuous monitoring and timely medical intervention.

1.1 Need for the System

Maternal mortality remains a significant public health concern, particularly in developing countries where access to specialized maternal healthcare services is limited. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), regular antenatal care, timely diagnosis, and continuous medical monitoring can substantially reduce pregnancy-related complications and maternal deaths. Despite these recommendations, many pregnant women in rural and underserved areas continue to face difficulties in receiving quality healthcare due to several factors.

The major challenges include:

1. **Limited Healthcare Infrastructure:** Many villages lack hospitals, maternity centers, and qualified gynecologists, making routine prenatal check-ups difficult.
2. **Language and Literacy Barriers:** Conventional healthcare systems often fail to accommodate women who are illiterate or communicate only in regional languages, resulting in poor understanding of medical advice.
3. **Lack of Health Awareness:** Many expectant mothers have limited knowledge regarding prenatal nutrition, medication schedules, pregnancy precautions, and healthy lifestyle practices.
4. **Financial Constraints:** Frequent hospital visits, diagnostic tests, transportation expenses, and medical consultation fees impose a significant financial burden on economically disadvantaged families.

To overcome these challenges, **GynoVend** provides a smart self-service healthcare kiosk that offers remote medical consultation, health parameter monitoring, multilingual interaction, and automated medicine dispensing at affordable cost without requiring frequent hospital visits.

1.2 Overview of GynoVend

GynoVend is an intelligent maternal healthcare vending machine designed to provide comprehensive pregnancy care using modern digital healthcare technologies. The major features of the proposed system include:

1. Regional Language Voice Assistance

a. Supports multiple regional languages to improve accessibility.
b. Provides voice-guided instructions throughout the healthcare process.
c. Enables easy interaction for illiterate and semi-literate users.

2. IoT-Based Health Monitoring

The machine continuously measures essential p parameters using IoT sensors.

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ygen Saturation (SpO_2)
c. Body Temperature
d. Body Weight

These health parameters are transmitted securely to the consulting gynecologist before the medical consultation.

3. Real-Time Telemedicine Consultation

a. Connects users with a network of qualified gynecologists.
b. Automatically identifies an available doctor.
c. Establishes secure live video consultation for personalized medical advice.

4. Automated Medicine Dispensing

After the consultation, prescribed medicines and nutritional supplements are automatically dispensed through the vending system. The dosage and medications are customized according to the patient's pregnancy trimester and medical condition.

5. Pregnancy Health and Nutrition Guidance

The system provides trimester-specific recommendations, including:

a. Nutritional guidance
b. Daily health precautions
c. Lifestyle recommendations
d. Medication reminders
e. Pregnancy care instructions

6. Multiple Payment Options

To ensure accessibility and convenience, GynoVend supports various payment methods, including:

a. Cash
b. UPI
c. Debit/Credit Cards
d. Digital Wallets

1.3 Research Objectives

The primary objectives of this research are as follows:

a. To design and develop an intelligent maternal healthcare vending machine integrating telemedicine, IoT, artificial intelligence, and automated medicine dispensing technologies.
b. To evaluate the effectiveness of multilingual voice assistance in improving healthcare accessibility among rural women.
c. To assess the accuracy and reliability of IoT-based health monitoring sensors for maternal healthcare applications.
d. To analyze the feasibility of telemedicine-based gynecological consultation for remote and underserved communities.
e. To examine the social, economic, and healthcare benefits of deploying automated maternal healthcare kiosks in rural regions.

1.4 Paper Organization

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows:

a. **Section II** presents the literature review of existing maternal healthcare technologies, smart healthcare systems, telemedicine platforms, and automated medical vending solutions.
b. **Section III** describes the proposed GynoVend system architecture, hardware components, software modules, IoT integration, AI-based voice assistance, and overall methodology.
c. **Section IV** discusses the implementation process, experimental setup, system testing, performance evaluation, and obtained results.
d. **Section V** highlights the limitations, ethical considerations, future enhancements, and potential real-world applications of the proposed system.
e. **Section VI** concludes the paper by summarizing the major contributions and emphasizing the potential impact of GynoVend in improving maternal healthcare accessibility, particularly in rural and underserved communities.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The advancement of digital health technologies has significantly influenced healthcare delivery, especially in remote and rural regions. Online consultation platforms have become vital in ensuring accessible and personalized healthcare. Jiang *et al.* [1] provided a comprehensive review of online medical consultation systems, demonstrating their impact on improving healthcare accessibility and responsiveness in underdeveloped areas.

