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### Entrepreneurship and Innovation NJCU—Jersey City Connect Project

# The Transdisciplinary Approach in India: A Roundtable Chat <a href="https://youtu.be/-Bxax\_yo70w">https://youtu.be/-Bxax\_yo70w</a>

Jersey City, April 28, 2020—The Institute for Dispute Resolution (IDR) at New Jersey City University (NJCU) is pleased to share its latest podcast episode, "The Transdisciplinary Approach to India: A Roundtable Chat." Dr. David Weiss, director of the IDR, sits down with two renowned Indian scientists, Dr. Taral Mehta and Dr. Gaurang Shah, as well as Sridhar Rajagopalan and Mohit Singh Arora, to talk about combating the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as recent breakthroughs in research on the novel virus.

Dr. Mehta shares the exciting and potentially groundbreaking news that Indian virologists have found that the COVID-19 vaccine might prevent contraction of the virus for years to come, unlike the flu vaccine, which must be received annually. They also disclose that the BCG vaccine, which has been used in India to fight tuberculosis for years, slows the transmission of COVID-19.

The Indian government, as Dr. Shah explains, has converted roughly 5,000 train cars into working hospitals. The roundtable participants discuss the positive impacts India's response to COVID-19 is having at home and around the globe.

Mohit Singh Arora, a Risk Management Professional, speaks about Robin Hood Army's initiative to provide meals and goods to those in need for 30 consecutive days, among other amazing plans.

"It is a tremendous honor to be represented by the IDR as they engage in revelatory conversations regarding the global fight against COVID-19." — Dr. Sue Henderson, NJCU President

"The podcast programs at NJCU IDR focus on global business and global affairs providing both unfiltered and an unbiased approach to how we get our information and how we make informed decisions: academics plays a vital role to connect borders and build bridges through sustainable academic innovation" — Dr. David Weiss, IDR Founder and Director

The IDR started this podcast series to hold meaningful conversations about today's most pressing issues. Podcasts are a helpful tool for educating oneself and maintaining global relationships even amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **About Us**

The Institute for Dispute Resolution at NJCU is a platform under the School of Business that seeks to promote international negotiation and mediation techniques to manage disputes in cross border commercial and general conflict resolution forums.

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