

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

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The ordering seems to be not clear enough, going alternatively from national to international background. Issue about COVID 19 seems to be inconsequential.

Citizen's motivation is not depending on the "academia's willingness and readiness to modernize their approach". Not any city can be transformed to smart city. Is it appropriate "to use latest technology to manage the city smartly" as the "Smart City Mission of India"?

The role of universities for achieving sustainable Smart Cities in India is not finally discussed as promised. Conclusions and recommendations give no answer to the essential questions.

- If "a smart city needs to be sustainable" and "even all innovation also may not be sustainable", how to achieve that?
- How may "engineering colleges and universities play a very central role" to create a "living lab" as the Barcelona's one, to develop a sustainable smart city?
- Only engineering colleges should be involved in Smart City Mission? What about urbanists, architects, sociologists, etc.?
- The "differential need of various segment of the duellers" is not only a technological issue.
- Which "social innovations" should be disseminated under the university social responsibility, which universities should do that and how?
- How to create "decent work" to "lead to economic development of the people in the lower segment of the smart cities"?
- If a "limitation of the paper is to study the issue from the top", how to change it for further research? Why next perspective will be from the "female, poor and marginalised group of the smart city"?