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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)
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<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? 	<p>The language used in the article is generally clear and understandable. However, there are instances of complex sentence structures and some awkward phrasings that could be simplified for better readability. Overall, it meets the basic standards for scholarly communication, but some refinement would enhance clarity.</p>	

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Optional/General comments	The article provides a detailed overview of vocational education and its significance in the context of the NEP 2020. While the language quality generally meets scholarly standards, some improvements could enhance readability. The article appropriately cites sources and does not exhibit significant ethical issues. However, disclosing potential conflicts of interest and providing a more balanced discussion of challenges would strengthen its academic credibility.	
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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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