

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

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The abstract is not effective. It is too short and don't provide clarity on the background, problems, aims/objectives, research approach, and the finding of the research. limitations need to be stated along with future direction for research. The first line of the background needs to be presented with clarity. Just quoting percentages are not enough. For instance, the paper "Making future floating cities sustainable: a way forward" states that "It is expected that by 2030, 5 billion of the earth's population will live in cities". Such statistics will improve the background.

It was good to see a section on UN SDGs, however, the problems associated with the delivery of SDGs are not covered in an effective manner. See this paper "Exploring the GCC progress towards United Nations sustainable development goals" which discuss some key challenges associated with SDGs of Arabian Gulf region which is quite close to India so the challenges might be equally applicable to India. There is another paper "UAE's commitment towards UN Sustainable Development Goals" which specifically look into the United Arab Emirates.

The role of universities in sustainable cities is well presented however, there are several important studies which are not covered. For instance, "An integrated sustainability-management approach for universities".

The aims/objectives are not reported in an explicit manner. the research approach is also not novel. Collecting data just from one source for such topic do not result into robust research. if this is a review paper then a proper systematic review approach as explained in the paper "Key factors influencing the implementation of three-dimensional printing in construction" need to be adopted.

The analysis approach is not rigid. Several tables are reported without any useful insight.

The conclusion and recommendation are also vague. This should be based on your own results and should not be overstated.

Engagement with relevant literature is weak. There are just few credible items in the reference list. I have suggested some papers above, so make sure these are cited in the revised paper. overall, the literature needs to be improved a lot.