

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

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The article is not totally clear, even I can saw some improvements from the first version, that was the document that I read with this second version.

The general idea and the main interesting data is not totally connected with the title.

The title suggest that the focus of the study it is on the role of higher education (HE) through innovation to support the India Smart Cities Mission to achieve sustainability, having as the main focus the SDG's, in particular the SDG 9 and 11.

This second version improve the initial presentation, the abstract it is better (in comparison with the first version), but not identify the SDG 11 and make a link with COVID-19, also on literature review that is not clear and don't create any add value for the paper.

I will give some appointments about the literature review after my comments about the objectives and study methodology.

The research method, assuming that any researcher don't have any limit in science, is clear, for the data analysis if the main purpose of the research it was analysing the Smart City National Plan and there link with the National Orientation for the SDG's. And, as we can see on the little isn't what the researcher propose to work.

Even so, the data analysis it is very relevant, but is missing with additional data to oriented for the purpose of the title. The missing data with additional data analysis, that can be the same statistic model is about the the role of the HE institutions in the designed 98 cities by India Government for the innovation process to support this national policy orientation.

About one part of the methodology, isn't clear the connection with the literature review, because, in my perception and in my focal orientation, the researcher based the theoretical analysis using narrative methodology, and nothing is explained on this section of the document.

Looking forward for the literature review, the point 3.3 is not relevant for the propose and the purpose of the study, so I suggested that delete that part, the point 3.2 need a more complementary support, and the point 3.4 need be improved creating better understanding of the international reality described and, perhaps, crating a table with a comparison between countries or regions, that could be useful for the data analysis.

The data analysis, section 5, it is very interesting and give good information to support political, at National, Regional, and University level, the analysis presented on section 5.1 (without a title - that is strange!), but the other section isn't so (even

relevant, when we look to the title for the research). In this particular case, the sections 5.3 (you need correct, it is the section 5.2), recover the narrative description that in this moment isn't the most important and no important impact data are identified; the section 5.3.5 not create any add value (is interesting, but with additional data, not only with this data). What type of data, if it is saved or format in the suggestion that I will present (some suggestions): contract between the HE and local authorities and companies; new created services and methodologies, how many key participants on the different events, applied research and academic work oriented to the smart cities and for the SDG's 9 and 11.