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In a significant policy move aimed at eradicating child marriage, the Tripura government is considering making marriage registration a prerequisite before the actual ceremony. The proposal mandates the submission of birth certificates during registration to verify the legal age—18 years for girls and 21 for boys—prior to solemnization.

Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha emphasized that the initiative will embed legal safeguards before societal customs take place, reinforcing the role of civil registration in upholding constitutional rights and protecting minors from exploitative unions.

This proposed reform aligns with national objectives under the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, and strengthens institutional mechanisms for early intervention and legal accountability. If implemented, it may set a precedent for other states to use legal tools proactively for social transformation.