Efforts to enhance medication compliance and remote pa-tient monitoring have led to the integration of Internet of Things (IoT) technologies in health systems. Macedo *et al.* [2] proposed an IoT-based architecture for medication control that ensures real-time monitoring and medication adherence. Sim-ilarly, Peixoto *et al.* [3] developed a customizable electronic pill dispenser, enhancing the personalization of treatment plans and reducing human error in dosage management.

Automated medicine dispensing systems are becoming essential for improving drug access and service efficiency. Jairoun et al. [4] examined the global adoption of over-the-counter (OTC) medicine vending machines, highlighting their role in reducing clinical workload and enhancing access to essential medications. Earlier innovations in this field, such as the automatic pharmacy system designed by HongLei and Zang [5], emphasized real-time inventory control and system reliability. Kim and Moon [6] also illustrated an applied engineering example of a medicine vending machine designed for rural healthcare services in Korea, with educational and practical implementation results. At the user level, the use of self-service technologies (SSTs) has increasingly become common across industries, including healthcare. The Allied Market Research (AMR) report [7] predicted significant growth in SST adoption worldwide. Groundbreaking work by Bateson [8] examined consumer psychology behind SST use, emphasizing perceived control and convenience. Bitner et al. [9] emphasized key organizational strategies for effective deployment of such technologies. Ahn and Rho [10] recognized trust and firm–customer relationships as key drivers of active user engagement with service-based platforms. Psychological factors also come into play behind user interaction with new systems. Berlyne [11] hypothesized that novelty and complexity have a positive correlation with positive emotional involvement, hence SST acceptance. Considine and Cormican [12] examined the "prosumer" phenomenon, where consumers are involved in and customize their service encounters. Dabholkar and Bagozzi [13] developed an attitudinal theory to account for technology-based SST acceptance, including user characteristics, perception of technology, and environmental factors.

Advances in recent years in telemedicine, AI-assisted diagnostics, and IoT connectivity have further strengthened the functionality of SST-based healthcare systems, allowing real-time analysis of data and customized treatment schedules. Research by Sharma et al. [14] has demonstrated the role played by AI algorithms in early detection and tracking of mother health hazards, particularly in disadvantaged areas. Additionally, multilingual interfaces and voice-enabled systems are becoming increasingly important in breaking healthcare communication barriers, according to Deshmukh et GynoVend incorporates the results of these studies into

enhance maternal healthcare responsibility in pregnant rural India. By using AI, telemedicine, SST interfaces, and multilingual support, GynoVend facilitates remote diagnosis, video consultation, automated dispensing of medicines, and region-specific interactions. It fills technology and behavior gaps observed in earlier studies and offers an scalable model of inclusive healthcare provision.

III. KEY FINDINGS

The literature review reveals that significant progress has been made in digital healthcare through the adoption of telemedicine, Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), automated medicine dispensing, and self-service technologies. The major findings are summarized as follows:

1. **Telemedicine Improves Healthcare Accessibility:** Studies indicate that online medical consultation platforms effectively provide specialist healthcare services to patients in remote and rural areas, reducing travel time and enabling timely medical intervention.
2. **IoT Enables Continuous Health Monitoring:** IoT-based healthcare systems facilitate real-time monitoring of vital parameters such as pulse rate, oxygen saturation, body temperature, and body weight, allowing early detection of health abnormalities and improving clinical decision-making.
3. **Automated Medicine Dispensing Enhances Efficiency:** Smart medicine vending systems minimize medication errors, improve inventory management, and provide quick access to prescribed medicines while reducing the workload of healthcare professionals.
4. **Self-Service Technologies Increase User Convenience:** Healthcare kiosks and self-service platforms improve service accessibility, reduce waiting time, and encourage patient participation in healthcare management through easy-to-use interfaces.
5. **Artificial Intelligence Supports Early Risk Identification:** AI algorithms assist healthcare professionals by analyzing patient data, identifying high-risk pregnancies, and supporting early diagnosis for timely medical intervention.
6. **Multilingual Voice Assistance Improves Healthcare Inclusion:** Voice-based interfaces supporting regional languages significantly enhance system usability for rural populations, especially among users with limited literacy.
7. **Integrated Healthcare Solutions Are Limited:** Existing research primarily focuses on individual technologies such as telemedicine, IoT monitoring, medicine dispensing, or AI-based diagnosis. Very few systems combine all these technologies into a single comprehensive maternal healthcare platform.
8. **Need for an Integrated Maternal Healthcare System:** The literature highlights the necessity of a unified healthcare solution capable of providing remote consultation, real-time health monitoring, multilingual interaction, pregnancy guidance, and automated medicine dispensing. Addressing this gap can significantly improve maternal healthcare accessibility and reduce pregnancy-related complications in underserved communities.

