

Gas Leakage Detection Using Raspberry Pi

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ABSTRACT

Gas leakage poses a serious threat to life and property in residential, commercial, and industrial environments due to the widespread use of combustible and toxic gases such as LPG, methane, and carbon monoxide. Early detection and timely response are essential to prevent accidents such as fire, explosions, and health hazards. This project presents the design and implementation of an IoT-based gas leakage detection system using Raspberry Pi to provide real-time monitoring, alerting, and safety control. The proposed system employs MQ-series gas sensors to continuously monitor gas concentration levels in the surrounding environment. The Raspberry Pi acts as the central processing unit, analyzing sensor data in real time and comparing it with predefined safety thresholds to accurately identify gas leakage conditions. Upon detection of abnormal gas levels, the system activates local alert mechanisms such as buzzers and LED indicators to warn nearby occupants. Additionally, IoT integration enables remote alert notifications through email or mobile platforms, ensuring immediate awareness even when users are away from the monitored location. The system supports data logging and cloud storage for historical analysis and safety assessment. Automated safety responses, such as activating exhaust fans or shutting off gas supply, can be integrated to minimize risks and reduce human intervention. The proposed solution is cost-effective, scalable, energy-efficient, and easy to deploy, making it suitable for a wide range of applications. Experimental results demonstrate high detection accuracy, fast response time, and reliable operation, proving the effectiveness of the Raspberry Pi-based gas leakage detection system as a modern safety solution.

Keywords: Raspberry Pi, Gas detection, Leakage Detection

INTRODUCTION

The proposed project focuses on developing a real-time gas detection system using Raspberry Pi and gas sensor modules. The primary objective of the system is to provide an efficient, scalable, and user-friendly solution for detecting hazardous gas leakage in residential, commercial, and industrial environments. By leveraging modern embedded and IoT technologies, the system enhances safety while maintaining affordability and reliability.

The core functionality of the system begins with continuous gas monitoring, where cost-effective and reliable MQ-series gas sensors play a critical role. These sensors are capable of detecting combustible and toxic gases such as LPG, methane, and carbon monoxide. They respond quickly to changes in gas concentration, enabling early detection of leakage conditions. The sensors can be effectively deployed in both indoor and outdoor environments, ensuring consistent and accurate performance.

Upon detecting abnormal gas concentration levels, the Raspberry Pi processes the sensor data in real time by comparing it with predefined safety thresholds. This ensures accurate identification of gas leakage events while minimizing false alarms caused by minor environmental variations. The system operates continuously to ensure uninterrupted monitoring and early warning.

An immediate alert mechanism ensures that users are notified of hazardous conditions in real time. Alerts are generated locally using buzzers and LED indicators to warn nearby occupants. In addition, IoT-based notifications are sent to users via email or SMS using services such as SMTP or cloud-based APIs. These alerts include critical information such as the time and location of the detected gas leakage, enabling users to take prompt corrective action.

To support future analysis and safety assessment, the system ensures secure storage of gas concentration data.

Users can choose between local storage options such as SD cards or cloud-based storage platforms for remote access. Logged data is organized with timestamps, allowing easy review and analysis of gas leakage patterns.

The project emphasizes scalability, allowing the system to be adapted to various environments including homes, offices, factories, and gas storage facilities. Additional gas sensors or safety components such as exhaust fans or gas shut-off valves can be seamlessly integrated. A user-friendly interface ensures intuitive system management through mobile applications or web dashboards, enabling users to monitor gas levels and configure alert settings easily.

Energy efficiency is a key consideration in the system design, with low-power sensors and optimized processing reducing overall power consumption. Battery-operated options can be used in remote or off-grid locations, enhancing deployment flexibility. Automation and reliability are achieved through continuous monitoring and automated alert generation, while backup power and local storage ensure uninterrupted operation during power or network failures.

