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An Editorial Note

ICT Utilizations in the Agriculture Emphasizing Agricultural Robots

Robotic applications are important and emerging in diverse areas of Agricultural Sectors and not only applicable in harvesting and picking even in accuracy and speed enhancement in the agricultural systems. In recent past the growth of Agricultural Informatics is noticeable and within this branch Agro Robots is important for improving the size of yields even helps in reducing the waste from crops. Agricultural Informatics helps in finding a location and to get product irrespective and it is helpful in managing dust, temperature, movement of the wind and ultimately Robotic applications helps in the agricultural industry with proper automation. Many future demands regarding the food sector may positively solved by robotic applications. Robotics is useful in pre and post production of agriculture and offers following benefits—

- Regarding the enhancement of the agricultural efficiency
- In enhancing and developing the productivity and amount
- Reducing basic and proper production cost
- In Minimizing in manual labor and HR cost in Agricultural Sectors
- In proper and higher scale of Industrial development
- In enhancing proper and modern harvesting related affairs
- In healthy and adequate manpower involvement in agro and allied areas.

Agricultural robots are useful in contemporary role in the agricultural robots and here artificial intelligence is emergently applied in food crises and regarding the future food demand management. For the worldwide growing population Agricultural robots utilizations is

important; directly and indirectly. Not only in the developed countries even in the developing countries as well the Agricultural robots uses are noticeable these days and a study reveals that Agricultural robots and allied systems may help in reaching up to \$ 35 billion within 2025. As far as traditional farming is concerned the efficiencies many ways possible by the Agricultural robots. There are ample benefits possible using Agricultural robots and AI such as—

- Regarding Planting
- Regarding Seeding of the Corps
- Regarding Monitoring and Managing Corps
- Fertilization Affairs
- Weeding of the Corps
- Proper Harvesting
- In Thinning and Pruning
- Intelligent Tractors and Transportation
- In Shepherding and Herding
- In Process of Milking

Agricultural robots are having different kinds of characteristics and concern and among these few important are include Agricultural robots are costly and thus it may be an important issue in developing countries and therefore proper initiative is expected by the Government, departments, agro firms, NGOs and Charitable Trust, etc. Regarding research and development undertaken in these areas are still limited. As far as proper manpower is concerned in this field, it is still limited and therefore formal education, training programs, etc. be developed and even short term workshop, training may be organized for the benefits of the cultivators and agro professionals. Proper maintenance in Agricultural robots are highly solicited in proper effective uses and also for better productivity. Therefore it should an important step in developing the Agricultural robot applications not only in developed countries but also in developing countries. Due to the effective role of agricultural robots proper business scale may be reached accordingly Environmental monitoring and management

should be also an important concern and such aspects should be the prime important in Advances in ICT and Knowledge Management for overall and sustainable development along with other emerging and advances issues, tools in IT and Computing.

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