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Smart Traffic Management: Enhancing Urban Mobility through Predictive Analysis and AI-Driven Solutions

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Abstract: *In urban environments, the issue of unauthorized parking in designated no-parking zones persists, leading to traffic congestion and safety hazards. inaccurate license plate recognition, License plate (LP) detection is a crucial task for Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) systems. Most existing LP detection networks can detect License plates, but their accuracy suffers when license plates (LPs) are tilted or deformed due to perspective distortion. This leading to difficulties in identifying vehicle owners. To address this challenge, this project present TraceMe, a predictive system utilizing advanced machine learning algorithms. The system employs YOLOv8 for efficient object detection, focusing on identifying vehicles in no-parking zones, and Tesseract OCR for accurate license plate recognition. The extracted license plate information is then processed by a machine learning model trained to predict the owner of the vehicle. The proposed system involves collecting and annotating a diverse dataset, training YOLOv8 and LPRNet model for vehicle number plate detection, utilizing Tesseract OCR for license plate extraction, and implementing a machine learning model for owner identification. Real-time processing and integration with surveillance systems allow for immediate identification of unauthorized parking incidents. The system generates alerts or notifications, aiding law enforcement in enforcing parking regulations.TraceMe not only provides a technological solution to mitigate unauthorized parking but also contributes to improved traffic management and public safety.*

Keywords: Automatic License Plate Recognition

I. INTRODUCTION

The TraceMe project boasts a broad scope, intending to revolutionize the enforcement of no-parking regulations through cutting-edge technologies and comprehensive functionalities. At its core, the project aims to implement a predictive analysis module utilizing advanced machine learning algorithms to identify potential no-parking violations in real-time. This includes the deployment of the LPRNet model for precise license plate recognition, incorporating YOLOv8 for efficient object detection, and leveraging Tesseract OCR for accurate character recognition on license plates. The user interface is designed to be user-friendly, providing real-time alerts, visualizations, and tools for traffic police officers to manage and respond to violations effectively. Administrators are empowered with functionalities such as uploading and managing license plate datasets, building and training machine learning models, and maintaining user hierarchies. The system caters to traffic police officers, offering tools for uploading car images, receiving detailed vehicle information, and taking enforcement actions, such as issuing warnings or fines. Communication channels are established to notify vehicle owners about warnings, fines, or towing actions through SMS alerts, promoting awareness and compliance. Dynamic dataset management capabilities allow for continuous training and updating of the LPRNet model, ensuring adaptability to changing scenarios and evolving license plate patterns. Integration with existing traffic management systems and infrastructure is a key consideration for seamless

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adoption. The system is designed to be scalable, accommodating potential future enhancements, additional features, and increased data volumes. Robust security measures are implemented to protect sensitive information and ensure compliance with data privacy regulations. In addition to efficient enforcement, the project emphasizes real-time analytics and reporting, providing administrators and traffic police with valuable insights into parking violations and enforcement activities. positioning it as a holistic solution for ushering in a new era of proactive, transparent, and technology-driven urban traffic management.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

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III. METHODOLOGY

TraceMe Web App: Frontend built with HTML, CSS, JS; backend with Flask; MySQL for data storage; TensorFlow/Keras for ML; Pandas for data processing; WampServer2i for local testing; Flask-Login for authentication.

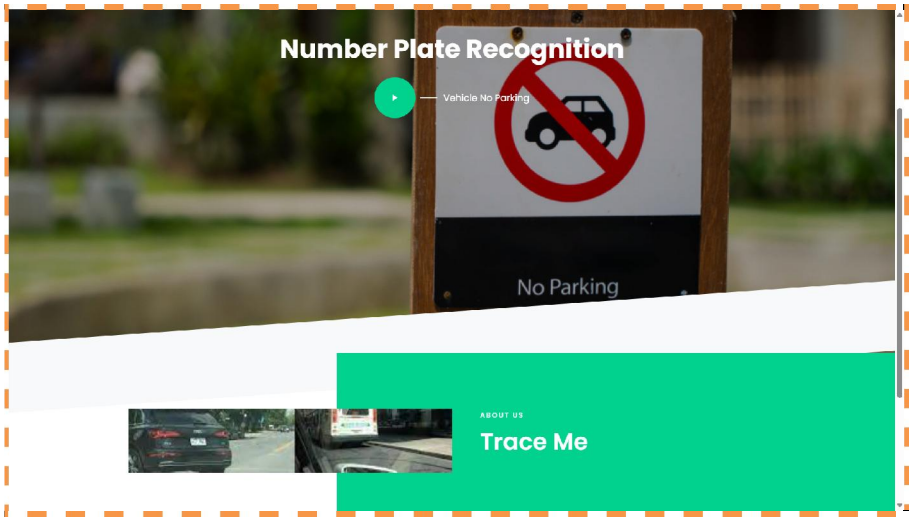
End User Interface: Admin manages datasets, trains models, manages users; Traffic Police upload images, receive vehicle info, issue warnings/fines; Vehicle Owners receive SMS notifications.

