

# 'Urdu can be international language'

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**U**rdu, like English, has the potential to become an International language for communication, observed Dr Aquil Ahmad, Director, National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL).

Speaking at the inaugural of the 7-day training programme for Madrasa teachers organised by Centre for Professional Development of Urdu Medium Teachers, MANUU in collaboration with NCPUL, he said in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), where earlier court proceedings were used to be done in Arabic language only, advocates are now allowed to plead cases in Urdu also.

Dr Ahmad advised the participants to become ambassadors of Urdu as 'this language is our culture too'. He said, "Urdu is surviv-



*Madrasa teachers at the inaugural of the seven-day training programme.*

ing because of Madrasas in India. Schools and colleges are not doing enough to promote Urdu language".

Prof Fatima Begum, Vice-Chancellor in charge, and Prof SM Rahmatullah, Registrar in charge also participated.