



UCC Implementation in Uttarakhand | Uttarakhand | 27 May 2024

Why in News?

According to the sources, with the [Uniform Civil Code \(UCC\)](#) expected to be implemented in Uttarakhand by the end of 2024, a facility that will **enable live-in and married couples** to register their relationship is in the process of being introduced.

- The Uttarakhand Assembly passed the UCC bill on **7th February 2024**.

Key Points

- UCC calls for the registration of live-in relationships just like marriages and states that **live-in partners must not be under 18**.
 - According to the officials, the **training of the government employees** will be conducted in **both online as well as offline modes**.
 - The **online registration facility** will be beneficial for both government staff as well as the couple since this will reduce the need for visiting the registrar's office several times.
 - However, the **parents of the couples aged between 18 and 21 will be informed** about their children's live-in relationships.
- The **bill** that has been passed in the Parliament **says that anyone staying in a live-in relationship for more than a month without getting it registered will be punishable** with an imprisonment up to three months or a fine of up to Rs 10,000 or both.
 - If a **woman in a live-in relationship gets deserted** by her partner, she will be **entitled to claim maintenance from him** for which she may approach a competent court having jurisdiction over the place where they last cohabited.
 - The bill **state's small tribal community is exempted from the proposed law**, which also mandates registration of live-in relationships.



UNIFORM CIVIL CODE

All sections of the society irrespective of their religion shall be treated equally according to a National Civil Code - the Uniform Civil Code.

THEY COVER AREAS LIKE



Marriage



Divorce



Maintenance



Inheritance



Adoption



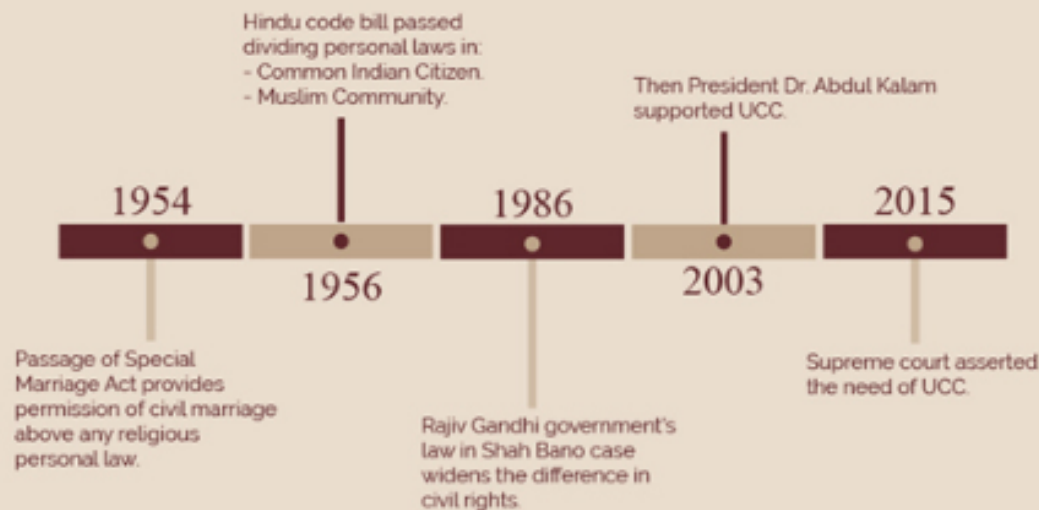
Succession of Property

It is based on the premise that there is necessarily no connection between religion and personal law in a civilized society.

"UCC refers to a common set of laws governing civil rights of every citizen."

Article 44 of Directive Principles sets duty of state for implementing UCC.

TIMELINE



The dialogue for UCC was started by the Law Commission in the year 2016

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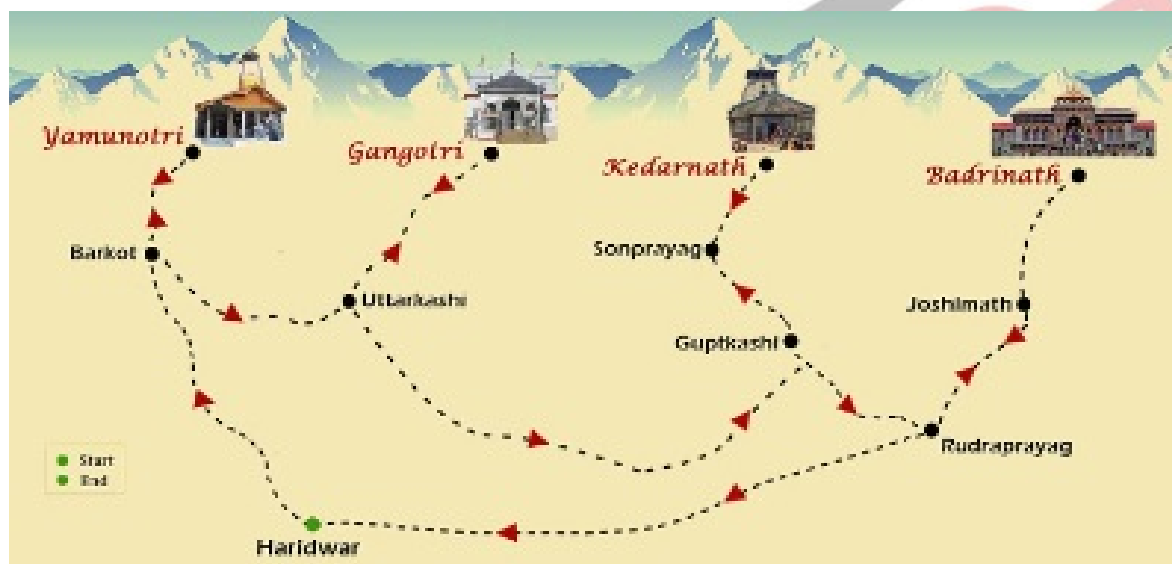
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Compelled by the heavy rush of pilgrims, the Uttarakhand Government is set to introduce a regulatory system for the [chardham pilgrimage](#), similar to the 2019 'Devasthanam Management Board' which was abandoned due to protests by the priests.

Key Points

- The government has constituted a **special High-Level Committee (HLC)** to suggest the constitution of a '**new authority or institution**' to **regulate Chardham and other religious pilgrimages to the state.**
- The HLC formed by the state government has been mandated to look into the smooth and uninterrupted regulation of the pilgrimages in Uttarakhand in the future.
 - It will also monitor and regulate the daily flow of devotees in the ongoing Chardham pilgrimage for **Gangotri, Yamunotri, Badrinath, and Kedarnath shrines.**

Char Dham Yatra



- **Yamunotri Dham:**
 - **Location:** Uttarkashi district.
 - **Dedicated to:** Goddess Yamuna.
 - River Yamuna is the second-most sacred river in India after River Ganga.
- **Gangotri Dham:**
 - **Location:** Uttarkashi district.
 - **Dedicated to:** Goddess Ganga.
 - Considered the most sacred of all Indian rivers.
- **Kedarnath Dham:**
 - **Location:** Rudraprayag district.
 - **Dedicated to:** Lord Shiva.
 - Situated on the bank of the Mandakini River.
 - One of the 12 Jyotirlingas (divine representations of Lord Shiva) in India.
- **Badrinath Dham:**
 - **Location:** Chamoli district.
 - Home to the sacred Badrinarayan Temple.
 - **Dedicated to:** Lord Vishnu.
 - One of the holy shrines for Vaishnavites.

