

Media Report

Academy of Professional Development of Urdu Medium Teachers (APDUMT), Jamia Millia Islamia organised one day National Seminar

Academy of Professional Development of Urdu Medium Teachers (APDUMT), Jamia Millia Islamia successfully organised a one-day national seminar on the title “Essentials of Teaching-Learning in the Present Era”. The seminar was inaugurated at the Mir Anis Hall, Dayar-e-Mir Taqi Mir, at 10:00 am on February 16, 2026. The event welcomed eminent academicians, researchers, practitioners, and students from across the nation to deliberate on contemporary challenges and emerging trends in teaching-learning processes, with special reference to Urdu-medium.

The inaugural session commenced with the recitation of the Quran, by Mr. Shakeel-ur-Rahman, research scholar, followed by Jamia Tarana. A cordial welcome address by Dr. Abdul Wahid, the Organising Secretary of the seminar, set a positive tone for the day. As a mark of respect and appreciation, mementos were presented to the dignitaries, followed by a shawl felicitation ceremony, acknowledging the warm presence of the guests. The book *Guldasta-e-Moshaera ‘Jamia Ki Kahani Shayaron Ki Zubani’* a compilation of *Nazms* presented at Mushaira held last year on foundation day of the university was released by eminent guests.

Welcoming the gathering, Prof. Jasim Ahmad, Hony Director, APDUMT, expressed gratitude to Prof. Mazhar Asif, Vice Chancellor, JMI and Prof. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Registrar, JMI, for their guidance throughout the conceptualisation of the seminar. He also thanked the Holistic Education Trust and Urdu Academy, Delhi for their support in the seminar. Prof. Ahmad warmly welcomed the guests and participants to the seminar. He emphasised that school education is the foundation of a good nation by quoting that “the destiny of the classroom is shaped by its teachers.” He further highlighted the relevance of the title of the seminar: to deliberate on the contemporary ways of teaching learning.

Prof. Sara Begum, Officiating Dean, Faculty of Education, addressed the audience by highlighting how the essential of teaching-learning in every era changes with its social context. Dr. Wahid further welcomed the keynote speaker, Dr. Nadeem Ahmad, Department of Urdu for his address. Dr. Ahmad, in his keynote address emphasised on the role of teachers in the contemporary era and the resources which are available to them to enhance the learning experience of students. He talked about the importance of continuous professional development of teachers, and the need to be aware of the national educational policies, digital teaching learning resources & prepare students for their professional employability.

A major highlight of the inaugural session was the address by Prof. M. Akhtar Siddiqui, who shared valuable insights on the need to address the difference between students on the basis of language and rigour. He further questioned how teachers address the digital divide in their classrooms and give attention to all students with respect to differential learning.

Dr. Hina Afreen, concluded the inaugural session with a formal vote of thanks, and indicating a start to technical sessions of the seminar.

The seminar was structured into two technical sessions, and four parallel sessions, each addressing various sub-themes under the main topic. The researchers presented their papers and shared their insights on Urdu-medium teaching and their relevant learning from respective fields. The sessions included the presentation of 33 papers, 11 of them were in English medium and 22 in Urdu medium.

The valedictory session, held in the afternoon, at 04:00 PM at Mir Anis Hall, marked a fitting conclusion to the seminar. It was graced by Prof. Ilyas Husain, Former Pro-Vice Chancellor, JMI, as Chief Guest, and Prof. Iqtidar Mohd. Khan, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Languages, JMI as Guest of Honour. The session was compered by Dr. Hina Afreen. Prof. Jasim Ahmad congratulated all on the successful completion of the event and expressed his gratitude to the guests, faculties and participants who gave their insights to the seminar.

The session included the release of ASAS (Adolescents' Scientific Attitude Scale), a research-based tool aimed at assessing scientific attitudes among adolescents. The scale was briefed by Mohd. Ashique Husain, and its manual was released in soft copy by the Chief Guest.

Presenting the seminar report, Dr. Wahid Nazeer summarised the academic deliberations, themes, and key recommendations that emerged from the technical sessions. He appreciated the scholars and academicians for perceiving the title of the seminar in their own ways and adding to the discourse of teaching and learning. Prof.

Prof. Iqtidar Mohd. Khan, Guest of Honour, encouraged the conduction of seminars that deliberate over contemporary issues and opportunities. He also emphasized the importance of mother tongue and the use of Urdu language in daily lives.

The valedictory address was delivered by Prof. Ilyas Husain, Chief Guest, who congratulated the organiser of the seminar for a successful conduction. He appreciated the enthusiasm and grit of the presenters of the seminar. He highlighted the role of university in shaping the future of teachers. He emphasised the need for sustained dialogue among educators and policymakers to strengthen the promotion of Urdu medium learning as well as Urdu as language.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Naushad Alam, followed by the National Anthem and certificate distribution.









