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SMART AIR PURIFIER **IITM Technology Available for Licensing**

Problem Statement

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- > Indoor air quality (IAQ) is a major concern as people spend about 90% of time in indoor environments, where concentrations of many pollutants are frequently higher (up to five times) than in outdoor urban air.
- > There is need for air filter with wide range applicability in indoor environments like residential, commercial, institutional and industrial localities that can bring down the pollutant concentrations and to provide healthy air to the people.

Technology Category/Market

Category – Environmental Engineering

Applications –Air Purifiers, consumer technology, petrochemicals and manufacturing, industrial air cleaning systems, Clean Energy

Industry – Consumer Technology, Environmental Engineering

Market -The global air purifier market size was estimated at USD 13.97 billion in 2022 and is anticipated to expand at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.3% from 2023 to 2030.

Key Features / Value Proposition

• **Technical perspective**

- Centrifugal fan is capable of providing **nominal** flow rates even with high pressure drops thereby consuming lesser energy than ordinary axial fans.
- □ Filter is filled with media like HEPA, activated charcoal, activated alumina or naturally occurring zeolites etc.
- Deviator plate for the outflow to get greater mixing ratio

٠ User perspective

- □ Energy –efficient, Portable and require less maintenance cost
- □ Cost- effective, compact and user-friendly design
- Reusable filter

Technology

The invention discloses an air purifying device for purifying contaminated air within a space comprising:

a cylindrical body with perforation

a filter with sorbent media placed within the cylindrical body

centrifugal fan for suction of air

a deviator plate uniformly distribute purified air through the space

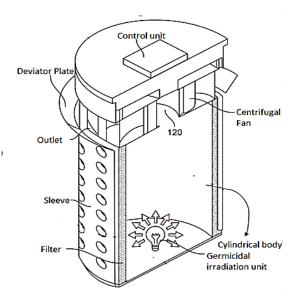


Fig 1 shows the cross sectional view of the design that illustrates the components of a smart air purifier

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Body and sleeve are configured to be displaced with reference to each other where the body comprises perforations that open to allow the inflow of contaminated air into the air purifier through the perforations in the outer sleeve

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- □ The opening and closing of the perforations is accomplished by a motorized arrangement
- □ The centrifugal fan is configured to draw air into the cylindrical body, through a filter and centrifugally expel the air in all directions, i.e. 360° about the axis of the body, through outlets .
- A control unit is configured to control the speed of the fan motor and to open/close the perforations.
- Air expelled from the outlets is deflected by a deviator plate which is conformed in truncated conical shape to cause uniform distribution of purified air through the space
- □ Further includes a germicidal irradiation unit, to irradiate any bio particulates entering the interior of the cylindrical body

Image

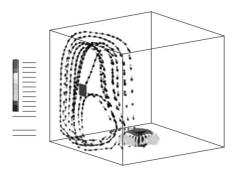


FIG. 2(a) illustrates CFD flow simulation results of an air purifier having 180° deviating plate angle.

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FIG. 2(b) illustrates CFD flow simulation results of an air purifier having 60° deviating plate angle

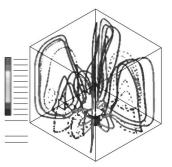


Fig.2(c) illustrates CFD flow simulation results of a smart air purifier having 45° deviating plate angle

Intellectual Property

- IITM IDF Ref. 1412
- IN427740- Granted

TRL (Technology Readiness Level)

TRL-3 Experimental Proof of concept

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