

## Drone Technology in Construction Industry

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### Abstract

Technology plays a pivotal role in shaping construction industry. Adoption of new trends, tools, software and technology would motivate to minimize problems that arise during use of drones in construction. The paper not only elaborates previous reviews on Drone Technology (DT) in Construction Industry (CI), but also explores extensive literature review on (i) classification of drones, construction software used with drone, (iii) overview of utility of DT in construction and related industries (iv) recent construction technology trends, tools and techniques accomplish with drone technology. This is basically a review paper. The aim of this paper is to study the potential of DT in construction industry, extended it to understand the following issues in better way (i) benefits and impacts of drone in CI, (ii) record disadvantage of drone in CI (iii) integration of BIM with DT at substantial length and volume (iv) extensive description and enumeration on applications and uses of drones in CI (v) use of drone at each stage of construction stage to monitor the progress of construction rightly from the purchase of land to close out the project (vi) lastly appended a note on the impact of COVID-19 on construction. This study (2012-2024) also discusses challenges, opportunities, limitations, and strategies for the adoption of drones in construction. It assists to contractors, building planners, designers, academicians, engineers, and architects to improve the construction activities for greater efficiency and better performance. It also motivates towards inclusion of these technologies in the curriculum in Architecture Engineering.

**Keywords:** Drone Technology (DT), Construction Industry (CI), Classification of Drones, Construction Software Used with Drones, Utility of DT In Construction and Related Industries, Construction Technology Trends, Tools and Techniques with Drone Technology, Benefits and Impacts of Drones in CI, Disadvantages of Drones in CI, Integration of BIM With DT, Applications and Uses of Drones in CI, Monitoring Construction Progress, Impact of COVID-19 On Construction.

### 1. Introduction

The development business is seeing a quick mix of cutting-edge innovations pointed toward upgrading pace, precision, and security in development projects. Present day advancements are being conveyed to speed up project execution, and close by, checking strategies are being modernized too. Drones have arisen as an urgent innovation in such manner, working with quicker project observing and direction, subsequently decreasing task timetables fundamentally. Drones find application across the

whole undertaking cycle, from land buy to post-development stages. Using drones in development offers a few benefits over regular techniques, including upgraded exactness, diminished risk, and diminished labour supply prerequisites. The Indian development industry is going through a ground breaking stage, with innovation assuming an essential part. The use of robots in development the board has seen a significant expansion as of late, with projections demonstrating further development

in the approaching ten years. Universally, the development area has seen a 239% year-over-year expansion in drone use, outperforming other business areas. In India, the potential for drone use in development is tremendous, and understanding the aeronautical unrest worked with by rambles is critical for opening monetary advantages. Notwithstanding, it is fundamental to know about wellbeing and lawful ramifications, recognizing business and individual robot utilization. Consistence with guidelines, like FAA enrolment, is required for all robots. Not with standing developing reception and administrative measures, the utilization of robots in development keeps on advancing quickly, altering different parts of the development business [1-3]. Drones empower ongoing checking of venture progress, smoothing out arranging, booking, and dynamic cycles for project workers and partners. By giving extensive information on project destinations, drones engage partners to effectively deal with numerous locales. Moreover, drones are upsetting the property and land industry by working with risk appraisal, distant property visits, reviewing, and making as-fabricated drawings. This paper means to audit existing writing on the utilization of robots in the development business, development the executives, and structural designing, giving experiences into their usefulness and applications. This exhaustive survey fills in as a central asset for understanding the job of robots in development industry change, denoting a huge commitment to the talk on innovation driven headways in development [4-7].

### 1.1. Aim of study

- Involving drone advancement being developed offers different benefits for specialists. By driving flyovers, workers can gainfully assess material circumstance accuracy, ensuring adherence to project plans. Drones furthermore help in separating any holding up gear close by, freeing the bet from costly unplanned mischief. Additionally, they work with improved joint effort and coordination among development groups through highlights like course arranging, information the executives, record control, issue following, and venture examination instruments. Embracing drones is

basic for development specialists looking for smoothed out activities and further developed project results.

