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AN ELECTROMECHANICAL SYSTEM AND DEVICE UTILIZING **GRAVITATIONAL POTENTIAL TO CONDENSE ATMOSPHERIC WATER IITM Technology Available for Licensing**

Problem Statement

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- Existing atmospheric water harvesting technologies are often bulky, electricitydependent, and unaffordable for rural and lower-class communities.
- Prior inventions lack compactness, simplicity, and affordability. hindering adoption by marginalized populations.
- The need for continuous electricity supply restricts accessibility to water in regions with unreliable power infrastructure.
- Therefore, there is a gap in the market for a portable, mechanically-operated, affordable, and easily deployable atmospheric water harvesting solution suitable for rural and lower-class demographics.

Intellectual Property

- IITM IDF Ref. 1838
- IN 383867 Patent Granted

Technology Category/ Market

Renewable Energy and Sustainable Water Solutions

Applications- Remote Communities and Disaster Relief, Off-Grid Living

Industry- Renewable Energy Solutions, Water Treatment and Management

Market-The global atmospheric water generator market size stood at US\$ 3.3 Bn in 2022, and is estimated to increase at a CAGR of 16.3% from 2023 to 2031.

TRL (Technology Readiness Level)

TRL - 3: Proof of concept stage

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Fig. 1. illustrates a front view of the apparatus.

Technology

The invention aims to utilize an electromechanical system to efficiently condense atmospheric water by converting gravitational potential energy.

It involves three main subsystems: a condenser, a generator, and a lifter, with a focus on utilizing thermoelectric cooling and mechanical power generation.



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Key Features / Value Proposition

- 1. Innovative Water Harvesting Solution:
- •Offers an innovative electromechanical system harnessing gravitational potential to efficiently condense atmospheric water, addressing the pressing need for sustainable water sources.

2. Affordable and Accessible:

•Achieves functional hepatocyte differentiation in just 14 days, providing a time-efficient alternative to the conventional 28-day duration associated with growth factor-based methods.

3. Reliable and Sustainable:

•Ensures reliability and sustainability by leveraging gravitational power for consistent operation, making it suitable for regions with limited infrastructure and addressing the global water crisis.



Fig. 2. illustrates a mechanical subsystem.



Fig. 3. illustrates a gear subsystem.

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