

# *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.



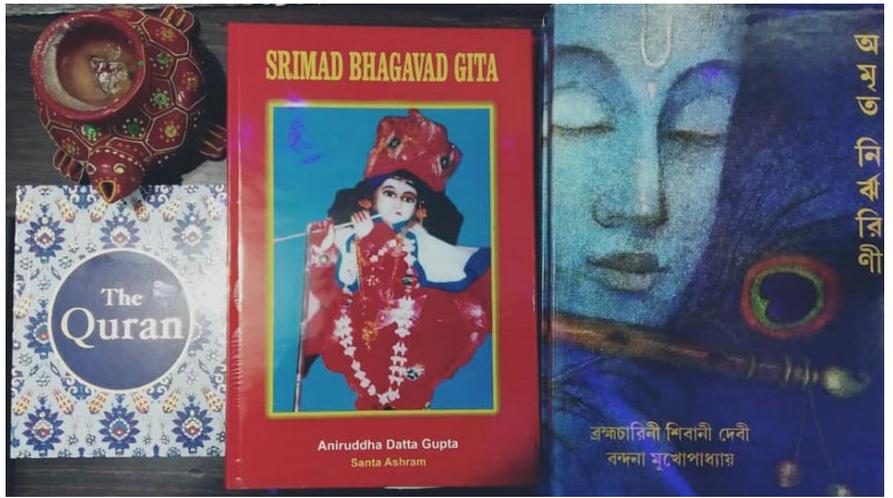
Earlier, September 2018 during a Euphrates online gathering, Arkamitra had excitedly described the importance <https://vimeo.com/292486053>.

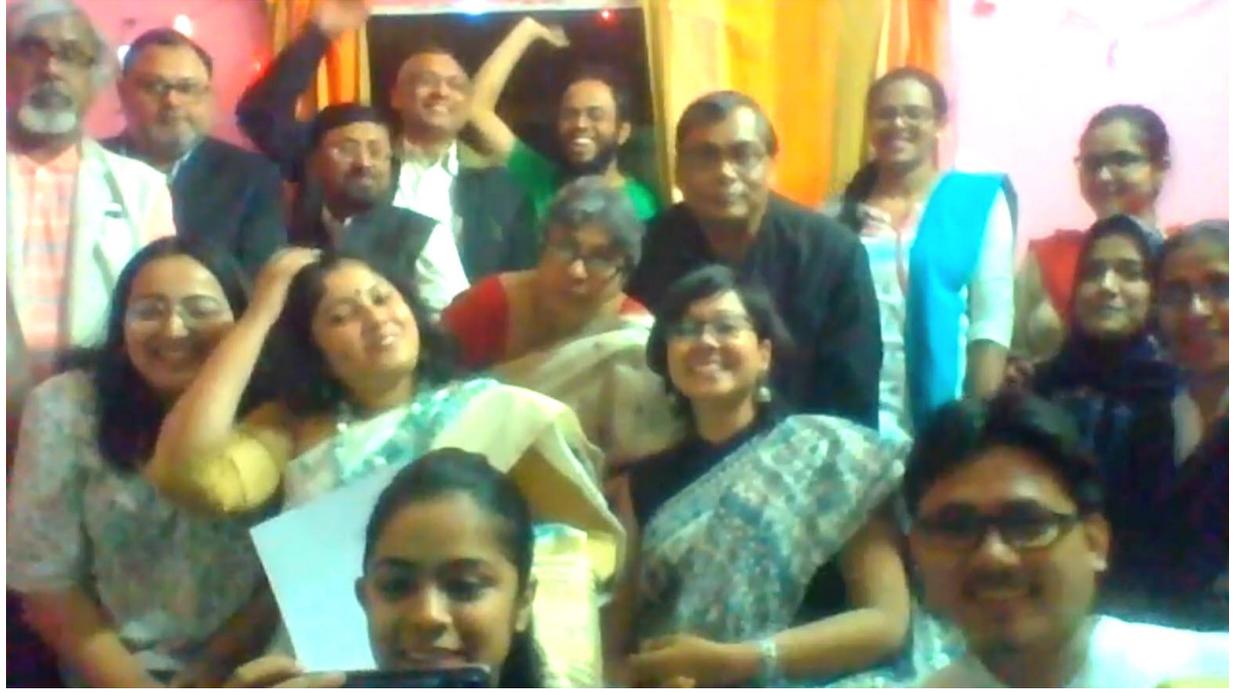
On Friday 01 February 2019, the core team -- ages 17 to 28, mostly university students -- met online to express their own deep motivation for helping to prepare for the next day's community Dialogue.

## 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.”







## Facilitors

Libby and Len Traubman • [Jewish-Palestinian Living Room Dialogue](#) (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

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**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.

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**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

