

UNDERSTANDING THE CONCEPT OF SMART CITY AND ITS SOCIO-ECONOMIC BARRIERS

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ABSTRACT

The development of Smart city is acquiring substantial appreciation and recognition all over the world. The Smart City is an integrated framework of city infrastructure and technology to address the complexities of cities. The study objects to get an insight into the concept of Smart Cities and also to identify the social and economic barriers in the smart Cities. This study combined the definitions and characteristics given by various authors. Though there are many barriers and challenges in the development of Smart City but as the literature suggests that sustainability is the fundamental objective of Smart City which falls under social issue, hence, at foremost social barriers are discussed and then supplemented with economic barriers.

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