

3rd Social Leadership Summit (2019) - Concept Note

Social leaders are assets, backbone and face of any community who play a key role in motivating and leading the community to the heights of progress and empowerment and thus framing destinies. They are the people who have deep understanding of issues at the ground level and enjoy negotiating skills to respond in vibrant democratic setups.

Ironically the current socio-political setup treats Muslim social activists in pursuit of electoral politics. In surcharged political frenzy these talented minds are used for small political gains and hence they lost their relevance in due course of time. In utter state of confusion and pressures from political class, the upcoming social activists crisscross the fine boundary line between social and political activism which distracts them from their pointed goals of serving community and nation at large.

Movement for Empowerment of Indian Muslims (MOEMIN) organised its first Social Leadership Summit in February 2015 and second in 2016 which was participated by persons representing more than 20 states of India. The participants comprised of academicians, activist, serving and retired government servants as well as policy makers who listened and debated some of the well known public voices.

It was during the summit, the observation evolved that social leadership in the community will nurture gradually and rigorous efforts are needed to ensure that it blooms. The first summit paved way for understanding the concept of social leadership and the participants agreeing to continue forward the mission with same enthusiasm and vigour.

In the quest for a sustainable change, the community is trying various measures, at individual as well as cluster level to pursue social, economic and educational aspirations, not only within the stipulated government framework but through ancillary private efforts.

The concept of social activism is to be redefined viz-a-viz the community. Its only the community itself is to be held accountable for undermining the zeal and commitment of our social activists. Notwithstanding few success stories most of our social activists' lives in oblivion and most of the chosen representatives of political parties within community always feel threatened from the emerging social crusaders and remains hostile towards them.

In this background, **Movement for Empowerment of Indian Muslims (MOEMIN)** will be organising its third **"National Social Leadership Summit"** in collaboration with **Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP)** at **IICC, Lodhi Road, New Delhi from 1st to 3rd March 2019** to engage and start the process of dialogue. The thrust of the proposed Summit will also be to engage with the young social leaders and helping them to strategise for future challenges.

We expect that over during these three days, a good number of Policy Makers, Community Leaders, Academicians, Activist would discuss and deliberate on key issues facing the community.