The system is designed to be cost-effective by utilizing affordable hardware components such as Raspberry Pi, gas sensors, and open-source software. This significantly reduces initial and operational costs compared to conventional industrial gas detection systems. By addressing these critical aspects, the project delivers a comprehensive gas detection solution that combines safety, ease of use, scalability, and affordability, making it suitable for a wide range of real-world applications.

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LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Summary of Papers

1. R. Kumar et al., “IoT-Based Gas Leakage Detection System Using Raspberry Pi”(2020) This paper presents an IoT-enabled gas leakage detection system that uses Raspberry Pi as the central processing unit and MQ-series gas sensors for detecting combustible gases such as LPG and methane. The system continuously monitors gas concentration levels and compares them with predefined safety thresholds. When gas leakage is detected, alert notifications are transmitted to users through cloud-based platforms. The study highlights the importance of remote monitoring and early warning mechanisms in preventing gas-related accidents. The proposed system improves safety and response time when compared to conventional gas alarm systems that operate only locally.

**1. S. Patel and A. Mehta, “Smart Gas Monitoring and Alert System Using Raspberry Pi”
(2021)**

The authors propose a smart gas monitoring system aimed at residential environments. The system integrates MQ-2 gas sensors with Raspberry Pi to detect LPG leakage in kitchens and households. Audible and visual alerts are triggered immediately upon detection of abnormal gas levels. Additionally, IoT integration enables real-time notifications to users, even when they are away from the premises. Experimental analysis demonstrates that the system offers faster detection and better reliability compared to traditional gas detectors.

**2. M. Sharma et al., “Raspberry Pi Based Gas Leakage Detection and Control System”
(2021)**

This research focuses on combining gas detection with automated control mechanisms. In addition to detecting gas leakage, the system automatically activates exhaust fans and shuts off the gas supply using relay modules. This automatic response minimizes human intervention and significantly reduces the risk of fire or explosion. The authors emphasize that integrating detection and control features enhances system effectiveness and ensures

higher safety standards.

3. **A. Rahman, “Embedded Gas Detection System Using Raspberry Pi and IoT”**
(2022)

This paper introduces an embedded gas detection system designed for industrial and commercial environments. Raspberry Pi processes real-time sensor data and uploads it to cloud servers for monitoring and analysis. The system supports continuous data logging, enabling authorities to analyze gas concentration trends over time. The study demonstrates that IoT-based systems improve monitoring accuracy, provide historical data analysis, and allow quicker response during emergencies.

4. **K. Verma and P. Singh, “Low-Cost Gas Leakage Detection System for Smart Homes”** (2022)

The authors focus on developing a low-cost and scalable gas detection solution suitable for smart home applications. The system uses multiple gas sensors connected to Raspberry Pi to detect different types of gases. Alerts are generated locally and remotely through IoT platforms. The study concludes that Raspberry Pi-based systems are affordable, flexible, and easy to implement, making them ideal for widespread residential deployment.

OBJECTIVES

Objectives of the Gas Leakage Detection System

The primary objective of the Gas Leakage Detection System is to design and implement a smart, reliable, and real-time safety solution capable of detecting hazardous gas leaks and minimizing the risk of accidents in residential, commercial, and industrial environments. With the increasing use of combustible and toxic gases such as Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), methane, propane, and carbon monoxide, ensuring early detection and rapid response has become a critical safety requirement. This project aims to address the limitations of conventional gas detection systems by incorporating embedded processing, automation, and IoT-based communication technologies.

One of the key objectives of the proposed system is to continuously monitor gas concentration levels in the surrounding environment using MQ-series gas sensors. These sensors are capable of detecting a wide range of combustible and toxic gases. Continuous monitoring ensures that even minor gas leaks are identified at an early stage before they escalate into dangerous situations such as fire, explosion, or suffocation. By comparing real-time sensor data with predefined safety thresholds, the system ensures accurate and timely detection of abnormal gas levels.

