

SPFMS Holds Series of Trainings to Improve Public Project Management



A series of project management training programs organized under the Strengthening Public Financial Management Program to Enable Service Delivery (SPFMS) has reinforced the Finance Division's ongoing efforts to build leadership, coordination and monitoring capacity in support of Bangladesh's public financial management reforms.

The initiative, implemented by the SPFMS under Finance Division (FD), brought together officials from the FD and SPFMS schemes through multiple training batches held in Dhaka between January and early February 2026. The programs combined classroom learning with case-based practical sessions, aiming to strengthen skills across the entire project cycle, from identification and design to implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

The first batch of the five-day training began on January 4 at the FD. Md. Hasanul Matin, Additional Secretary (Budget and Macroeconomics) inaugurated the program as the Chief Guest. The session was chaired by Dr. Ziaul Abedin, Additional Secretary (Budget-1) and National Program Director (NPD) of SPFMS.

The training covered development project concepts, result-based management, procurement procedures and environmental and social considerations, alongside a detailed case study of the Matarbari 2×600 MW Ultra Super Critical Power Plant.

The second batch of the training, held from January 25 to 29 at the SPFMS Program Office in Dhaka. Munshi Abdul Ahad, Additional Secretary (Admin, Planning and TDM) attended the program as the Chief Guest. The session was presided over by Dr. Ziaul Abedin, while Joint Secretary (Budget-2) Md. Nazrul Islam and Joint Secretary (Budget-1) Muhammad Faruq-Uz-Zaman joined as special guests.

Speakers underscored the growing importance of project management skills for Finance Division officials who are increasingly involved in project oversight and decision-making across ministries. The training provided in-depth exposure to feasibility analysis, cost-benefit assessment, DPP and TAPP preparation, fiscal risk management and post-project evaluation, with practical insights drawn from real-world infrastructure projects.

Another batch of training was organized for the officials of Finance Division held on February 2 and 3 at the Finance Division, focusing on large-scale infrastructure project management using the Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit system as a case study. Munshi Abdul Ahad attended the opening session as the chief guest, while Additional Secretary (Admin and Coordination Wing) Ferdous Rowshan Ara and Additional Secretary (Macroeconomics-1) Hasan Khaled Foisal were present as special guests. The session was chaired by Dr. Ziaul Abedin.

Senior officials from MRT Line-6 and MRT Line-1 conducted technical sessions on project formulation, contract management, procurement, environmental assessment and implementation challenges, offering participants a hands-on understanding of complex public sector projects.

Officials involved in the programs said the training series was designed to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, enabling participants to better manage development projects and ensure value for money in public expenditure. They noted that strengthening project management capacity is essential for improving fiscal discipline, enhancing transparency and achieving timely delivery of development outcomes.