

## Uttarakhand UCC Implementation | Uttarakhand | 09 Oct 2024

## Why in News?

The Uttarakhand government is finalizing its rules for implementing the <u>Uniform Civil Code (UCC)</u>, with a focus on digital services.

## **Key Points**

- Committee and Report:
  - The UCC addresses marriage, divorce, succession, and live-in relationships.
  - A 500-page report was prepared by a committee formed in February.
  - Over 130 meetings were held involving legal experts and law interns.
  - Marriage and live-in relationship registrations can be done digitally via a website and mobile app.
  - Documentation and modifications of the Will (legal document) will also be facilitated digitally.
  - Common Service Centres (CSCs) will assist those with limited digital skills.
- Implementation Timeline:
  - UCC implementation expected before 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024, <u>Uttarakhand's foundation day</u>.

## **Uniform Civil Code**

- The **Uniform Civil Code** refers to a single set of laws governing personal matters such as marriage, divorce, adoption, inheritance, and succession for all citizens of India.
- The concept of UCC is mentioned in <u>Article 44 of the Indian Constitution</u> as a <u>Directive Principle of State Policy</u>, which states that the state shall endeavor to secure a uniform civil code for citizens throughout the territory of India.
  - However, it's important to note that this is not a legally enforceable right but a guiding principle for the state.

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