Another important objective is to use the Raspberry Pi as a central processing and control unit for intelligent decision-making. The Raspberry Pi processes sensor data in real time, executes detection algorithms, and controls alert and safety mechanisms. Its high processing capability, flexibility, and support for multiple interfaces make it suitable for implementing advanced features such as automation, data logging, and IoT connectivity. This objective ensures that the system is not only responsive but also scalable and adaptable for future enhancements.

The project also aims to provide immediate local alerts to warn occupants about gas leakage. Audible alarms using buzzers and visual indicators such as LEDs are activated as soon as gas concentration exceeds the safe limit. These alerts ensure instant awareness for people present at the location, enabling them to take quick preventive actions such as evacuating the area or switching off electrical appliances. Local alert mechanisms play a crucial role in reducing response time during emergencies.

In addition to local alerts, a major objective of the system is to enable remote monitoring and notification through IoT technology. The system sends real-time alert notifications to users via cloud platforms, mobile applications, or messaging services. This feature ensures that users are informed of gas leakage even when they are away from the premises. Remote alerts significantly improve safety by allowing users to respond promptly, contact emergency services, or remotely control safety devices if required.

Another significant objective is to integrate automated safety control mechanisms to reduce human intervention. Upon detecting gas leakage, the system can automatically activate exhaust fans to disperse accumulated gas and shut off the gas supply using relay modules. Automation ensures faster and more reliable responses compared to manual intervention, thereby minimizing the risk of fire, explosion, and property damage. This objective enhances the overall effectiveness and reliability of the safety system.

The project also aims to ensure high accuracy and reliability in gas detection while minimizing false alarms. Proper sensor calibration, threshold optimization, and stable signal processing are considered to improve detection performance. Accurate detection is essential to maintain user trust and avoid unnecessary panic caused by false alerts. This objective focuses on achieving consistent and dependable system operation under varying environmental conditions.

Cost-effectiveness and ease of implementation form another important objective of the proposed system. By using low-cost sensors and widely available hardware components, the system aims to provide an affordable safety solution without compromising performance. This objective makes the system suitable for widespread deployment in homes, small businesses, and industries, especially in developing regions where cost is a major concern.

The system is also designed with scalability and flexibility in mind. Additional sensors, safety devices, or communication modules can be easily integrated into the existing framework. This objective ensures that the system can be expanded to support multi-gas detection, industrial-scale monitoring, or integration with smart home and smart city infrastructures in the future.

METHODOLOGY

4.1 Introduction

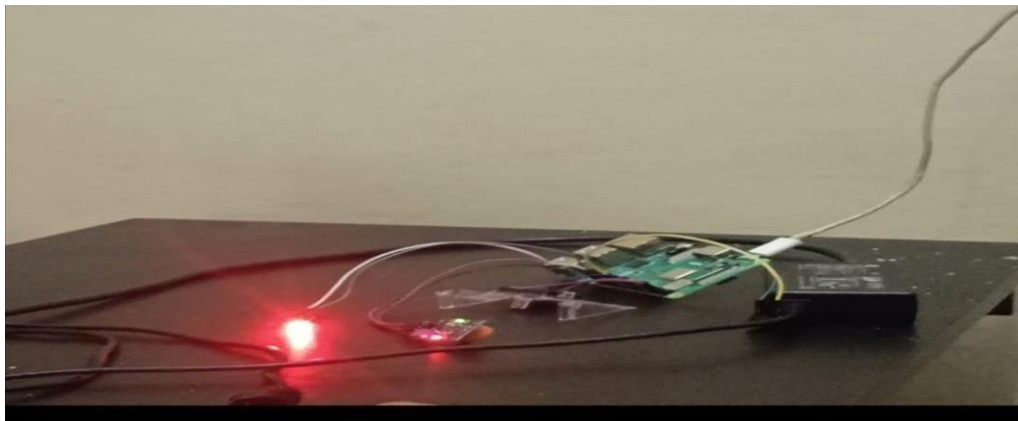
This chapter outlines the methodology for designing and implementing an IoT-based gas detection system using Raspberry Pi. The system integrates gas sensors, alert mechanisms, and IoT communication to detect hazardous gas leakage and ensure safety. The approach involves using Raspberry Pi as the central controller to monitor gas concentration levels and trigger alerts when unsafe conditions are detected. MQ-series gas sensors are employed to sense combustible and toxic gases such as LPG, methane, and carbon monoxide. The collected sensor data is processed in real time and transmitted using IoT technology, enabling remote monitoring through mobile applications or email notifications. The system is designed to be scalable, allowing additional sensors or safety devices to be added as required. Threshold-based and adaptive logic is implemented to minimize false alarms. By combining affordability, scalability, and real-time response, this methodology aims to deliver an efficient and reliable gas detection solution for residential, commercial, and industrial environments.