- Drones are a significant mechanical resource in the space of structural designing. Their utilization in the development business will just expansion in time since they can effectively gather information of an exclusive requirement, enormously limits chance to the security of a task group.
- UAV's will likewise assist with lessening the all-out cost of task.
- The main designing and studying firm gauge a 60% expense saving utilizing Esri's Drone2Map over traditional review methods.
- Utilization of Robot and Computerized reasoning is expanding quickly in each area and Common is one of them and it will support foundation.
- With assistance of UAV's the reviews could be done quicker with precision.

## 1.2. Objective of Study

### 1.2.1. Surveying

On account of arranging enormous scope and complex development projects, conference of geological guides is fundamental. Geographical guides might uncover development plan mistakes that are improper for landscape. Albeit geological guides are valuable for development projects, their creation is frequently expensive and tedious. Site monitoring For developers the information from robots can be gathered oftentimes permitting simple incorporation into activities and following site progress definitively and with scarcely any slack time. This permits development organizations to work all the more really in dealing with their time and assets while limiting likely issues and deferrals.

### 1.2.2. Safety

It's anything but a mysterious that development is a risky occupation, particularly for field labour. As per OSHA, development has been positioned as the most hazardous industry somewhat recently. A portion of these mishaps might be credited to the quick idea of development and the rapidly changing circumstances on each place of work and in the event of any crisis circumstance robots can assist us with checking what

is happening better.

### 1.2.3. Ease of Work

Drones joined with infrared thermography sensors have had the option to expand the quality confirmation of a manufacturer's item to the client. This innovation permits robots to filter a structure and make a 3D picture of a structure envelope to assess its energy productivity and distinguish surrenders that might be available. These deformities would doubtlessly slip through the

## 2. Data collection & Data Analysis

### 2.1 Data Collection

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cracks without the execution of this innovation.

### 1.2.4. Reduce Cost and Time of Project

Advertising is significant in any industry. Assuming your business will succeed, you want to stand apart from contenders. There are 1,000,000 unique pathways organizations can take with regards to showcasing, yet one of the most mind-blowing advantages of robots in development is that they give top notch promoting content at a humble expense [8-12].

**Table 1 Types of Drones Used on Construction Industry**

	<p><b><u>Six – rotor Ph. - 20</u></b>            Range – 15KM            Payload capacity – 10kg            Maxi. Flight time – 70 min.            Maxi. Flight speed – 65Km/h</p>
	<p><b><u>VTOL (vertical take-off &amp; landing) – cw - 007</u></b>            Range – 30/50KM            Payload capacity – 1kg            Maxi. Flight time – 120 - 180 min.            Maxi. Flight speed – 61.2 km/h</p>
	<p><b><u>VTOL – cw - 15</u></b>            Range – 30/50KM            Payload capacity – 3kg            Maxi. Flight time – 120 - 180 min.            Maxi. Flight speed – 61.2 km/h</p>
	<p><b><u>VTOL – cw – 25E</u></b>            Range – 50-100KM            Payload capacity – 6kg            Maxi. Flight time – 120 - 240 min.            Maxi. Flight speed – 72 km/h</p>
	<p><b><u>VTOL – CW – 30E</u></b>            Range – 100-200KM            Payload capacity – 8kg            Maxi. Flight time – 350 - 600 min.            Maxi. Flight speed – 90 km/h</p>
	<p><b><u>GJI PHANTOM 4</u></b>            Weight (battery and propellers included) – 1380 g            Max. speed – 20m/s            Maxi. Service ceiling above sea level 19685 ft. – 6000m – 6km            Maxi. Flight time – 28 min.            Mobile app – DJI GO 4</p>

## 2.2 Data Analysis

### 2.2.1 Detail about existing audits on DT use in CI

Drones give development organizations a blueprint of places of work, materials, apparatus and other concern individuals. Workers for hire utilize the independent flying machines to note pictures and recordings that assist with improving all that from reviewing plans and activities to recognizing contrasts between as-planned and as-fabricated site plans. Individuals have begun utilization of robots from 2012 in development; from that point different reports are accessible in writing on utilization of robots by presumed development organizations, shown in Table 1. Various existing surveys have been concentrated on in the current setting of the utilization of robots for development for the time of 2012-2024.

