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Sir Syed Ahmad Khan believed that engaging with a modern western education was the key to Indian Muslims getting on in society. Without such an education, he said, Indian Muslims would be left far behind in society compared with all other communities. Sir Syed believed important careers in government and the civil service and high-ranking and highly paid posts would not be available to Indian Muslims without a western education. Sir Syed even feared they might lose their unique identity. He said the work a man is able to do with his brain makes him able to live a happy and comfortable life with a lot of luxury.

Adapted from an article in the Dawn *newspaper about Sir Syed Ahmad Khan, 15 October 2017*

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