LPRNet Model Build and Train: Dataset collected from Kaggle; imported to TraceMe; visualized and pre-processed; segmented using RPN; feature extraction with GLCM; classification with CNN; trained and deployed in TraceMe.

LP Predictor System: Traffic Police input license plate image; YoloV8 detects plate; Tesseract OCR for character recognition; owner identification from RTO database.

Traffic Police Action: Communicate with vehicle owner via automated SMS alerts; issue warnings, fines, or towing notifications based on identification results.

IV. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS



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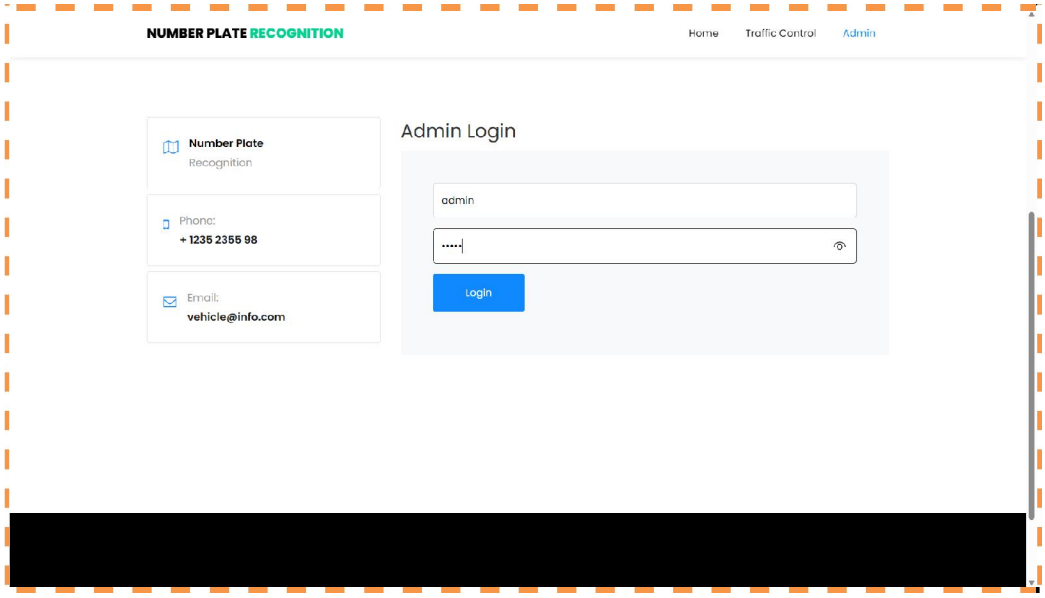

