

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

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Dear Author,

Thank you for opportunity to read your manuscript. There are some suggestions I would like to add in order to improve it.

1. You need to rewrite your abstract and follow the structure: why your topic is actual? what is your aim? what is methodology? what is main conclusion? It is not required to write a lot but you need to write few sentences for all these questions;
2. Please improve your manuscript background by adding aim, research question and some short description of methodology, also limitations can be added;
3. I'm not sure that part 2 Smart City Mission in India is on the right place. Usually the context goes after literature review and near your empirical findings;
4. Maybe it is better to avoid promoting politicians in the manuscript like this: The then Finance Minister, Mr. Arun Jaitley, set aside Rs 7,600 Crore (\$1.24 billion USD) for the creation of 100 Smart Cities (now 98 cities) in his maiden budget presented to the Parliament in 2014. (We scientists must operate in scientific terms);
5. I would recommend to add some more good sources in your literature review on smart cities like: a) Mills D, Pudney S, Pevcin P, Dvorak J. Evidence-Based Public Policy Decision-Making in Smart Cities: Does Extant Theory Support Achievement of City Sustainability Objectives? *Sustainability*. 2022; 14(1):3. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su14010003> b) Sancino, A.; Hudson, L. Leadership in, of, and for smart cities—case studies from Europe, America, and Australia. *Public Manag. Rev.* 2020, 22, 701–725 c) Mills, D.; Izadgoshasb, I.; Pudney, S.G. Smart city collaboration: A review and an agenda for establishing sustainable collaboration. *Sustainability* 2021, 13, 9189.
6. In 3.2 I would recommend to add Sustainability goals that according you related with SMART CITY.
7. Unclear why and what you want to argue in 3.3 and this section is very limited in size. What is your main argument?
8. 3.5 it is better to allocate to introduction
9. I'm not sure but I think paper can try. Please check English part 4.
10. Please discuss why you chosen indicators SGD 11 but what were other considerations?
11. Why SGD - 09?
12. How did you validate your data?
13. Unclear 5.3 as you started from university and then without any significant reasons continue with colleges???? it is absolutely different. Where are universities?

14. You subsectins in part 5 are very diverse, Pls focus on your topic but not all issues
15. You conclusions require rewriting and instead of recommendations pls think about managerial/policy implications.