

Ambitious Ahmed

MINISTER of state for external affairs E.Ahmed, who hails from Kerala, used to struggle with Hindi during his initial days in Delhi. But that time is over. Ahmed has now started speaking Urdu.

He used the language at three recent programmes, including the annual general body meeting of the National Council for the Promotion for Urdu. Skeptics say Ahmed is trying to reach out to north Indian Muslims. Ahmed, who is also president of the Indian Union Muslim League, has been dreaming of giving his party a national image. At the moment, IUML is limited to certain pockets in Kerala. The veteran politician knows that Urdu is the key to success.

