

Review of: "The Universal Accessibility Provisions in Educational Institutes of New Delhi, India"

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The topic of this research article is very relevant in today's context. I must appreciate the authors for undertaking this research as there is paucity of research in accessibility and disability in India. Therefore this research is apt and timely. The methodology is new and innovative using RTI act for collecting data from the institutions. Here are my views on how this article can be further improved.

1. More details on the sample will be helpful. Please highlight what was the criteria for selecting the 38 institutions. What does higher educational institutions mean in your study : does it refer to engineering colleges, MBA colleges, Universities etc. This will add a context your study and give more authenticity and meaningfulness to your findings.
2. The introduction sections lacks research gaps and the motivation to do this study. This is important to make the reader interested in the article and read the full paper.
3. The review of literature can be enhanced with more academic research in the area. Most of the current literature consists of the disability laws.
4. In the methods section, terms like accessibility, disability etc. need to be operationally defined for your study. Disability itself is multiple types. It could be loco-motor, vision, hearing etc. Which one are you referring to. The accessibility for each disability will vary.
5. There is no section on research and practical implications section. Without this, it is not clear how the findings of this research paper advance the discipline or can help the educational institutions and stakeholders like the government in drafting appropriate policies and ensure their proper implementation. This needs to be elaborated.
6. Since the method involved collecting data via RTI, its not very clear that a lack of information from their side must be inferred completely as lack of non-compliance to accessibility standards or a lack of compliance to the RTI act itself. There could be some colleges who have done the work but were unable to respond back to your query, if this study was done during pandemic when most the institutions were closed or operating on a virtual mode.
7. The last section on conclusion must state clearly what are the limitations of the current study and what is the future scope for research in this area.