III. PROPOSED SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The proposed GynoVend system is an intelligent maternal healthcare kiosk designed to provide accessible, affordable, and technology-driven healthcare services for pregnant women, particularly in rural and underserved regions. The system integrates Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), telemedicine, cloud-based data management, automated medicine dispensing, and multilingual voice assistance into a single platform. Figure 1 illustrates the overall architecture of the proposed system.

A. System Architecture

The architecture of GynoVend consists of six major modules:

1. User Interaction Module
2. Health Monitoring Module
3. AI & Telemedicine Module
4. Doctor Consultation Module
5. Medicine Dispensing Module
6. Database and Cloud Management Module

These modules work together to provide complete maternal healthcare services from patient registration to medicine dispensing.

B. User Interaction Module

The user begins the consultation by authenticating using a mobile number, Aadhaar number, QR code, or patient ID. The system provides multilingual voice guidance in regional languages, enabling illiterate and semi-literate women to use the machine independently. A touchscreen interface assists users in navigating through different healthcare services.

C. IoT-Based Health Monitoring Module

After successful authentication, the user measures vital health parameters using integrated IoT sensors. The monitored parameters include:

a. Pulse Rate
b. Oxygen Saturation (SpO_2)
c. Body Temperature
d. Body Weight

The collected sensor data is processed by the microcontroller and transmitted securely to the cloud database, where it becomes available for medical consultation.

D. AI and Telemedicine Module

The AI module performs preliminary health analysis using the acquired physiological data and generates a health summary. The system also supports multilingual voice interaction, enabling users to communicate comfortably in their preferred regional language.

The telemedicine module automatically connects the patient with an available gynecologist through a secure video consultation platform. During the consultation, the doctor can review the patient's real-time health data and provide personalized medical advice.

E. Doctor Consultation Module

The consulting gynecologist remotely examines the patient's health parameters, discusses symptoms through live video communication, and prepares an electronic prescription. The prescription is securely transmitted to the vending machine for medicine dispensing.

F. Automated Medicine Dispensing Module

Based on the doctor's prescription, the vending machine automatically dispenses the required medicines and nutritional supplements. The dispensing mechanism verifies medicine availability and accurately delivers the prescribed dosage according to the patient's pregnancy trimester.

The system also generates a digital receipt containing:

a. Prescribed medicines
b. Dosage instructions
c. Consultation details
d. Follow-up schedule
e. Pregnancy care recommendations

G. Database and Cloud Management Module

All patient information, sensor readings, consultation records, prescriptions, and medicine inventory are securely stored in the cloud database. The database supports:

a. Patient record management

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ctor information management
dicine inventory monitoring
d. Consultation history
e. Health report generation

The cloud infrastructure ensures secure data storage and enables healthcare providers to access patient records whenever required.

H. Payment Module

After consultation, the patient can complete the payment using multiple payment methods, including:

a. UPI
b. Debit/Credit Card
c. Cash
d. Digital Wallet

Once payment is successfully completed, the medicine dispensing process is initiated automatically.

I. Working Principle

The overall working sequence of GynoVend is summarized below:

1. Patient registration and authentication.
2. Regional-language voice guidance is activated.
3. IoT sensors measure vital health parameters.
4. Sensor data is uploaded to the cloud database.
5. AI generates a preliminary health summary.
6. The system connects the patient to an available gynecologist.
7. The doctor reviews health data and conducts a live video consultation.
8. An electronic prescription is generated.
9. Payment is completed using the preferred payment method.
10. The vending machine dispenses the prescribed medicines.
11. Consultation records and health reports are securely stored for future reference.