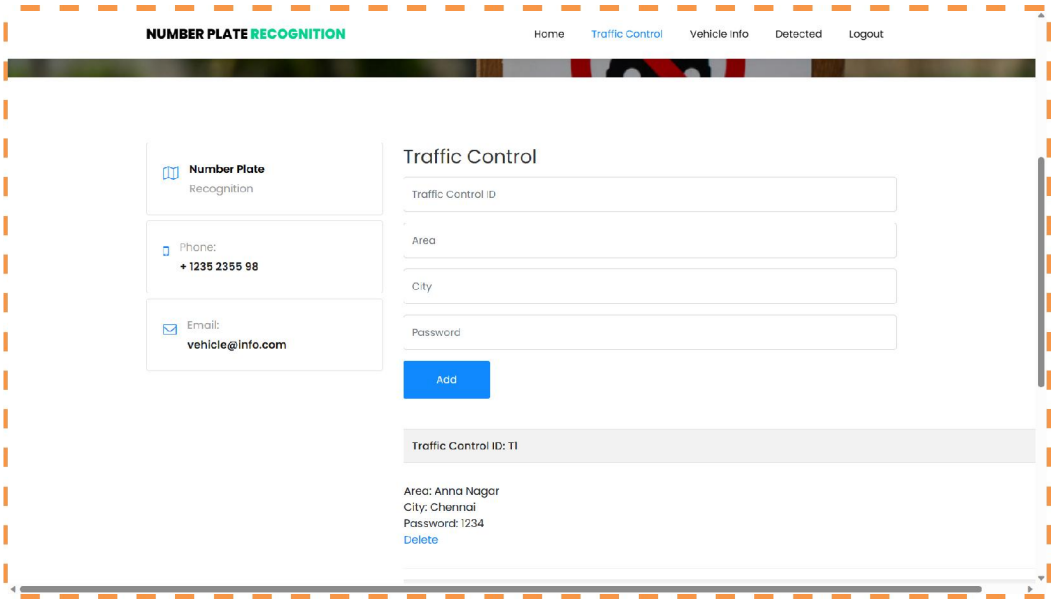

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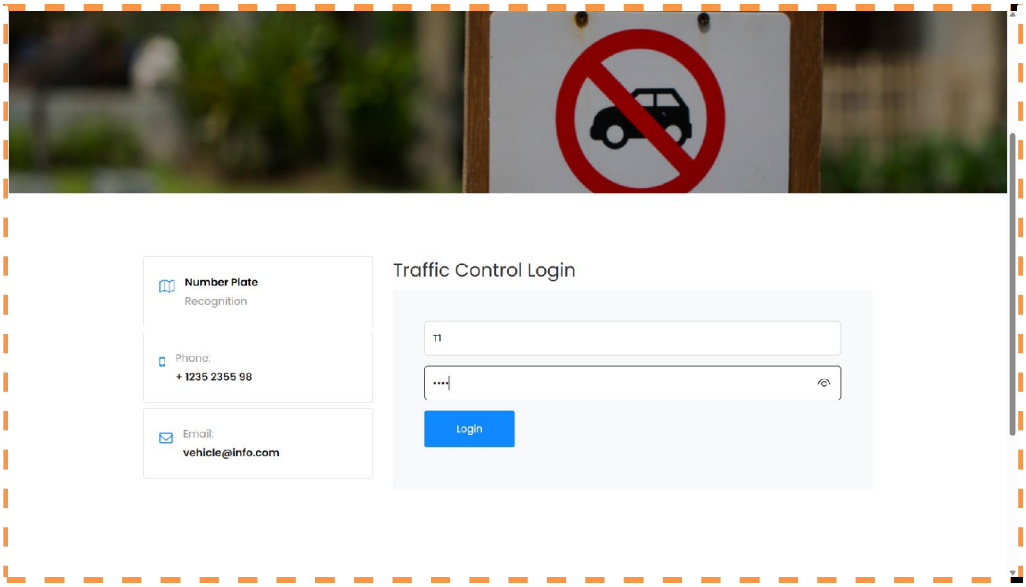

