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<p><b>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this</b></p>	<p>This manuscript is significant for the scientific community as it highlights critical disparities in educational infrastructure, literacy rates, and policy needs across India's Union Territories. The analysis combines demographic and infrastructural data, offering a data-driven basis for addressing inequalities. The study's focus on urban-rural divides and targeted interventions makes it relevant for policy-makers and</p>	

<p><b>manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b></p>	<p>researchers working on educational reforms. However, while comprehensive, the manuscript could benefit from deeper discussions on the policy implications of the findings.</p>	
<p><b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b></p>	<p>The title accurately represents the study's content but could be more concise. Suggested alternative: <i>"Educational Disparities in India's Union Territories: Infrastructure, Literacy, and Policy Needs."</i></p>	
<p><b>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.</b></p>	<p>The abstract is informative and effectively outlines the objectives, methods, and key findings. However, it could be improved by explicitly mentioning the quantitative approach and including examples of specific policy implications. Additionally, condensing redundant phrases would enhance clarity.</p>	
<p><b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></p>	<p>The manuscript is well-structured, with clear subsections that guide the reader through the objectives, methods, findings, and implications. However, the "Results and Discussion" section could benefit from further subdivision to separate the analysis of literacy rates, infrastructure disparities, and policy recommendations for better readability.</p>	
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<p><b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</b></p>	<p>The references are sufficient and include relevant and recent studies. Adding sources that explore similar issues in other developing countries could provide a broader comparative perspective. For instance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UN Sustainable Development Goal reports on education.</li> <li>• Studies on educational equity in Southeast Asia or Sub-Saharan Africa.</li> </ul>	

<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p><b>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Language Quality:</b> The language is suitable for scholarly communication but would benefit from minor editing to improve sentence structure and clarity, particularly in the introduction and conclusion.</li> <li>• <b>Optional Comments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Including visual data representations (e.g., heatmaps or comparative graphs) could enhance the presentation of disparities in infrastructure and literacy rates.</li> <li>• Highlight specific case studies or examples (e.g., unique policies in Lakshadweep) to strengthen the discussion.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>	<p>The manuscript makes a valuable contribution to understanding educational disparities in India's Union Territories. While well-researched and methodologically sound, refining the abstract, title, and policy discussion will enhance its impact and readability.</p>	

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