



Peer-Review Statements

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All of the articles in this proceedings volume have been presented at the *International Conference on Infrastructure Development and Sustainability (ICIDS 2025)* during 18th and 19th December 2025 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India. These articles have been peer reviewed by the members of the Academic Review Committee and approved by the Editor-in-Chief, who affirms that this document is a truthful description of the conference's review process.

1. REVIEW PROCEDURE

The reviews were *conducted using a double-blind review process*. Each submission was examined by *at least 2* reviewers independently.

Extended abstracts of original research papers, case studies, or practice papers were invited to any of the sub-themes of the conference. All submitted extended abstracts were initially screened by the editorial team for relevance to the conference themes, originality, and basic quality standards. Authors of accepted abstracts were invited to submit full papers. Submissions that passed this initial screening were asked to submit the full paper. The full papers were assigned to reviewers based on their domain expertise, ensuring alignment with the paper's subject area while avoiding any conflicts of interest. Each paper was evaluated independently by the reviewers, and decisions were based on their recommendations. A paper was considered for acceptance only if it received favourable evaluations from at least two reviewers. In cases of conflicting reviews, additional reviewers were consulted or the final decision was made by the Editor-in-Chief.

Authors of rejected or conditionally accepted submissions were provided with detailed reviewer comments and, where applicable, were given an opportunity to revise and re-submit their manuscripts. Revised submissions were re-evaluated to ensure that the

concerns raised had been adequately addressed. The final decision on acceptance or rejection was conclusive. To ensure fairness and reduce bias, the identities of both authors and reviewers were concealed throughout the review process. Reviewers were required to declare any conflicts of interest and recuse themselves from evaluating submissions where such conflicts existed.

2. QUALITY CRITERIA

Reviewers were instructed to assess the quality of submissions solely based on the academic merit of their content along the following dimensions

1. Pertinence of the article's content to the scope and themes of the conference;
2. Clear demonstration of originality, novelty, and timeliness of the research;
3. Soundness and rigor of the methods, analyses, and results;
4. Adherence to ethical standards and relevant research guidelines;
5. Clarity, coherence, and quality of presentation, including figures, tables, and language.

In addition, all submitted articles were checked for textual overlap using plagiarism detection software i.e. Turnitin to identify any potential instances of plagiarism or unethical reuse of content. Submissions with significant overlap were rejected or returned to authors for clarification.

3. KEY METRICS

<i>Total submissions</i>	96
<i>Number of articles sent for peer review</i>	54
<i>Number of accepted articles</i>	32
<i>Acceptance rate</i>	33.33%
<i>Number of reviewers</i>	29

4. COMPETING INTERESTS

Some of the authors (Dr. Riya Mehta and Dr. Karan Nilesh Radia) were supervised by the Editor-in-Chief, who has recused themselves from handling their submissions and has delegated them to colleagues with no personal interests in them.

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