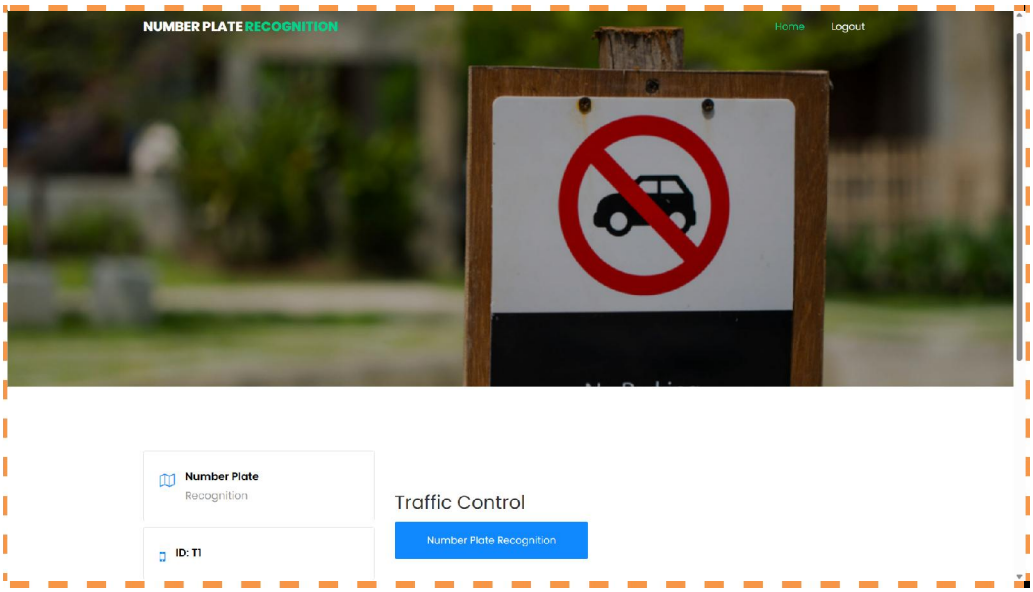

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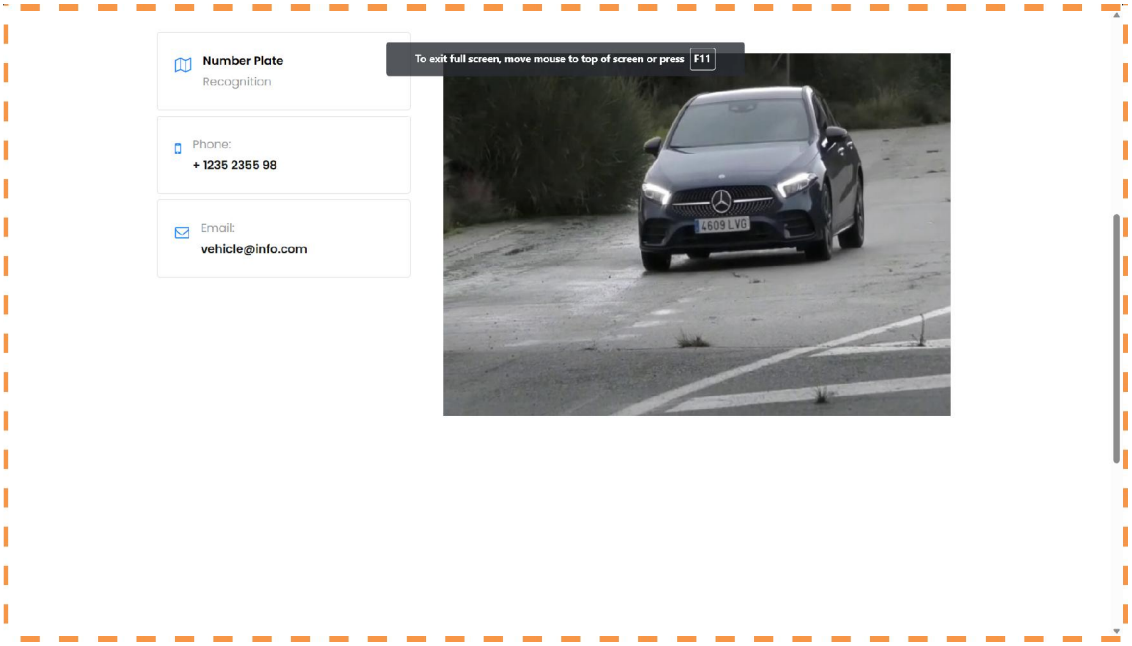

