

Awards of Excellence

For the fifth annual IndUS Business Journal Awards of Excellence supplement, the newspaper continues to be successful in bringing together an impressive group of individuals and companies that best represent the influential South Asian business community in the United States. Since the IndUS Business Journal was first published in March 2001, the paper has been committed to covering the growing South Asian business community in the United States with the goal of helping the community. The impressive achievements by its members, both in the business world in general and in pushing the community forward, continues to warrant special recognition....

Organizations: Ravi Krishnamurthy

Vice President, LibForAll Foundation

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Founded in 2003 by Kyai Haji Abdurrahman Wahid, former Indonesian president and long-time head of the 40-million-member Muslim group Nahdlatul Ulama, and American entrepreneur and businessman C. Holland Taylor, the Winston-Salem, N.C.-based LibForAll supports peaceful, moderate and progressive Muslims in their fight against radical Muslim extremists. The non-profit organization's strategy involves building a global counter-extremism network of top Muslim leaders who possess the moral and theological authority to counter radicalization within their societies. This network fights Muslim extremism through religious education, pop culture, government, business and media. Wahid's widow Ibu Hajjah Sinta Nuriyah, serves as LibForAll's patron and senior advisor.

In its battle against extremism, LibForAll has worked with various media to expose extremist activity and mobilize organizations, elite society and the general public to reject extremist political parties and activity.

Krishnamurthy, a native of Chennai, joined LibForAll in 2006 not long after meeting Taylor socially. In turn, Krishnamurthy met Wahid and was so impressed that he quickly decided to join the Muslim leader. He has a background in electrical engineering and co-founded software company Enlite Networks prior to joining LibForAll.

As LibForAll vice president, Krishnamurthy's main tasks include building the expertise and infrastructure of the organization, building partnerships with other organizations and fund raising.

A 1987 graduate of the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, with a bachelor's degree in electronics and communication, Krishnamurthy came to the United States in 1991 to further his education. He received a doctoral degree in electrical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1997 and then spent the next four years at Sarnoff Corp. in Princeton, N.J. where he worked on video compression technology that would lead to the development of such standard video players as RealPlayer.

In 2001, he co-founded Enlite Networks, which made software to help companies develop semiconductors with teams of chip designers in different locations. Enlite was sold to CollabNet Corp. in 2002 and Krishnamurthy remained with the company for several years. He then spent some time consulting before joining LibForAll.