

# Syar Ahmad Khan and Modernization of Muslims

## 1. Introduction :

Acknowledgement :  
My Subject

## 2. Syar Ahmad Khan. (Times and Background)

Upbringing

Education & Scholarly instructions:

Ain; Asasus Saadid

Ghalib: Tagore

Educational movement -  
Modernization of Islam

Reconciliation of Muslims with British  
Christianity & Islam

Tahzeebul Dehlay (Argument with  
Sir William Muir)

Tafseer ul Quran :-

Sir Syed's Idea of "Nation" Hindu & Muslim  
Freedom from bigotry

## 3. Muslims in Pre-Independence India

Minority but numerous (130 - 140 million)  
Backward & disadvantaged :- Economic,  
Social and Educational  
(Cause & Effect)

## 4. Educational Situation :

Variation in states, Backward  
Equal

Primary Secondary & Higher

Position in high Science &

Technology - Importance of  
quality education

ʿ Syed Ahmad Khan wanted to see  
all things through science, reason and  
rationality.

Was deeply religious but said 'If  
people do not shun blind adherence and  
do not adjust the light of religion which  
can be found in Koran and Hadith -  
with the sciences of today, Islam will  
become extinct. (From Khutbah - Badayun)

5. Prognosis & Conclusion :-

Depletion of Middle class. - (Reasons)

Weakness in Economy & Politics follows.

Nashin leadership :-

Income Hierarchy

SC-ST

Muslims

Caste Hindus

Christians

Others (Sikhs Jains)

Muslims ~ 18% less than caste Hindus  
but 50% other minorities

Muslims - rural Non-Agricultural  
urban Non-Salaried

Informal professions and  
Self employment

Middle class week  
Upper middle class  
busy week

Reasons:  
Historical  
Partition  
Emigration

Educational Situation

Over all literacy (75%) Men  
54% Women

Muslims 55-60% Men  
40-45 Women

Drop out rate - Twice that  
of others

Household Annual expenditure on schooling

Higher Education :- Deplorable  
Profession Education

Gender Disparity :- Greater

What is needed :-

Lower Level :- Will improve but  
only with economic condition.

Higher Level :- Needs active effort.

Competition will increase

Privatization will make education  
more expensive.

In High Science & Education  
cost is Nil but competition-  
Very hard.

- Is it is discrimination?

(My experience of 40 yrs) (yes & No)

# Muslim Education :

# Muslims & Education :-

Rapid stride in Education :-

Literacy : Numerical increase

University : 28 - 300  
(rate 4/year)

Loss in quality .

Unevenness :

Muslims	HP	53%
Population	Bihar	
(13-14% of Total)	West Bengal	
	Maharashtra	32%
	Kerala	
	Assam	
	AP	
	Karnatak	15%
	Gujarat	
	Rajasthan	
	MP	
	Tamil nad	

Remaining 3-4 million .  
in 19 or 20 states (Some  
of them most prosperous