

Review of: "Examining GITAM (Deemed to be University), Hyderabad Campus for Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Measures: A Foundation Towards a Safe CPTED Exterior Campus Model"

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Dear Editor of Qeios,

The paper entitled "Examining GITAM (Deemed to be University), Hyderabad Campus for Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Measures: A Foundation Towards a Safe CPTED Exterior Campus Model" highlights multiple issues faced by campuses, more specifically the ones faced by the GITAM university in India, and proposes preventive design measures against crime and violence. The author conducted surveys based on users' perceptions, analyzed spaces in the campus, and discussed results by highlighting the best practices for "safe exterior campus model. The subject is of interest given the potential to broaden the field of knowledge in campuses security, and more specifically to provide Indian campuses with practical solutions against violence.

The work is well-organized, and the figures are expressive. However, I have some concerns, not about the content itself, but about the form of the paper, that require correction:

1. Even though I'm not a native English speaker, I get the feeling that the sentences aren't well articulated (or linked). Also, some of the sentences are missing subjects or conjugated verbs. I would recommend the author improves the writing and punctuation throughout the text.
2. The text is not justified (right and left alignment) all along the document . Please verify it.
3. In page 2, Figure 1 is not a figure but a table.
4. In page 2, "CCTV" acronym in Figure 1 is not defined. Please provide the definitions of acronyms at the first time you use it.
5. In page 3, I think there is an issue in the titles' numbering (1.1.1. Natural surveillance, 1.1.1.1. Access control, 1.1.1.1.1. Territorial reinforcement, 1.1.1.1.1.1. Maintenance). Please verify this and all other numbering in the manuscript.
6. In page 9, Figure 16 has two titles: "Table 1..." & "Figure 16..." I would recommend the author keeps only the title of

"Table...".

7. In page 12, CPTED is an undefined acronym. Please provide definition at the first use.
8. In page 12 in the "Methods" section, what is the sample size?
9. In pages 13 and 14, why the author submitted the surveys to only 5 and 3 students? I think the sample size is not representative of the whole number of students in GITAM University.
10. In pages 23 & 24 in the "Discussions" section, the author provided some preventive actions to improve the security but I don't see how it can be done architecturally in the campus of GITAM University. Can the author provide another figure (such as Figure 35) with embedded corrections or at least with highlighted critical areas with corresponding actions to be undertaken?

In general, I think that the paper needs a major revision before publication in Qeios.

Best regards,