

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

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Abstract:

The abstract is clear and effectively introduces the paper's key topics, which are the integration of safe city concepts into smart city planning in India. It successfully links these concepts to national and international urban development goals, such as the Smart Cities Mission and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. However, there is a minor issue with terminology as "technologically driven communities minimizing crime" could be stated more clearly, and it could be useful to briefly mention the specific case studies covered in the paper.

Introduction:

The introduction provides an adequate background and context for the research, emphasizing the significance of safety and security in the development of smart cities. It establishes the purpose and methodology, but there's room for improvement in explicitly stating the research questions or objectives. The connection between safety, urbanization, and specific challenges like pollution, cybercrimes, and natural disasters is essential, but some more specific data or examples to illustrate these points could strengthen the argument.

Smart Cities:

This section effectively defines and describes smart cities, highlighting the role of technology in improving quality of life, urban efficiency, and competitiveness. It also introduces key outcomes and guiding principles for smart cities, providing a clear foundation for the subsequent case studies.

Case Studies of Smart Cities:

The case studies offer valuable insights into the challenges and strategies related to safety and security in different Indian cities. The consistent format of presenting major issues and strategies is beneficial for comparison. However, providing specific data related to the issues and the outcomes of strategies would add depth to the case studies. Visual aids like maps, charts, or images could enhance the reader's understanding.

Case Studies of Safe Cities:

The inclusion of international examples (Tokyo and Sydney) adds a global perspective to the paper. Major safety and security issues are clearly identified, and strategies are well-documented. Including data or statistics related to these issues would make the challenges more tangible. More in-depth exploration of environmental security measures in the case studies or recommendations can enhance this section.

Findings and Recommendations:

The findings section would benefit from data or statistics to reinforce the claim that many safety and security issues remain unaddressed. The recommendations are clear, and the visual representation is a helpful addition. Briefly

explaining the key points of the figures in the text can ensure that readers fully understand the recommendations.

Conclusion:

The conclusion provides an effective summary of key findings and recommendations, emphasizing the need for safety in smart city planning. The emphasis on health security and its central role in future smart city planning is particularly noteworthy. Providing examples of how enhanced safety measures directly improve the quality of life can add depth to the conclusion.

General Comments:

- The paper is well-structured and logically flows from introduction to conclusion.
- Including specific data and examples, especially in the case studies, would make the research more evidence-based and relatable.
- The use of visual aids, such as figures, is good practice and enhances the presentation.
- Providing more context for the selection of international case studies and elaborating on the outcomes of the strategies in those cases could enhance the discussion.
- Ensure that all sources are properly cited and include publication dates where available.