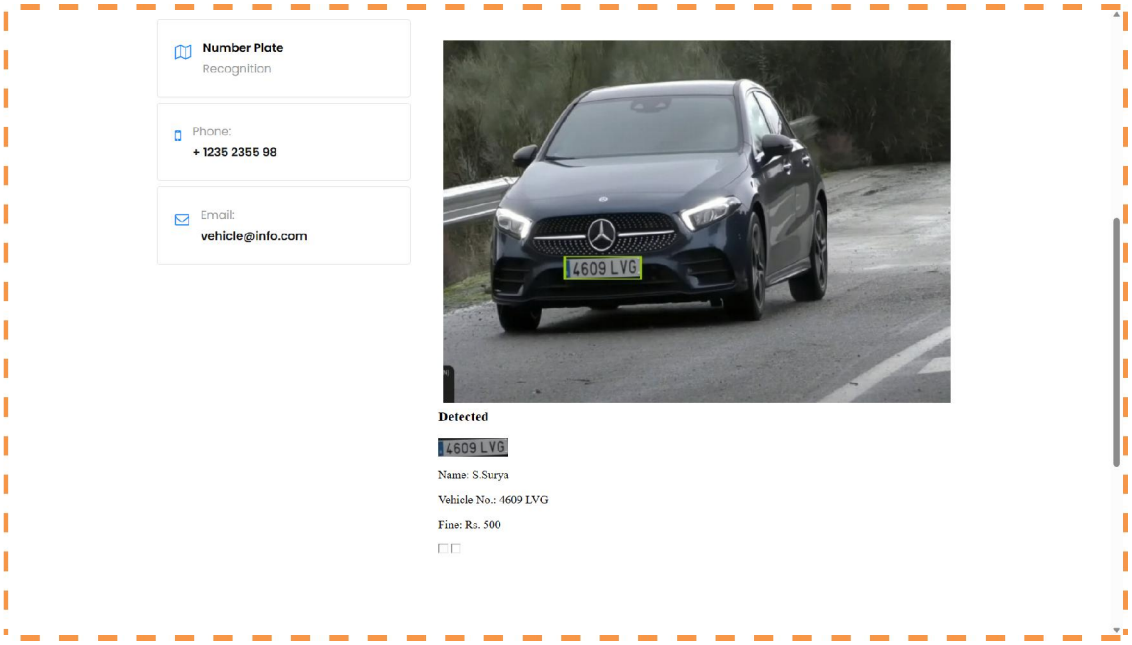

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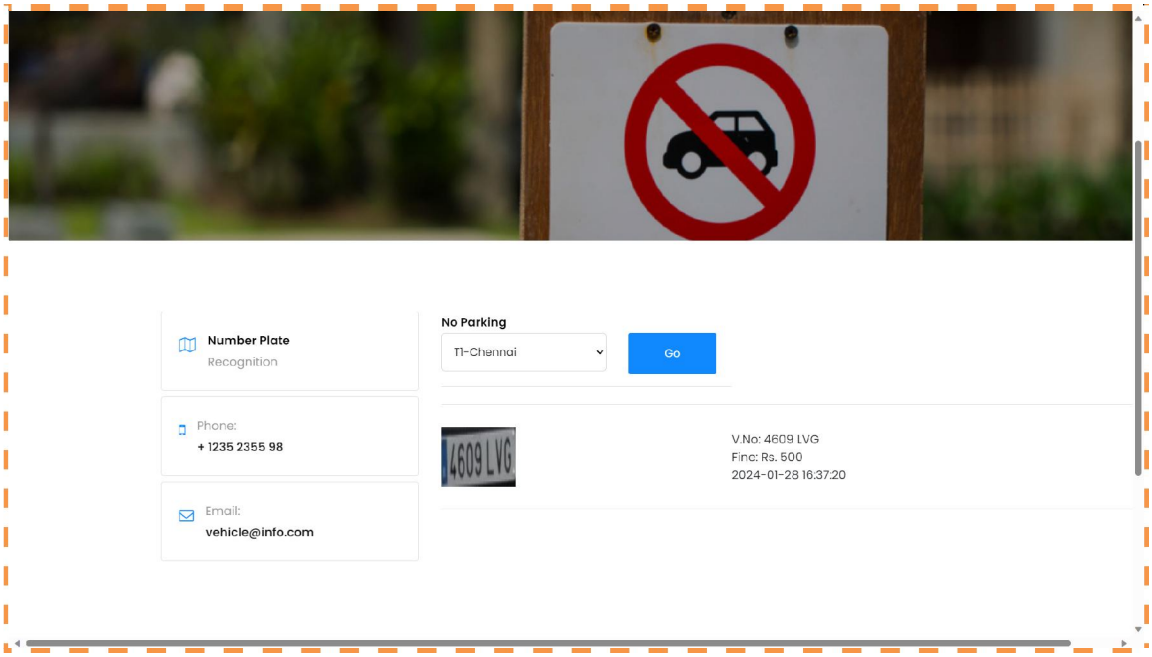

V. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the TraceMe project represents a sophisticated and integrated solution for predictive no-parking vehicle owner identification. The development encompasses a user-friendly web application with a robust backend, facilitating seamless communication between different modules. The multi-faceted approach includes the design and training of the LPRNet model, efficient object detection using YOLOv8, and character recognition through Tesseract OCR. The web application's end-user interface caters to distinct roles, ensuring efficient management by administrators, proactive enforcement by traffic police, and transparent communication with vehicle owners. Admins play a pivotal role in dataset management, model training, and maintaining user hierarchies, while traffic police benefit from real-time identification tools and automated workflows for violation enforcement. Vehicle owners, on the other hand, receive prompt SMS notifications, fostering awareness and compliance. The LPRNet model, built and trained with a diverse dataset, serves as the backbone of the predictive system. Leveraging advanced techniques such as feature extraction using GLCM and classification using CNN, the model demonstrates high accuracy in license plate recognition. The integration of YOLOv8 and Tesseract OCR enhances the system's capabilities, providing a comprehensive solution for accurate vehicle owner identification. The LP Predictor System, with its interconnected modules, streamlines the entire process, from license plate input to communication with vehicle owners. Traffic police actions, facilitated by the LP Predictor System, ensure effective enforcement, emphasizing communication through automated alerts and SMS notifications. In essence, TraceMe stands as an innovative solution that not only addresses the challenges of no-parking violations but also promotes efficiency, transparency, and user engagement. The project's success lies in its holistic design, incorporating machine learning, web development, and real-time communication strategies to create a powerful tool for urban traffic management. As the system continues to evolve, it holds the potential to significantly contribute to urban planning and enforcement, making cities more accessible and sustainable.

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