

Statute possible in 5 months: Minister Pokharel



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KATHMANDU: Minister for Information and Communications, Shankar Pokharel has said completion of the constitution-drafting will be possible with the next five months if parties reach an agreement.

Speaking at an interaction organised here on Thursday to mark the first anniversary of the Dalit Nigarani [Dalit Watch], a fortnightly magazine, Pokharel said there was no alternative for parties to promulgating new statute through the Constituent Assembly (CA).

The programme was organised by the Dalit Study and Development Centre.

He stressed on the need to hold discussions on the issues of Dalits to ensure the rights of Dalits in the new constitution. All Dalits and lawmakers from the Dalit community should be united to get their rights, he added.

Chairman of Nepal Television, Kundan Aryal extended greetings to the family of the Dalit Nigarani for completing one year of publication. The magazine has its own voices, he said.

Lawmaker Dharma Bishwakarma stressed that the state should manage special rights for Dalits so as to end the culture of discrimination against them.

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