The 22nd All India Urdu Book Fair-2018 was organised by National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) in collaboration with Human Chain (NGO) and Tauheed Educational Trust at Ruidhasa ground, Kishanganj. The book fair was inaugurated on 7th April by Prof. Irtaza Karim, Director, NCPUL. Around 56 publishers, distributors, and book sellers from all over the country participated in the event. In his keynote address, Prof. Irtaza Karim acknowledged that Urdu language has been spreading its root because of its sweetness. He also mentioned that it is a language which plays an important role in the Ganga Jamuni Tehzeeb of our great nation. MP Kishanganj, Maulana Asrul Haq Qasmi and Mr. Mujahid Alam MLA stressed the need for such programs. It is for the first time Seemanchal has been chosen by NCPUL for the All India Urdu Book Fair. Dr. Ashfaq Karim, Member, Rajiya Sabha as chief guest appreciated NCPUL, Human Chain and Tauheed Education Trust for bringing the National Urdu book fair in this region. Prof. Raashid Nehal, Director, AMU Kishanganj Centre (AMUKC) as a keynote speaker addressed the desire to initiate Urdu language awareness, training programs and projects at AMU Kishanganj Centre to spread the promotion of Urdu in the region. Prof. Karim has invited such project proposals from AMUKC.

As part of the technical sessions of the National Urdu Fair a Symposium on the Urdu Medium Schools and its Challenges was organized. Mr. Anzar, Headmaster, Line Urdu School, Dr. Tauqueer Rahi (NCPUL), Mr. Naemul Haq, Mr. Shamsad Alam, Mr. Jawed Ansari and Mr. Vasudev Prasad Singh expressed their concern for Urdu as it was disappearing from our homes besides there is a dearth of trained Urdu medium teachers and related materials. Prof. Raashid Nehal chaired this session and expressed that there is a cultural, linguistic and emotional sensitivity attached to Urdu language. AMUKC has organized a session on April 8, 2018 on Civil Services Guidance to facilitate Opportunities for Urdu Medium Students. In the wake of less participation of Urdu medium students, the session aimed to awaken the Urdu medium and Madrasa students to opt for Civil Services as their career options. Mr. Ghurran Ahmad, Faculty, Dept. of Education interacted with the students to motivate the students for choosing a career in Civil Services. Dr. Azimur Rahman, Faculty Dept. of Education AMUKC, Convenor in connection with the said event talked about the eligibility criteria to appear in the civil services exam. Dr. Jawed Ahmad, Mr. Md. Isa Ali and Mr. Md. Nadeem Ahmad Ansari, Faculty Dept. of Education spoke about ‘how to prepare for mains’ and educated the audience related to different options for choosing papers for the main exams. Dr. Rekha Rani, Faculty Dept. of Education spoke on How to face interview. She also communicated the essentials of personality development. Prof. Raashid Nehal shared tips for motivation to crack the exam in addition to how to prepare for the Essays of the Civil Services Exam (Main).

Prof. T.V.R.K. Rao former Principal, Marwari College, Kishanganj chaired the technical session III on Importance of Modern Education. In his keynote address, he stressed the need to change the education system so as to meet the challenges of era globalization and ever-changing society. On this occasion Prof. Surendra Ramanand, Principal, Marwari College, Prof. Sajjal Prasad, Prof. Raashid Nehal, Director, AMUKC and Dr. Rekha Rani, shared their views. Prof. Sajjal Prasad emphasised the concerns related to Urdu language and said that Urdu is not a language of any particular community rather a Hindustani language used for communicative purposes. Dr. Rekha Rani expressed her views on the value education. Prof. Raashid Nehal spoken on the need to adopt compatible technology for promoting Urdu language. During this session, a book authored by Dr. Rekha Rani on Inclusive Education was released by Prof. Rao. This was published by Aphi publishing Corporation, New Delhi (2018), India.

The valedictory session on 15 April was presided over by SP Kishanganj Shri Rajeev Mishra, The other speakers who spoke on this occasion were NCPUL Officials Mr. Kamal Singh, Asst. Director, NCPUL, Mr. Khurram Shahnavaz, Research Officer, Dr. Tauqueer Rahi, Dr. Feroz Alam, Mr. Muneer Dr. Sajjal Prasad from Marwari College, Kishanganj, Er. Junoon Hussain, Er. Aslam Ali. In his valedictory address Mr. Mishra shared his concerns for the development of Urdu as an Indian language which is used more like Hindi language.

In his concluding remarks, Er. Mohammad Aslam, president Human Chain) thanked all the people who did work to make the book fair a successful event. The overwhelming response of the AMUKC team made the session a successful event. He especially thanked the Director, Staff (teaching and non-teaching), Dr. Azimur Rahman, Convenor and volunteers, students of AMU Kishanganj Centre for their active participation.

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