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

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The title of the article reflects an important topic and raises some important questions about building smart cities in country like India.

Abstract: At present the abstract is more about what the different sections include in the paper and not why is this topic interesting, what will audience get out of this research. In my view, there should be more meat in the abstract which would make the reader wanting to know more about the role universities are playing around the world and how can their contribution be enhanced.

in the paper, under abstract, "Objective. In this background, objectives of the paper are:" is incomplete.

Full paper: I found that paper has several good findings, however, it seems the pearls need to be tied with a thread. Connecting the different sections should be made smoother, which will allow the reader to answer the original question the paper is asking.

The beginning seems decent, however while introducing smart cities mission of India in section 2, the author should also talk about whether sustainability has been included as part of the mission, if not, why it is important rather than putting in the Literature review section and should bring in the idea of universities.

In the paper, I would suggest the author to elaborate the sentence "So far, smart city has been ranked as defining "SMART CITY" in a "technological" rather than "intelligence" sense" by using an example.

Research gap is not very clear. By mentioning "As engineering colleges are hotbed of innovation and Europe have shown the way by the concept of 'living lab' that keeping university at the centre of the smart city eco-system will ultimately, fetch the efficiency" is the author suggesting it is the best route? Is it true for India?

While reading the objective section, I felt lost in the objectives. My suggestion would be to have one (max two objectives) where the focus of the paper should be centered.