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

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The topics discussed in the article are certainly interesting and useful as objects of scientific research, however, the author should find/analyze/emphasize the connection between universities and their importance in creating a smart city in a deeper and more detailed. Because for now this connection/influence does not actually appear. The author analyzes individual components of SDGs, however, it seems that the title (goal) of the article has not been fully achieved.

In my opinion, subsection 3.3 does not really fit into the overall context. It is undeniable that the impact of COVID-19 was also on the sustainability process and it can be mentioned, however, as a separate subsection it should not be created.

It is good that the author lists the programs in Table 5, but it would be more useful to also see how many students have been in these programs.

It is to be welcomed that the author also conducted a survey and in section 5.3.5. it is stated that 214 students were surveyed in one educational institution. But what was the representativeness of the obtained data for the general group - at least for the specific institution? This issue should be given more attention, as there is a risk of drawing wrong conclusions based only on such a number.

The aspect of innovation should also be expanded and deepened, showing its connection with the SDGs.

The section of conclusions and proposals is recommended to be significantly supplemented (I return to the title of the article again), indicating more specifically what universities and colleges (if it is the university level?) should do in order to influence the process of forming smart cities.