

Review of: "Safe City Concept in Smart City Planning"

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The paper discusses an often overlooked yet crucial aspect of urbanization: public security and safety. I appreciate your efforts in undertaking such project and highlighting potential issues and challenges in the context of smart cities in India. Nevertheless, it feels more like an opinion editorial. I am hesitant to consider this as research paper for several reasons and would suggest that you make necessary changes.

1. I appreciate the flow chart in Figure 1.1 as it provides a reasonable graphical summary of what has been done. However, the actual manuscript does not follow the steps of this flow chart. After Introduction, the paper begins with Safe City Concept heading. All prior steps including literature review are missing. I don't see any research question, data gaps, or literature review. Further, I also don't see any criteria for case study selection. Why did you select New Delhi, Ahmedabad etc. What was the data? How did you collect the data? In Section 6 Analysis, how did you analyze it?
2. There are no in-text citations. I am unable to figure out which source you used to provide which factual or argumentative information. This is highly unlikely for any research paper.

Overall, I find the idea reasonable and worthy of research but the manuscript fails in any methodological rigor and research design.