

(1) Khan, Arif Ali (2000) worked on “Educational Philosophy of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and its Relevance in the Present Educational System”, Ph.D. awarded by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Agra and (2) Siddiqi, Areeza (2000) worked on “Contribution of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan in the Spread of Modern Education in India”, Ph.D. awarded by the Deen Dayal Upadhyay University, Gorakhpur.

Apart from the above mentioned studies, there are some other important works in the area done by G.F.I. Graham (1885), Syed Mahmud (1895), Altaf Husain Hali (1901), K.A. Nizami (1966), Bhatnagar S.K. (1969), Shan Mohammad (1978), Hafeez Malik (1980), Rehmani Begum (1985), Rasheed Ahmad Siddiqi (1993) and B. Sheik Ali (1999). The works of these eminent scholars are about the life and works of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. The work of Professor Shan Mohammad entitled ‘Aligarh Movement: Basic Documents’ is a remarkable contribution in the area. But the focus of study is not education.

Many writers have also written articles both in Urdu and English languages on Aligarh Movement, education, social, political, economic and religious thoughts of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. The above mentioned studies indicate that there is dearth of studies on Aligarh Movement, its educational implications and relevance to the contemporary Indian education.

The investigator of the present study could not find any research study leading to Ph.D. degree on the topic under reference. Therefore, there is a need to undertake a systematic and analytical study on the Aligarh Movement making it a chapter in the History of Indian Education. This justifies the selection of the topic.