

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

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This was a very interesting review of education in Tamil Nadu. It is important to understand how education has evolved across the world now that we are a global community and are involved in working projects internationally. The review was well written and easy to read and produced useful information to understand the rationale for educational development in this region. Personally, I would like more detail about the background to learning to justify the changes that must happen now that we are firmly in the digital world. There is much criticism of HE by employers because of the disconnection between their needs and educational goals which have become increasingly academic as this makes it easier to compare in league tables. Thus, this situation is often at the expense of personal and practical development and the ability to apply knowledge when working in interdisciplinary teams in real-life contexts. The practitioner models, where students produce evidence according to international standards and professional standards, as in the EU PEEP project (2011-16) demonstrates how the disconnect between workplaces and higher educational institutions can be bridged. The introduction of these arguments for change would be necessary for wider interest in the article.