



UCC in Uttarakhand Gets President's Assent

Why in News?

The [Uniform Civil Code Bill](#), passed by the **Uttarakhand Assembly** has become a law with **President Droupadi Murmu** giving her assent to it.

- Uttarakhand is the **first state in the country after Independence to adopt the UCC.**

Key Points

- The President gave her assent to the **Uniform Civil Code**, Uttarakhand, 2024 under **Article 201** of the Constitution of India.
- UCC will play an important role in **promoting harmony** by proving the importance of social equality.
- With its implementation in the state alongside providing equal rights to all citizens, the **oppression of women will also be curbed.**

Uniform Civil Code

- 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.
- The **rest of India follows different personal laws** based on their religious or community identity.

Article 201

- It states that when a Bill is reserved for the consideration of the President, the **President may assent to or withhold assent** from the Bill.
- The President may also direct the Governor to return the Bill to the House or Houses of the Legislature of the State for reconsideration.