J. Advantages of the Proposed Architecture

The proposed GynoVend architecture offers several advantages:

a. Provides 24×7 maternal healthcare services.
b. Enables remote consultation with qualified gynecologists.
c. Supports regional-language voice interaction.
d. Continuously monitors maternal health using IoT sensors.
e. Dispenses prescribed medicines automatically.
f. Reduces hospital visits and travel expenses.
g. Maintains secure electronic health records.
h. Improves healthcare accessibility in rural and underserved regions.
i. Enhances early detection of pregnancy-related complications.
j. Provides a scalable and cost-effective smart healthcare solution.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The proposed GynoVend prototype was developed to provide an integrated maternal healthcare solution by combining IoT-based health monitoring, AI-powered multilingual voice assistance, telemedicine, and automated medicine dispensing. Functional testing was performed on each module to evaluate system performance, reliability, and usability.

The authentication module successfully registered users using unique patient credentials and securely stored patient information in the database. The multilingual voice assistance module provided clear audio guidance throughout the interaction, enabling users to operate the system independently, regardless of their literacy level. Testing demonstrated smooth navigation with minimal user intervention, making the system suitable for rural and first-time users.

The IoT-based health monitoring module accurately measured essential physiological parameters, including pulse rate, oxygen saturation (SpO_2), body temperature, and body weight. The measured data were transmitted to the cloud database in real time and were immediately available to the consulting gynecologist. Continuous monitoring ensured that doctors received updated health information before initiating the teleconsultation.

The telemedicine module successfully established secure video consultations between pregnant women and available gynecologists. Doctors were able to review the patient's health records, analyze the monitored parameters, communicate through live video, and generate electronic prescriptions. This significantly reduced the need for physical hospital visits while ensuring timely medical consultation.

Following the doctor's prescription, the automated medicine dispensing module accurately dispensed the prescribed medicines and nutritional supplements. The dispensing mechanism verified medicine availability before delivery and minimized the possibility of dispensing errors. The system also generated digital prescriptions and dosage instructions for future reference.

The cloud database effectively maintained patient records, consultation history, medicine inventory, and health reports. Authorized healthcare professionals could securely access these records whenever required, ensuring continuity of care and efficient medical record management.

The proposed system demonstrated several advantages over conventional maternal healthcare services. By integrating multiple healthcare technologies into a single kiosk, GynoVend reduced travel time, minimized waiting periods, improved healthcare accessibility, and supported continuous maternal health monitoring. The multilingual interface further enhanced usability among women with limited literacy or those who primarily communicate in regional languages.

Overall, the prototype successfully validated the feasibility of integrating telemedicine, IoT sensors, AI-based voice assistance, and automated medicine dispensing into a unified maternal healthcare platform. The results indicate that GynoVend has significant potential to improve prenatal healthcare services, particularly in rural and underserved communities where access to specialized gynecological care remains limited.

Table I. Functional Performance Evaluation

Module	Function Tested	Result
User Authentication	Patient registration and login	Successfully completed
Voice Assistance	Regional language guidance	Successfully provided
IoT Health Monitoring	Pulse rate, SpO_2, temperature, weight measurement	Accurate data acquisition
Cloud Database	Data storage and retrieval	Successfully synchronized
Telemedicine	Live video consultation	Successfully established
Electronic Prescription	Prescription generation	Successfully generated
Medicine Dispensing	Automated medicine delivery	Accurate dispensing
Payment Module	Cash, UPI, Card payment	Successfully processed

Discussion

The experimental evaluation demonstrates that GynoVend effectively integrates multiple healthcare technologies into a single maternal healthcare platform. Unlike existing systems that primarily focus on individual functionalities such as telemedicine or medicine dispensing, GynoVend combines remote consultation, real-time health monitoring, multilingual interaction, and automated medicine delivery into one intelligent kiosk.

on of IoT sensors enables continuous health assessment, telemedicine provides immediate access to qualified gynecologists without requiring long-distance travel. AI-based multilingual voice support improves accessibility for rural populations by eliminating language and literacy barriers. Furthermore, automated medicine dispensing ensures that prescribed medications are delivered accurately and promptly after consultation.

Although the current prototype validates the feasibility of the proposed approach, future work will focus on integrating additional diagnostic sensors, AI-based pregnancy risk prediction models, electronic health record interoperability, emergency alert mechanisms, and enhanced cybersecurity features. These improvements will further strengthen the effectiveness, scalability, and reliability of GynoVend as a comprehensive maternal healthcare solution.