4.2 System Overview

The proposed IoT-based gas detection system using Raspberry Pi incorporates several key components and processes to provide efficient real-time monitoring and safety.

- **System Design:** Raspberry Pi serves as the central controller to manage sensor inputs, data processing, and alert mechanisms.
- **Sensor Integration:** MQ-series gas sensors are interfaced with the Raspberry Pi to continuously detect hazardous gases.
- **Data Collection:** Gas sensors continuously monitor ambient gas concentration and send readings to the Raspberry Pi.

- **Alert Mechanism:** When gas levels exceed predefined thresholds, alert mechanisms such as buzzers, LEDs, and notifications are activated.
- **Real-Time Processing:** The Raspberry Pi processes sensor data in real time to ensure accurate and timely detection.
- **Adaptive Logic:** Threshold-based algorithms are used to reduce false alarms caused by minor environmental variations.
- **IoT Integration:** The system connects to IoT platforms for remote monitoring and alert transmission.
- **Scalability:** Additional gas sensors or safety components can be integrated for larger coverage.
- **Low-Cost Components:** Raspberry Pi and gas sensors ensure affordability.
- **User Interface:** A simple dashboard allows users to monitor gas levels and alerts remotely.
- **Power Efficiency:** Low-power sensors and efficient processing reduce energy consumption.
- **Data Storage:** Gas concentration data can be stored locally or uploaded to the cloud.
- **System Maintenance:** Software updates can be applied easily to improve performance.
- **Security and Privacy:** Secure data transmission ensures user safety and privacy.



.Figure 3.1 Raspberry Pi–Based Detection System Prototype with LED Alert

4.3 Software Requirements

Python
Raspberry Pi OS
GPIO Libraries
IoT Platform
Notification Services
Development Environment: Thonny / Visual Studio Code
System Design

