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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p><b>Compulsory REVISION comments</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</li> <li><b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</li> <li><b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></li> <li><b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></li> <li><b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></li> <li><b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></li> </ol> <p><b><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Is the manuscript important for the scientific community?</b>  The manuscript addresses a critical issue concerning the learning crisis at the elementary school level in India. Given the significance of education in shaping the future of individuals and societies, the paper is relevant and important for the scientific community. It sheds light on the challenges faced by the education system in India and proposes systemic interventions.</li> <li><b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b>  The title is appropriate and clearly reflects the main focus of the manuscript. No changes are necessary.</li> <li><b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b>  The abstract provides a concise overview of the key points discussed in the manuscript, summarizing the learning crisis in India and emphasizing the need for systemic interventions. However, it could benefit from a more explicit mention of the proposed interventions to give readers a clearer understanding of the paper's contributions.</li> <li><b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b>  The subsections and overall structure of the manuscript are well-organized, facilitating a logical flow of information. No major concerns are observed in this aspect.</li> <li><b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b>  The manuscript presents a thorough analysis of the learning crisis, supported by relevant data and references. However, it could strengthen its scientific rigor by incorporating more recent studies and data to ensure the information is up-to-date.</li> <li><b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions for additional references, please mention in the review form.</b>  While the references provide a foundation for the paper, it would enhance the scholarly value by including more recent studies and reports, especially considering the rapidly evolving field of education. Suggestions for additional references could include recent publications on innovative teaching methods, successful educational interventions, or updated statistics on learning outcomes in India.</li> </ol> <p>Overall, the manuscript is significant and well-structured, but it would benefit from minor revisions to enhance clarity and incorporate more recent references.</p>	

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<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p> <p><b>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></p>	<p>The language and English quality of the article are generally suitable for scholarly communications. However, there are a few minor language improvements that could enhance the overall clarity and precision of the manuscript. Consider the following suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the introduction, consider rephrasing: "Children are not achieving class-appropriate learning levels (Sahni, 2015)." to "Children are not reaching age-appropriate learning levels, as highlighted by Sahni (2015)."</li> <li>• In the section discussing the National Achievement Survey (NAS), ensure consistency in verb tense when describing the survey's findings. For example, use "recorded a decline" instead of "recording a decline."</li> <li>• Clarify the statement: "It is of grave concern," by specifying what exactly is concerning. For instance, is it the current state of learning outcomes or the potential consequences for the future?</li> <li>• In the section on antecedents of the learning crisis, consider rephrasing: "The learning crisis is, at its core, a teaching crisis," to "At its core, the learning crisis is a teaching crisis, as delineated by a growing body of evidence (World Bank, 2019)."</li> <li>• In the subsection discussing teacher accountability, ensure clarity by specifying what "Mehrotra, 2006" refers to – is it a report, study, or another source?</li> <li>• In the section on administrative reforms, consider rephrasing: "This boosted confidence may lead to better learning," to "This enhanced confidence may result in improved learning outcomes."</li> <li>• Ensure consistent use of terms. For example, decide whether to use "learners" or "students" and maintain consistency throughout the manuscript.</li> </ul> <p>These suggestions aim to improve the precision and coherence of the language in the manuscript, contributing to its overall scholarly quality.</p>	
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>		

**PART 2:**

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<p><b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b></p>	<p><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></p>	

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