



Uttarakhand Cabinet Approves UCC Draft Report

Why in News?

On 4th February 2024, Uttarakhand took one more step towards becoming the first state after independence to implement [Uniform Civil Code \(UCC\)](#), after the state cabinet approved the UCC panel's draft report.

Key Points

- The report will be tabled in the assembly on 6th February 2024, as the ruling party has 47 seats in the 70-member house, the UCC bill is set for a smooth sailing.
- **Uniform Civil Code** is a common set of **laws that will supersede customary laws across faiths and tribes, and govern issues such as marriage, divorce, inheritance, and maintenance.**
- According to the Constitution of India, **UCC is a part of the non-justiciable [directive principles of state policy.](#)**
 - As per the 2011 national census, Uttarakhand has a 13.9% Muslim population, with most people from the community living in the [Terai region.](#)

Uniform Civil Code

- It is envisaged to **provide for one law for the entire country, applicable to all religious communities** in their personal matters such as marriage, divorce, inheritance, adoption etc.
- **Article 44** of the Constitution lays down that the state shall endeavor to secure a UCC for the citizens **throughout the territory of India.**
 - Article 44 is one of the **Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP).**
 - The purpose behind Article 44 is to strengthen the object of "**secular democratic republic**" as enshrined in the Preamble of the Constitution.

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