

UCC Implementation in Uttarakhand

Why in News?

According to the sources, with the <u>Uniform Civil Code (UCC)</u> 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 hill state's small tribal community is exempted from the proposed law, which also mandates registration of live-in relationships.

