

Review of: "Healthcare Systems Moving Toward Data Governance-Centered Model: India's G20 Presidency in the Wake of COVID"

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I have read this paper, and found that it promises a lot (by its title) but delivers little. That data governance is crucial in public health information systems is something which has been known a lot, well before the pandemic. Yes, the pandemic highlighted the urgency in strengthening governance processes. And what does G20 Presidency actually influence in reality in reforming and redefining the governance processes? Does it become just another political slogan? or does it refine some ground level processes?

Rather than discussing the digital as a panacea for addressing challenges that are primarily institutional and organizational in nature, it is important, I believe, to discuss what are challenges shaping governance processes historically. Only when we engage with these challenges, can we critically analyze how the digital may be a viable alternative to engage with some of these challenges, not all.

I will thus recommend to reject the paper, for its absence on any critical discussion on a very important and critically important topic.