### 2.2.2 Classification of Development Endlessly Rambles in Development

Drones are assigned by their presentation, productivity and specialized qualities, for example, weight, wing range wing load, most noteworthy elevation, speed, perseverance, and creation cost. These are significant boundaries that recognize various sorts of robots and give valuable grouping framework. Has sorted drones in view of optimal design, on landing and weight and reach. Besides, drones are arranged in view of their motor kinds. There are two main types of robots being developed: fixed-wing and multirotor Unmanned Aerial Systems (UASs). These robots utilize a variety of sensors such as cameras, LiDAR, and Kinect, which are readily available for integration into their development. Drones have been categorized into several types including multirotor (such as quad copters), fixed-wing, single rotor, and hybrid fixed-wing designs. Among these, multirotor drones, specifically quad copters, offer distinct advantages over other types due to their stability, high manoeuvrability, and lower costs associated with both purchase and maintenance. Multirotor drones typically feature more than two fixed-pitch blades, which contribute to their stability and agility during flight. These characteristics make them particularly suitable for various applications, including aerial photography, surveillance, and parcel delivery.

Their ability to hover in place and take off and land vertically enhances their usability in urban environments and confined spaces where manoeuvrability is crucial. In contrast, fixed-wing drones are known for their longer flight endurance and efficiency in covering larger distances due to their aerodynamic design. They are well-suited for applications that require extensive area coverage, such as mapping, agriculture, and infrastructure inspection.

The integration of advanced sensors like LiDAR and Kinect further enhances the capabilities of both fixed-wing and multirotor drones, enabling them to perform tasks with higher precision and autonomy. These sensors provide valuable data for tasks such as terrain mapping, object detection, and environmental monitoring. In conclusion, while both fixed-wing and multirotor drones have their distinct advantages and applications, multirotor drones, particularly quad copters, stand out due to their stability, manoeuvrability, and cost-effectiveness, making them a popular choice across various industries for unmanned aerial systems. What's more, UAVs equipment and programming parts are planned based on their motivation and utilization. Has given detail data on UAVs use in development alongside applications and impediments.

### 2.2.3 Use of Drone Mapping Software for Construction

Drones are adaptable apparatuses for wellbeing and proficiently catching fanciful and recording progress at building destinations. Ethereal robot delineates assist with fending labour of damage off and approve security rehearses. UAV planning can likewise give control and spending plan while directing subcontractors. A note for novice's manual for drone planning programming is showed up in the writing where robot planning use cases by industry, key planning wording and robot planning programming are exactly made sense of in such manner that peruse can see completely [13-15]. Guides can be utilized to routinely refresh clients in the CI on the advancement of their ventures, examinations reserves of unrefined substances, for example, soil and rock or even create 3D models of building destinations. Drone technology has

significantly benefited construction managers by providing them with an aerial perspective to aid in crucial decision-making processes. Drone planning software varies widely in cost and complexity but plays a pivotal role in leveraging aerial data effectively. Photogrammetry, the science of using photographs to measure distances and create assessments, is integral to this process. Photogrammetry software processes captured data to generate advanced models, making it indispensable in various industries. Key applications of aerial photogrammetry include construction, land surveying, and agriculture. Several photogrammetry software options cater specifically to drone pilots, such as Pix4D, Drone Deploy, and Propeller PPK. These tools are used extensively in construction and agriculture for creating detailed 3D models of land and buildings, facilitating precise measurements and assessments. Recent developments have introduced additional software like Real-time View EVO by Geocode, Precision Mapper, and Maps Made Easy, complementing established tools. Drone planning software like Raptor Maps, Sky catches, and Pix4DMapper continue to evolve, offering functionalities tailored for construction and other sectors. The benefits of drone technology in construction are diverse, including project monitoring, safety inspections, progress tracking, and early issue detection, all facilitated by creating 3D and orthomosaic maps. This integration of drones in construction processes has significantly enhanced efficiency and accuracy, demonstrating clear advantages for construction industry stakeholders.