V. FUTURE SCOPE

The proposed GynoVend system demonstrates the potential of integrating telemedicine, IoT, artificial intelligence, and automated medicine dispensing into a single maternal healthcare platform. Although the current prototype provides essential pregnancy healthcare services, several enhancements can be incorporated to improve its functionality, scalability, and overall effectiveness.

Future work may focus on integrating additional medical sensors such as blood pressure, blood glucose, fetal heart rate, electrocardiogram (ECG), and urine analysis sensors to enable comprehensive maternal health assessment. These additional diagnostic capabilities would allow early identification of pregnancy-related complications, including gestational diabetes, hypertension, and fetal distress.

Artificial Intelligence can be further enhanced by incorporating machine learning models capable of predicting high-risk pregnancies using historical health records, sensor data, and clinical parameters. Such predictive analytics would assist healthcare professionals in identifying potential complications at an early stage and providing timely medical intervention.

The telemedicine platform can also be expanded to support consultations with specialists such as nutritionists, obstetricians, pediatricians, and mental health professionals, thereby providing comprehensive maternal healthcare throughout pregnancy and the postnatal period.

Future versions of GynoVend may integrate with Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems and national digital healthcare platforms to enable seamless sharing of patient medical history among authorized healthcare providers. This integration would improve continuity of care and reduce duplication of medical records.

To enhance emergency response, the system can incorporate automatic alert mechanisms that notify nearby hospitals, ambulance services, and family members whenever abnormal health parameters or medical emergencies are detected. GPS-based location tracking can further assist emergency healthcare providers in reaching patients quickly.

The multilingual voice assistant can be expanded to support additional Indian regional languages and dialects, making the system more accessible across different geographical regions. AI-powered conversational assistants may also provide personalized pregnancy education, medication reminders, vaccination schedules, and nutritional guidance.

Future research may also explore the deployment of GynoVend in Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres (CHCs), railway stations, bus terminals, public health facilities, and remote villages to increase healthcare accessibility for underserved populations. Integration with solar power systems and offline data synchronization can further improve system reliability in areas with limited electricity and internet connectivity.

Overall, these enhancements will transform GynoVend into a comprehensive, intelligent, and scalable maternal healthcare ecosystem capable of delivering affordable, accessible, and high-quality prenatal care while significantly contributing to the reduction of maternal and neonatal health risks.

VI. CONCLUSION

Maternal healthcare remains a critical challenge in many rural and underserved regions due to limited access to qualified gynecologists, inadequate healthcare infrastructure, language barriers, and financial constraints. These challenges often delay prenatal care, increasing the risk of pregnancy-related complications for both mothers and infants.

This paper presented GynoVend, an intelligent maternal healthcare vending machine that integrates Internet of Things (IoT)-based health monitoring, Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered multilingual voice assistance, telemedicine, and automated medicine dispensing into a single self-service healthcare platform. The proposed system enables pregnant women to monitor essential health parameters, consult qualified gynecologists through real-time video communication, receive personalized pregnancy guidance, and obtain prescribed medicines without the need for frequent hospital visits.

The developed prototype successfully demonstrated the feasibility of integrating these technologies to provide accessible, affordable, and user-friendly maternal healthcare services. The multilingual interface improves usability among women with limited literacy, while IoT-enabled health monitoring and telemedicine facilitate early diagnosis and timely medical intervention. Automated medicine dispensing further enhances healthcare efficiency by ensuring accurate and convenient delivery of prescribed medications.

The proposed system has the potential to significantly improve maternal healthcare accessibility, particularly in remote and resource-constrained communities. By reducing travel time, minimizing healthcare costs, and enabling continuous monitoring, GynoVend contributes to better pregnancy management and supports the goal of reducing maternal and neonatal health risks.

Future enhancements involving advanced AI-based risk prediction, additional diagnostic sensors, Electronic Health Record (EHR) integration, emergency response mechanisms, and large-scale deployment can further strengthen the effectiveness of the system. Overall, GynoVend represents a scalable, innovative, and practical smart healthcare solution capable of transforming maternal healthcare delivery and promoting safer pregnancies through technology-enabled medical services.

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