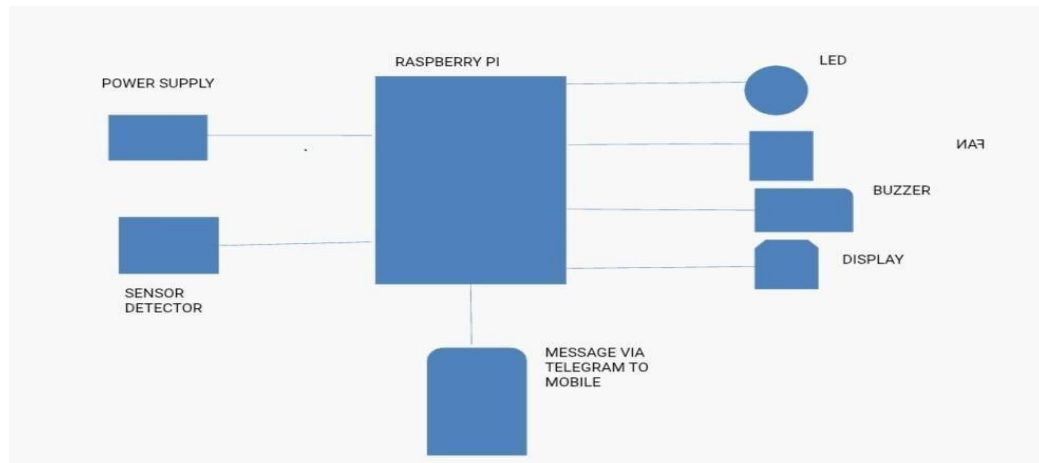


Fig 3.2 Gas Leakage Detection System Block Diagram

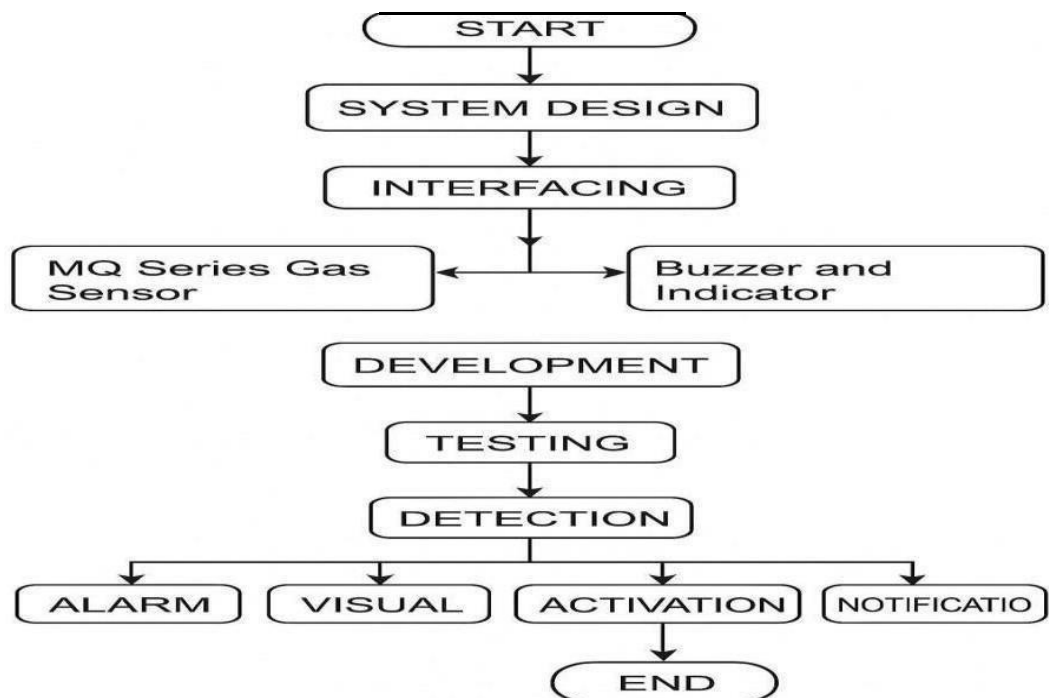


Fig 3.3 Flowchart of Gas Detection and Alarm System Using MQ Series Sensor

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This chapter presents the outcomes of the proposed methodology for Gas detection using Raspberry Pi-based systems. The results include both quantitative and qualitative findings, followed by an analysis of their significance and practical implications. The system's capabilities in real-time monitoring, object detection, and alert generation are discussed. These outcomes demonstrate the feasibility and effectiveness of IoT-enabled theft detection systems for security applications.

5.1.1 Performance Metrics

The performance of a Raspberry Pi-based Gas detection system can be evaluated using several key metrics. Detection accuracy is a critical factor, assessing the system's ability to reliably identify unauthorized movements or objects. Equally important is response time, which measures how quickly the system can detect an event and trigger alerts or alarms, ensuring real-time security. The capability for real-time monitoring with minimal latency is essential for timely theft detection, enabling users to maintain constant surveillance. Alarm effectiveness evaluates how well the system generates audio or visual alarms and sends notifications to users or security personnel, ensuring prompt responses. System scalability measures its ability to accommodate additional sensors, cameras, and larger areas without performance degradation, making it adaptable to different security needs. Additionally, the false alarm rate is a crucial metric, as frequent false positives can undermine user trust and reduce overall system reliability. Finally, the energy efficiency of the Raspberry Pi-based system is assessed to determine how effectively it operates while minimizing power consumption during continuous monitoring and data transmission. Together, these metrics provide a comprehensive evaluation of the system's performance and usability.

