

Review of: "Empowering Minds: The Evolution of Higher Education in Tamil Nadu towards Innovation and Excellence"

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The **abstract** did not capture the following key components of a scientific study:

1. What is the theoretical framework guiding this study?
2. Which methodology was used to collect data for this study? Is this a quantitative or qualitative study? Is this a theoretical or empirical research?
3. What were the major findings of this study and what are their implications for theory and practice in higher education, and future research?

Introduction

But what is the problem that motivates this study? The starting point for any research is the identification of a problem/challenge that puzzles the researcher(s). No problem, no research.

Methodology

1. This study does not have a methodology section, and this reduces its scientific credibility.
2. Is this a historical study, systematic literature review or what?
3. Which scientific methods were used to collect data for this study?
4. You need a methodology section for this paper.

Significance/value of the study

1. This paper lacks international/global appeal. The study is not placed within the global context of higher education as it focuses on Tamil Nadu only.
2. It is my contention that issues/problems affecting higher education in this state also impact higher education in India and other countries, though with nuanced variations. This needs to be captured in the literature review so as to give this study global relevance. As it is, this study does not appeal to an international audience/readership.
3. Why is there a need to transform higher education in Tamil Nadu? This is not coming through in this paper. So, the reader/reviewer is unaware of what motivates the study.
4. You are just narrating policy without any critical interrogation on the policy-practice gap most higher education institutions are grappling with globally.
5. Has social justice in higher education been attained in Tamil Nadu for the girl-child, for instance? I doubt. But you

seem to be parroting official policy, like politicians, without any critical reflection on the gap between theory (policy) and practice in universities.

Academic writing

1. You write without quoting and citing sources, making the study unscientific.