#### 2.2.4 Utility of DT for CI

Drones have revolutionized the construction industry by providing project managers with cost-effective opportunities to monitor issues, track progress, and improve site planning through enhanced aerial perspectives. The adoption of drones in construction represents a burgeoning sector within the aviation industry, driven by their affordability and transformative impact on Construction Industry (CI) practices illustrates the significant contributions of drones and UAVs across nine distinct categories within the CI. These

categories include construction and engineering, real estate development, public infrastructure, visual inspection, solar panel assessment, monitoring road and railway construction, and transportation. Each category outlines specific applications and the perceived value of drone technology in enhancing operational efficiency and decision-making processes. Drones are particularly valued in construction and engineering for their ability to provide real-time aerial views, facilitating better project oversight, and enabling proactive problem-solving. In real estate development, drones aid in site surveying and marketing by capturing high-resolution aerial imagery. Public infrastructure benefits from drones' capabilities in monitoring and maintenance, ensuring the longevity and safety of infrastructure assets. Visual inspections benefit greatly from drones' agility and accessibility, enabling close-up assessments of structures and equipment. Solar panel assessments leverage drones for efficient maintenance checks and performance evaluations. Monitoring road and railway construction projects using drones enhances progress tracking and compliance with project timelines. In transportation, drones contribute to logistics optimization and emergency response planning through aerial surveillance and data collection. In summary, drones have become integral to the CI by enhancing efficiency, reducing costs, and improving safety through their versatile applications across various sectors. Their impact continues to grow as advancements in drone technology and regulatory frameworks expand their capabilities and integration into everyday construction practices [16-19].

#### Conclusion

The current review contains use of robots in development with a short record of the current surveys and prior different wellsprings of writing referred to during 2012-2024. Various kinds of robots are illustrated with elements of every fundamental part in short. Development the executives programming advances will assist with extending directors to deal with each perspective to a development project from beginning phases of development to project conveyance. This study analyses various articles from the most recent

couple of years and right around 25 applications are given in organized structure. Ease of use of robots in development related enterprises is likewise accentuation notwithstanding prime utilizations of robots in development industry. The structure development process is talked about beginning to end. For the most part they are plan, and arranging; acquisition, pre-development; development, post-development and close-out. Drones/UAV gives development partners far reaching, exact, and exact spatial information. Land studying, investigation, checking any issue, track progress, sending work, material waste, commenting on guides and pictures, computing material sorts and store volume for stock and expanding security. Thirteen articles are accounted to concentrate on advantages of robot in development industry. Expanded efficiency, exactness and accuracy, cost decrease are a few advantages. While concentrating on the writing we recorded a few limits and difficulties for the utilization of robots in development and structural designing. The normal difficulties are: (I) security challenges (ii) project postponements, and (iii) trouble/risk of planning and reviewing. The steadily further developing capacities and reasonableness of robots make it conceivable to decrease delays, revamps, and security issues to drive better undertaking execution. Impediments are drone cost, rules and guideline of flight, ability administrators, flight time and weather pattern. Drone use would bring down the expenses of tasks, increment efficiency, make new positions and increase the value of the development area. Robots can fly in difficult to reach and unsafe regions and gather information without any problem. Drones give ongoing data, prompting critical improvement in reviewing precision, and supporting by and large proficiency underway and correspondence. Mix of BIM and drone innovation assumes a part in pre-, during, and post-development process regarding computerized documentation. It additionally includes in site reviewing, assessment, security, thermography, displaying, and conveyance. Drone empowers monstrous enhancements in number of ways of finishing development project inside given time and cost determined. We have proactively expressed the reception of additional 10

development advances with drone innovation to further develop development efficiency. In future there will be computer-based intelligence programming fueled drones. The man-made intelligence will overlook the unstructured information caught and will guarantee the noteworthy and organized information, which will give a finish to the mistakes. The mixture of state-of-the-art advancements (like IoT artificial intelligence, AR/VR, robot, sensors) most certainly help in bring down the expense and further develop security with expanding execution. Essentially all business, financial and social exercises are experiencing the Coronavirus pandemic. This is likewise evident up to specific degree for development. Coronavirus pandemic effect on development industry for 2021, government arrangements, and worldwide wellbeing status will choose economy, advancement and progress in development business.

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