

Hindu marriage registration law soon, says minister

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The government will enact a law soon over marriage registration of Hindu people in order to ensure their relevant rights, Law Minister Shafique Ahmed said yesterday.

The marriage registration will remain as a document, but would not affect the religious culture and rituals of Hindus, he said.

He was speaking at the chief guest at a seminar titled "Full-fledged Hindu marriage law: Hindu citizens' rights" organised by Hindu Bibaho Ain Pronoyone Nagorik Uddog in association with Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) at BIAM auditorium in the city.

Shafique said the government had

discussed the matters with legal experts, Hindu scholars, and justices for formulating a Hindu marriage registration law.

The government is planning to make the marriage registration for Hindus compulsory like that of the Muslims, he said.

The government will also consult with experts and stakeholders over the issue of divorce of Hindu people, since this issue is very complicated, he added.

The law minister said the government would also make a separate law so that the Hindu, Buddhist and Christian people could make 'declaration of gift' on a Tk 100 court fee like the Muslims.

He said the government had formed tribunals at district level to

deal with the vested properties in order to protect the rights of the religious minority people over their lands.

The tribunals will take measures to return the lands to their original owners upon receiving applications, he added.

Prof M Shah Alam, acting chairman of Law Commission, Selina Hossain, member of National Human Rights Commission, Rana Dasgupta, prosecutor at the International Crimes Tribunals, Sultana Kamal, executive director of Ain O Salish Kendra, Shaheen Anam, executive director of MJF, and Dr Ajoy Roy, convener of Moulabad and Samprodaikota Birodhi Moncho, also addressed the programme.

Convocation of DU BBA 15th batch held

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Convocation of BBA 15th batch under the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) of Dhaka University (DU) was held at a city hotel on Friday.

Addressing the programme as chief guest, DU Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique urged the graduates to work for the country's socio-economic development by dint of the knowledge they achieved from the university, said a press release.

He distributed certificates among the graduates.

IBA Director Prof GM Chowdhury, DU Treasurer Prof Mizanur Rahman and Chairperson of BBA Programme of IBA Prof Muhammad Mohiuddin, among others, addressed the event.

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