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The Trans-disciplinary University (TDU) is an innovation oriented University, legislated as an autonomous University by the Karnataka Legislative Assembly (Karnataka Act No 35 of 2013). The University has been founded by the Foundation for Revitalization of Local Health Traditions (FRLHT) Trust and has evolved from 22 years of its pioneering work.

The scope of the term Transdisciplinary is defined in the Act as: Indian traditional health sciences, Biomedicine, Life sciences, Social sciences, Environmental studies, Design & Architecture, Performing and Fine arts, Engineering and Management.

Unlike conventional universities, TDU not only focuses on research and education but most importantly to the translation of knowledge for societal change.

Trans-Disciplinary University (TDU)

- Single domain knowledge institutions provide in depth knowledge of a single discipline. This has tremendous value but also limitations because such education is not sufficiently holistic and nature is multi-faceted. Thus single domain knowledge does not prepare well educated citizens.
- The scope of the Trans-Disciplinary University includes multiple knowledge domains viz., health sciences, biology, ecology, IT, engineering, design, cinema, performing arts, architecture, policy studies.
- TDU does not assume that all knowledge lies within the four walls of institutions/universities and therefore encourages learning from knowledge providers and holders wherever they exist.
- Trans-Disciplinary University is visualized as a trans-disciplinary learning space in which while core programs may be specialized, there will be scope for trans-disciplinary electives, field exposures, research interfaces and sharing of resources and responsibilities with partner knowledge institutions. It will also adopt methods of teaching and pedagogy that go beyond conventional classroom teaching and evaluation.