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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<p>Please write few sentences regarding the importance this manuscript for scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? Minimum 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>This paper is most opportune in integrating two major initiatives that the government has taken toward resolving the intractable problem of gender inequality in India: Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao and Stand-up India. The depth of analysis of the BBBP, in particular, is enlightening with respect to nuanced aspects that relate to the subtleties of implementation, community engagement, and the ability of the program to catalyze attitudinal shifts—a key issue for lawmakers, researchers, and development practitioners alike. Therefore, these recommendations are the paths to greater effectiveness and sustainability in women empowerment interventions, mainly through better allocation of resources and creation of multi-stakeholder collaborations. This work, therefore, will be immensely useful to the overall contribution to the understanding of the government's efforts to bridge this gap and promote inclusive development for scientific fraternity fighting against gender disparity in ingrained fighting situations in the Indian context</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>The title "Empowering Women through Education and Skill Development: An Analysis of Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao, Stand-Up India, and Skill India Mission" aptly reflects the central theme of this manuscript, which is an examination of significant government initiatives in India aimed at empowering women through education and skill development. It is evident that the title accurately identifies the three programs being reviewed. The current title is well-suited for the analysis of the genesis, components, and impact of these initiatives in promoting gender equality and women's empowerment. Therefore, the title does not necessitate significant alterations, as it accurately represents the content of the manuscript.</p>	
<p>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</p>	<p>The abstract is commendable for its ability to succinctly summarize the majority of the essential aspects of the manuscript. Significant additions or deletions are not required. The abstract effectively conveys the study's objectives, scope, and analytical approach, and it briefly introduces three government initiatives: Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao, Stand-up India, and Skill India Mission, along with their impact on promoting gender equality and women's empowerment in India. The abstract effectively highlights the progress made by these initiatives and the ongoing challenges, while also emphasizing the importance of continued community engagement and funding towards addressing gender inequality. The abstract's structure and content flow well, clearly delineating the purpose, methodology, and key findings.</p>	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>Yes, the subsections and structure of the manuscript appear appropriate. The structure of the manuscript allows for a systematic coverage of the key government initiatives (Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and Stand-Up India) and their various aspects, including objectives, components, impacts, and challenges. The subsections help organize the information in a logical and easy-to-follow manner, making it suitable for an analytical review paper.</p>	
<p>Please write few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? Minimum 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>The manuscript appears to be well-researched, drawing upon relevant academic literature and government sources. It provides a comprehensive review of the objectives, key components, and documented impacts of the BBBP, Stand-Up India, and Skill India programs, suggesting a rigorous and systematic assessment. The inclusion of specific case studies and regional examples further bolsters the technical soundness of the analysis. Overall, the document seems to present a scientifically robust, evidence-based assessment of these government initiatives aimed at empowering women.</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form. :-</p>	<p>The references employed in the document seem to be judiciously selected and current, drawing from a mix of recent academic publications, government data sources, and policy reports. The citations comprise works published in 2019 (Shetty and Hans), 2022 (Meenakshi and Bakshi), and 2023 (Chatterjee and Banerjee), demonstrating the authors' commitment to incorporating the latest relevant research and analysis. The incorporation of government sources, such as the 2011 Census data and information from the Ministry of Women and Child Development (2020), further highlights the authors' dedication to</p>	

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	grounding their review in credible, authoritative data. While some references, such as Kumari and Rani (2019) and Verma, Dhaka and Agrawal (2018), are a few years older, they still fall within the last 5 years and are pertinent to the context of this policy analysis. In sum, the range and timeliness of the references cited in the manuscript are praiseworthy and contribute to the robust scientific foundation of the analysis. There are no apparent gaps or outdated sources that would compromise the technical soundness of the review.	
Minor REVISION comments Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	The language and English quality of the article appears suitable for scholarly communications. The vocabulary, sentence structure, grammar, and overall academic tone are appropriate for publication in a scholarly setting.	
Optional/General comments	<p>This is a well-researched and comprehensive review of three key Indian government initiatives aimed at empowering women through education and skill development. The abstract, introduction, and analysis of each program (Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao, Stand-Up India, and Skill India Mission) are thorough and provide a clear understanding of the objectives, key components, successes, and challenges.</p> <p>The only minor revision I would suggest is to potentially expand the analysis of the Stand-Up India and Skill India Mission programs to provide a similar level of detail as the Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao section. This would further strengthen the overall review and balance the coverage of the three initiatives.</p> <p>Overall, this is an excellent manuscript that provides a well-researched and compelling analysis of these important government programs. With a minor revision to include more detailed coverage of the remaining two programs, this document would be ready for publication.</p>	

PART 2:

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

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