

Review of: "A Study of the Urban Nightlife of Delhi and its Impact on Safety"

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This study covers an interesting topic, and that has probably not often be tackled extensively by researchers in the case of Delhi. So it is a timely addition, especially as a significant segment of urban society is embracing leisure activities that include nightlife.

There are however several points to highlight as the current state of the draft presents several shortcomings:

- Scope of the paper and research question are not clearly identified. It assumes a causality link between nightlife and safety, yet nowhere can be found any data supporting it, hence weakening any justification for field research and data collection. definition of the study: what practices are analysed, based on which demographic segments? Those of nightlife patrons or those of any individuals in these areas at nighttime?
- The other points are cascading from the first point. Literature on safety and nightlife is tenuous and doesn't flow. Nightlife safety should be defined according to various viewpoints, and supported by similar studies on other metropolitan cities nightlife safety. The part on nightlife itself is better documented and articulated, and would flow more easily followed by the safety section in association with the specifics of Delhi nightlife. That section would gain more traction and authority with the addition of police criminality statistics of the current data to contrast with the surveys and perceptions of criminality in these areas and at those times of the night.
- Methodology: A separate section indicating the methodological approach and adopted field research is necessary. the following case studies, although interesting with the inclusion of maps, are essentially descriptive and don't provide a specific coverage of (lacking) specific research question.
- The discussion part is very limited, presumably due to the lack of a specific question to answer or discuss. This makes the study mostly a description of a general nightlife in selected urban areas, lacking a rigorous analysis of a particular question/gap.
- Overall the paper could improve from refining the basic study design questions, and ensuring a flow towards addressing the research question throughout the paper.