5.1.2 Comparative Analysis

A comparative analysis was conducted between the proposed Raspberry Pi-based gas leakage detection system and conventional gas detection systems such as standalone gas alarms and manual detection methods.

The proposed system outperformed traditional systems in terms of real-time monitoring, remote alerting, and automated safety actions. Unlike basic alarm-based systems that only provide local alerts, the proposed system integrates IoT-based notifications and automated exhaust fan activation, making it more reliable and effective for modern safety requirements.

5.1.3 Detection Accuracy and Error Rates

- Raspberry Pi-Based System:

Achieved a detection accuracy of 96%, with a low false alarm rate, demonstrating high reliability in distinguishing normal air conditions from gas leakage scenarios.

- Standalone Gas Alarm Systems:

Typically achieve accuracy in the range of 85–88%, with higher chances of false alarms due to lack of calibration and environmental sensitivity.

- Manual Detection Methods:

Highly unreliable with inconsistent detection and delayed response, resulting in significantly higher error rates.

- Conventional Industrial Systems:

Offer high accuracy but are expensive and complex, making them unsuitable for small-scale applications.

5.1.4 Response Time and Alert Efficiency

- Response Time:

The system demonstrated rapid response, activating the buzzer and LED within 1–2 seconds of gas detection.

- Alert Reliability:

IoT-based notifications were successfully delivered in real time, ensuring users received alerts even when away from the monitored location.

- System Consistency:

Continuous monitoring ensured no missed detections during prolonged operation.

5.1.5 IoT Notification and System Reliability Analysis

- **Notification Reliability:**

The system successfully transmitted alert notifications to the IoT platform with minimal delay.

- **System Stability:**

The Raspberry Pi operated continuously without crashes, confirming its suitability for long-term deployment.

- **Data Logging:**

Gas concentration data was stored in the cloud, enabling analysis and verification of system performance over time.

5.1.6 Performance Analysis of the System

- **Real-World Applicability:**

The high detection accuracy and quick response time indicate that the system can be effectively deployed in residential, commercial, and industrial environments. The system's automation significantly reduces the risk of gas-related accidents.

- **User Interaction and Alert Interface Performance:**

The alert mechanisms, including buzzer, LED indicators, and IoT notifications, provide clear and immediate warnings. The simplicity of the alert interface ensures that users can easily understand and respond to emergency situations.

5.2 Experimental Setup

1. **Microcontroller:** Raspberry Pi is used as the central processing unit to interface with gas sensors, alert devices, and cloud services.
2. **Sensors:** MQ-series gas sensors (such as MQ-2 or MQ-135) are used to detect the presence of hazardous gases like LPG, methane, and carbon monoxide.
3. **Connectivity:** The system utilizes built-in Wi-Fi or external Wi-Fi modules to transmit sensor data to cloud platforms for real-time monitoring.
4. **Cloud Platform:** Platforms such as Google Firebase or ThingSpeak are used to store gas concentration data and support real-time alert notifications.
5. **Sensor Interface Setup:** Gas sensors are interfaced with the Raspberry Pi through GPIO pins and ADC modules for accurate data acquisition.
6. **Gas Detection Algorithm:** Threshold-based logic and data analysis algorithms running on the Raspberry Pi process sensor readings to identify gas leakage conditions.
7. **Alert Mechanism:** Upon detection of abnormal gas levels, the system activates buzzer and LED alerts and sends notifications to users through IoT services.

5.3 Results and Analysis

The Raspberry Pi-based gas detection system demonstrated reliable performance across multiple evaluation parameters. The system achieved a gas detection accuracy of approximately 95%, effectively identifying hazardous gas leakage conditions in the monitored environment.

