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## Govt mulls compulsory ADR in civil cases

UNB, Dhaka

Law Minister Shafique Ahmed yesterday said the government is actively considering to introduce compulsory Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in civil cases.

"The matter is under consideration at the highest level in a bid to get relief for the litigant public from logjam of cases," he said while inaugurating the 13th Public Prosecutors (PPs) training course organised by Judicial Administration Training Institute (JATI) in the city.

Barrister Shafique said the government would also consider enforcing the ADR in resolving criminal cases if specific proposal comes from the quarters concerned.

He called on the public prosecutors, who are participating in the six-day training course, to be equipped with adequate knowledge of rules and legal procedures to efficiently conducting the cases.

"Lack of experience and efficiency impedes the judicial function and deprive the litigant public of even-handed justice," the minister observed.

He also asked the public prosecutors to shun the culture of case adjournment in courts without reasonable grounds, as it delays the trial proceedings and increases logjam of cases.

JATI Director General Justice Hamidul Huque and Director (training) Ashrafur Islam also spoke.

## Fruit fair in city from today

BSS, Dhaka

The Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) has undertaken a programme to distribute 1.3 crore saplings of fruit-bearing trees across the country free of cost on the occasion of a three-day national fruit fair and fortnight-long tree plantation programme.

Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury will inaugurate the programme today at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre.

The fruit fair will be held from June 14 to 16 and the fruit tree plantation programme from June 16 to 30.

## Double rail lines on Dhaka-N'ganj route soon

BSS, Dhaka

Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain yesterday said double lines would be installed on the Dhaka-Narayanganj rail route for the convenience of passengers.

The minister said this while inaugurating Turag Express, a commuter service

from Narayanganj to Joydevpur, at the Narayanganj Rail Station.

Local lawmaker Nasim Osman also spoke on the occasion. Narayanganj Municipality Mayor Dr Selina Hayat Ivy and Director General of Bangladesh Railway Belayet Hossain were present.

The communication minister said the new train service has been introduced so

that local passengers can go to Dhaka and Joydevpur easily avoiding road traffic jam.

Train fare from Narayanganj to Joydevpur has been fixed at Tk 13 while it is Tk 6 from Narayanganj to Dhaka.

Syed Abul Hossain said the government has undertaken a master plan for development of the railway sector.

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