

Distance-Facilitated Multifaith Dialogue in India Using Zoom Internet Webcam Technology

Saturday, 02 February 2019 • Tollygunge, Kolkata, India (South Asia)

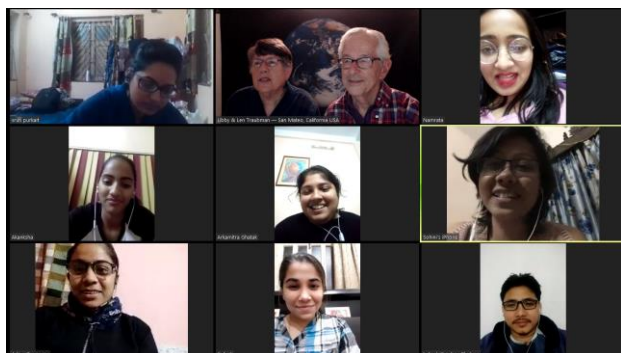


Facilitated from San Mateo, California, USA (North America)



Context and Preparation

Young adults in Kolkata, wishing to initiate face-to-face relationships among diverse citizens of India, discovered the USA-based [Euphrates Institute](#) – transforming “others” into brothers and sisters. Now their [Euphrates Kolkata](#) is shepherded by Sohini Jana and Arkamitra Ghatak, who met online in Zoom January 2019 with facilitators Libby and Len Traubman, co-founders of the 26-year-old Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue on the San Francisco Peninsula of California, USA. They shared their life stories and began planning intensely for the expanded Dialogue experiences during World Interfaith Harmony Week.



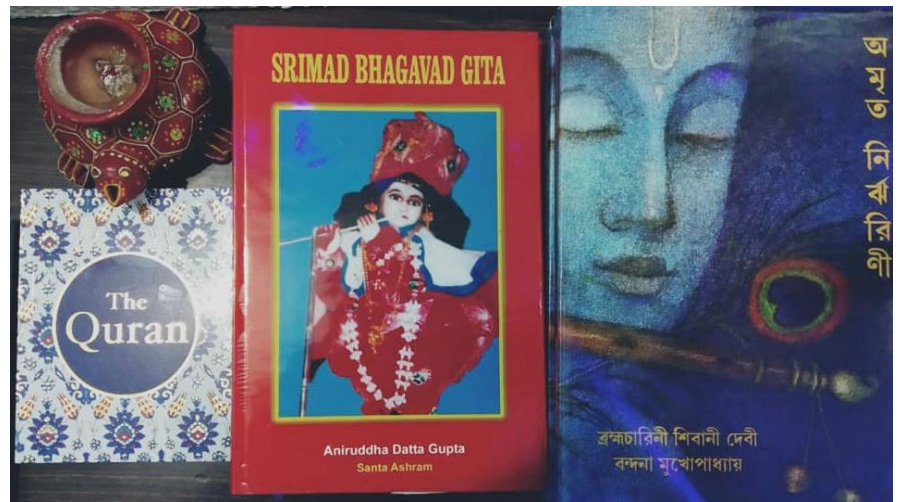
Earlier, September 2018 during a Euphrates online gathering, Arkamitra had excitedly described the importance <https://vimeo.com/292486053>.

On Friday 01 February 2019, the core team -- ages 17 to 28, mostly university students -- met online to express their own deep motivation for helping to prepare for the next day's community Dialogue.

The Dialogue

For 2-1/2 hours during Saturday 02 February 2019 – 5:00 pm Kolkata, 3:30 am California – diverse women and men shared their personal life narratives coming from roots in Islam, Christian denominations, Judaism, and different sects of Hinduism. They experienced Dialogue's new quality of listening-to-learn that dignifies both listener speak and listener, and that "an enemy is one whose story we have not heard."







Facilitators

Libby and Len Traubman • [Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue](https://traubman.igc.org/kolkatadialogue2019.pdf) (California, USA)
in Kolkata
 Sohini Jana and Arkamitra Ghatak

This document is on the Web at <https://traubman.igc.org/kolkatadialogue2019.pdf>

Event Flyer

"SUPPOSE WE WERE ABLE TO SHARE MEANINGS FREELY
 WITHOUT A COMPULSIVE URGE TO IMPOSE OUR VIEW OR TO
 CONFORM TO THOSE OF OTHERS AND
 WITHOUT DISTORTION AND SELF-DECEPTION.
 WOULD THIS NOT CONSTITUTE A REAL REVOLUTION IN
 CULTURE?"

DAVID BOHM, CHANGING CONSCIOUSNESS, 1992

Euphrates Institute India Chapter
 cordially invites you to
 a dialogue gathering
 on the occasion of
World Interfaith Harmony Week
 (Purpose: sharing personal stories
 of spiritual experiences and
 building a more spiritually
 connected community)

SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 2, 2019
 REPORTING TIME : 4:15 PM
 EVENT OPENING : 4:30 PM
 DIALOGUE FACILITATION : 5 PM - 6:30 PM
 6 CHANDITALA LANE, KOLKATA - 700040,
 TOLLYGUNGE
 RSVP : SOHINI JANA - 98749 90034

DIALOGUE FACILITATORS: LIBBY AND LEN TRAUBMAN
 FACILITATORS LIBBY AND LEN TRAUBMAN CO-FOUNDED THE 24-YEAR-
 OLD JEWISH PALESTINIAN LIVING ROOM DIALOGUE OF SAN MATEO
 FEATURED ON CNN, NPR, MSNBC, AND VOICE OF AMERICA. THEY CO-
 PRODUCED FIVE FILMS INCLUDING DIALOGUE AT WASHINGTON HIGH,
 PEACEMAKERS: PALESTINIANS & JEWS TOGETHER AT CAMP, DIALOGUE
 IN NIGERIA: MUSLIMS & CHRISTIANS CREATING THEIR FUTURE, AND
 CROSSING LINES IN FRESNO. THEY HAVE GUIDED HUNDREDS OF
 DEPENDABLY SUCCESSFUL DIALOGUES ON HIGH SCHOOL AND
 UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES, AND IN NEIGHBORHOODS ACROSS AMERICA
 AND OVERSEAS.

SESSION OPENING BY
MR BISWADEB CHAKRABORTY,
NATIONAL COORDINATOR, URI

Participating organisations:
 Center for Peace and Spirituality
 International
 Susamskar Foundation
 United Religions Initiative

Free: Material on Inter-religious Dialogue

