

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

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The paper discusses an interesting topic and the aim of the research is clear; however, the article needs some improvement and a few adjustments before publishing.

The paper presents some typo errors, for example, the objectives in the abstract are missing, and the year is missing concerning the reference "Panda et al." on page 4.

Moreover, there are few grammatical and logical errors in phrasing the sentences and different sections are numbered the same (for instance, sections 3.4 and the later section).

The abstract should highlight the originality of the current research.

Concerning the literature review, the references appear quite old, and there is a lack of comprehensive literature synthesis. There was insufficient coverage of existing research in the four aspects of the literature review. Further, these aspects are not coherently linked, and an understanding of the general context of the study is lacking.

Regarding the methodology, I have some serious concerns regarding the source of the data. The analysis is not based on primary or secondary data published in any journal or reports but on an assignment given to some second year engineering students (Table 6). Moreover, the conclusions based on a survey conducted on 214 students cannot be extended to the population.

In the present form of the paper, the aims declared do not appear to be reached; thus, the discussion of the results and the conclusion should be improved.

The authors should emphasize the importance of universities and their connection to smart cities in a deeper and more detailed way. It is also important to expand and deepen the innovation aspect, showing how it relates to the Sustainable Development Goals.

In conclusion the paper needs improvements

