



Rajasthan Government Plans Uniform Civil Code (UCC)

Why in News?

- Rajasthan cabinet minister Kanhiya Lal Choudhary informed the state assembly that the government would soon introduce the [Uniform Civil Code \(UCC\) Bill](#).

Key Points

- The proposed UCC Bill aims to establish uniform **laws pertaining to marriage, divorce and inheritance of property**. It seeks to **curb practices like polygamy and divorce** through religious means.
- On the lines of Uttarakhand, the **Rajasthan UCC Bill will exempt the tribal community**, as they've **raised serious objections, terming their customs and practices** uncompromisable.

Uniform Civil Code (UCC)

- The Uniform Civil Code is **mentioned in Article 44 of the Indian Constitution**, which is part of the **Directive Principles of State Policy**.
- These principles are **not legally enforceable but are meant to guide the state** in making policies.
 - It has been supported by some as a way **to promote national integration and gender justice, but opposed by others as a threat to religious freedom and diversity**.
- The **only state in India that has a UCC is Goa**, which retained its common family law **known as the Goa Civil Code** after it was liberated from Portuguese rule in 1961.
 - Recently, **Uttarakhand** has also introduced the **UCC bill** in the state assembly.
- The **rest of India follows different personal laws** based on their religious or community identity.