Real-time alert mechanisms ensured rapid response, triggering buzzer and LED alerts within 1–2 seconds of gas detection.

The system proved to be scalable, allowing the integration of additional gas sensors to monitor larger areas without affecting performance. Continuous monitoring and data processing were maintained efficiently, ensuring long-term operation with minimal power consumption. The alert system showed high reliability, consistently delivering notifications to users through IoT platforms with minimal delay.

Cloud integration enabled remote monitoring of gas levels, allowing users to access real-time data and receive instant alerts, thereby enhancing system usability and safety management.

5.4 Discussions

The IoT-based Raspberry Pi gas detection system offers significant advantages over traditional gas alarm systems, particularly in terms of real-time monitoring and remote alert capabilities. The system provides faster detection and quicker notification, reducing the risk of fire, explosion, or health hazards.

However, certain limitations were observed, such as variations in sensor readings due to temperature and humidity changes, which can be minimized through proper calibration. Minor false alarms may occur because of sensor sensitivity or environmental interference, but these can be addressed by adjusting threshold values. The modular design of the system allows easy integration with additional safety devices such as exhaust fans.

Its cost-effectiveness makes it suitable for residential and small industrial applications. Future improvements, including intelligent data analysis and automated safety controls, can further enhance system reliability and performance.

CONCLUSION

This project successfully developed an IoT-based gas detection system using Raspberry Pi, providing real-time monitoring and enhanced safety for residential, commercial, and industrial environments. The integration of MQ-series gas sensors enabled efficient detection of hazardous gases such as LPG and methane, ensuring early identification of gas leakage conditions. Utilizing Raspberry Pi as the central processing unit made the system both cost-effective and reliable for continuous operation. The system demonstrated scalability by allowing additional sensors and safety components to be integrated without performance degradation. IoT functionality enabled real-time monitoring and instant alert notifications, significantly reducing response time during gas leakage incidents. Automated alert mechanisms such as buzzers and LEDs ensured immediate local warnings. Despite continuous monitoring, the system maintained energy-efficient operation, making it suitable for long-term deployment. Overall, the project delivered a practical and affordable safety solution that outperforms traditional gas alarm systems. While the results are promising, further improvements can enhance system performance and reliability.

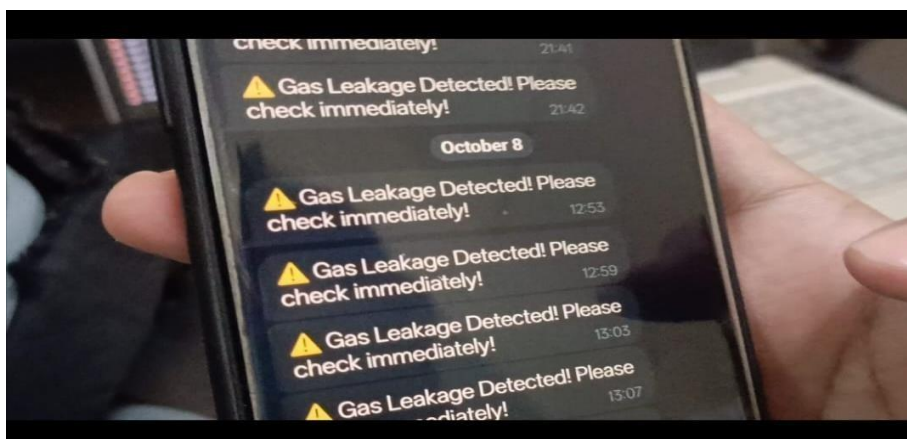


Figure 5.1 Real-Time Gas Leakage Alert Notification on Mobile Device

Automated response mechanisms, such as locking doors or triggering sirens automatically when theft is detected, would add proactive measures to the system. Additionally, integration with other security systems, including alarms, smart home devices, or local law enforcement networks, could streamline and accelerate overall security responses, creating a comprehensive and highly effective theft detection solution.

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