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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Women's Empowerment through SHG-Led Entrepreneurship in India: The Role of Entrepreneurial Leadership, Social Capital and Innovation

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality			✓	
Clarity			✓	
Significance	✓			

Reviewer's ID: JPR-130

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Overall Evaluation

The manuscript discusses an important and timely topic related to women's empowerment, self-help group (SHG)-led entrepreneurship, and the influence of entrepreneurial leadership, social capital, and innovation in India. The study highlights the challenges and opportunities for women entrepreneurs and links them with globalization, technology, and policy support. The topic has strong social and economic relevance. The paper provides a broad literature-based discussion and presents useful insights. However, the manuscript appears more like a conceptual review rather than an empirical research paper. The methodology section lacks clarity regarding data collection, sample, analytical process, and specific findings. Greater focus, stronger structure, and language improvement are needed before publication.

Strengths

- Relevant Topic:** Women entrepreneurship and SHG empowerment are highly important for economic development and social inclusion.
- Comprehensive Coverage:** The paper discusses leadership, innovation, globalization, digitalization, and policy implications.
- Literature Support:** A wide range of recent references has been included.
- Practical Value:** Useful recommendations for policymakers, entrepreneurs, and support institutions.
- Focus on India:** The manuscript addresses issues relevant to Indian women entrepreneurs and SHGs.

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Areas for Improvement

1. **Research Gap Not Clearly Defined:** The novelty and unique contribution of the study should be explained more clearly.
2. **Methodology Weakness:** The paper mentions qualitative/theoretical methods, but no clear framework, sample, or process is explained.
3. **Need Empirical Evidence:** Including primary data, case studies, or statistical evidence would strengthen the study.
4. **Too Broad Scope:** The manuscript covers many themes; narrowing the focus would improve depth.
5. **Repetition:** Several sections repeat similar ideas on leadership, innovation, and globalization.
6. **Language Editing Needed:** Grammar, sentence flow, and formatting need professional editing.
7. **Conclusion Can Be Stronger:** The conclusion should summarize key findings more clearly and connect directly with objectives.
8. **SHG Focus Needs More Depth:** Since the title highlights SHG-led entrepreneurship, specific discussion on SHGs should be expanded.