

Review of: "Alcohol Consumption in Ancient India and the Contemporary Challenges: A Study of Socio-Economic Implications and Anti-Liquor Protests in Tamil Nadu"

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I would like to appreciate author for sharing his/her view point on Anti-Liquor protests in Tamil Nadu. The article had eight objectives. The article requires major revision. few suggestions for improvisation of the article. number of objectives may be reduced. I feel alcohol consumption in ancient India seems irrelevant as main focus of the study is anti-liquor protest in Tamil Nadu. The title itself has four different topics. title requires modifications. It looks like author have used secondary data from various sources. the article seems like scoping review. it would be good if author follows PRISMA- extension for scoping review (PRISMA-ScR) guideline for reporting. The checklist contains 20 essential reporting items and 2 optional items to map evidence on a particular topic.

Methodology section needs modification. under research design, literature search need to be removed. mixed-method approach is wrongly mentioned as there is no either primary qualitative data or quantitative data.

There is no data presented in the paper as mentioned in the data collection, on personal interviews with relevant individuals, community members, or experts in the field to gather qualitative data on perceptions, cultural norms, and socio-economic implications related to alcohol consumption.

description of qualitative and quantitative data is wrong. As there was no data analysis in this paper.

Declaration of Ethical consideration statement is wrong. Ethical clearance reference number with date has to be mentioned for conducting personal interviews on human subjects. otherwise the statement should include no human subjects were involved to conduct this study.

While quoting the authors in the review, no need to mention them as scholar before their name for e.g 'scholar David G. Mandelbaum (1965)'

Under the section 'Alcohol Consumption in India: Trends,....

The author can refer recent NFHS-5 and magnitude of substance use in India 2019 report by Ambekar et al. the terms used in the paper 'alcoholism', addiction are outdated, stigmatizing and labelling. hence, usage of such terminology need to be avoided.

Discussion should come before conclusion. Conclusion need to be brief , it should contain answers to the study objectives. The author did not mention about what robust enforcement measures government should establish to prohibit

alcohol consumption in Tamil Nadu. Socio-economic implications of Anti-Liquor protest were not clearly spelt out in the paper. How it was measured? and how other objectives were measured or achieved?

overall the paper lacks scientific rigour. needs major revision.

thanks for the opportunity to review the paper.

My Best Wishes to the Author