

Review of: "Achieving Sustainability in Smart Cities Mission in India through Universities' Innovation in India"

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"Achieving Sustainability in Smart Cities Mission in India through Universities' Innovation in India" by Seema Singh is an interesting attempt to foster sustainability. I would like to appreciate her efforts. However, I found a few interesting aspects where the author could improve.

First, the article's title suggests the study is related to sustainability and innovation at the university level in the context of smart cities in India. However, the article explicitly focuses on engineering colleges. There is a fundamental difference between a university and an engineering college. Implying that only engineering colleges can foster sustainable development or synonymously use engineering colleges instead of universities is a fundamental error.

Second, there is a lack of comprehensive literature synthesis. The four aspects of the literature review did not effectively capture the existing research. Further, there is a lack of discussion cohesively linking these aspects with each other, and an understanding of the general context of the study is missing. An improvement in this area could significantly help this study and aid in deriving research gaps and objectives.

Third, in any study using Spearman's Rank correlation, the causation between the variables under the study should be established in advance. In general, correlation does not mean causality.

Finally, the author should have exhibited much more care in terms of the crispness and divisiveness of this article. For instance, there are few grammatical and logical errors in phrasing the sentences, and different sections are numbered the same (for instance, sections 3.4 and the later section). As per its state, this article needs a few adjustments before publishing.

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