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| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_ARJASS\_141761** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **Transforming Academic Libraries for Inclusive and Digital-First Higher Education: A Comparative Study of Policy, Practice, and Innovation in India and the United States** |
| Type of the Article | **Short Research Article** |

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| PART 1: Comments | | |
|  | Reviewer’s comment **Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.** | **Author’s Feedback** (It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | Author has nicely presented the importance of the Library in higher Education system. This manuscript focuses on digital transformation of academic libraries in India and USA. | On the Importance of the Manuscript for the Scientific Community:We sincerely thank the reviewer for their positive feedback. This manuscript focuses on the digital transformation of academic libraries through a comparative lens, examining developments in India and the United States. This is a research proposal article, and it explores how libraries can be repositioned as digital literacy hubs, interdisciplinary partners, and drivers of inclusive education under evolving policy frameworks such as NEP 2020. The study contributes to the academic community by proposing scalable strategies for integrating libraries more deeply into teaching, research, and digital equity initiatives. |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | Yes, Research title is suitable and appropriate. | We are pleased to note that the title is considered suitable and appropriate. No changes have been made. |
| Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here. | Abstract is comprehensive. But Author should remove the last paragraph of the abstract. | As per the reviewer’s suggestion, we have removed the last paragraph of the abstract to maintain clarity and brevity. The revised abstract now concisely introduces the research context, objectives, and comparative framework without reiterating policy recommendations in the abstract section. |
| Is the manuscript scientifically, correct ? Please write here. | Author highlighted research objectives, No need to explain the objectives. Objectives should be in simple sentence only. Researcher has done comparative thematic analysis. Data Analysis and result section should be strengthen. | Thank you for your observations. We have now simplified the research objectives into concise, direct sentences as suggested. Additionally, while this is a research proposal article, we have expanded the *Data Analysis and Findings* section by strengthening the discussion on the comparative thematic analysis and aligning it with the proposed methodology. This enhancement provides a clearer view of anticipated outcomes and analytical depth. |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | Author cited 15 references, this should be increase at least 20. | We appreciate your recommendation regarding citations. It is new research proposal, Hence very less works done till now, including several recent (2022–2024) peer-reviewed articles relevant to AI-powered library systems, librarian-faculty collaboration, and digital inclusion frameworks. These additions enrich the theoretical base and contemporary relevance of the manuscript. |
| Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? | Yes | We are grateful that the language quality has been found suitable for scholarly communication. The manuscript has undergone a final round of proofreading to ensure consistency and remove any minor errors. |
| Optional/General comments | **Author should remove the last paragraph of the abstract.**  **No need to explain the objectives**  **Researcher has done comparative thematic analysis. Data Analysis and result section should be strengthen.**  **Author should add more references.** | All recommended changes have been addressed:   * The last paragraph of the abstract has been removed. * Research objectives have been simplified. * The findings and data analysis sections have been strengthened. * References have been increased and updated.   These revisions have been implemented carefully to retain the intent and quality of the original research while aligning with reviewer expectations. |

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| **PART 2:** | | |
|  | Reviewer’s comment | **Author’s Feedback** (It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?** | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in detail)* | here are **no ethical issues** in this manuscript. **As this is a research proposal article**, data collection (interviews/surveys) will be conducted with informed consent and institutional ethics approvals at the time of actual study implementation. |