

Chapter 1

"O' my countrymen! Do not spoil your beloved children. Bring them up properly and provide them with the best means for their future life. Call me what you may; listen to me or pay no heed to my words, but remember that if you failed to educate them under a national system, they would go astray and turn into vagabonds. You will be pained to see their miserable plight. You will weep over their sad predicament but you will not be able to make amends for the time lost".

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan

[Speech at Ludhiana

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