

UCC in Uttarakhand with Stringent Registration Norms

Why in News?

The **Uttarakhand government** is preparing to implement its **<u>Uniform Civil Code (UCC)</u>** on **26**th **January, 2025,** introducing a host of mandatory requirements for registrations related to personal and civil matters.

Key Points

- UCC Portal:
 - Services available on the portal include:
 - Registration of marriages, divorces, and live-in relationships.
 - Termination of live-in relationships.
 - Intestate succession and legal heir declaration.
 - Testamentary successions.
 - Complaint registration and appeals in case of rejected applications.
- Requirements for Various Personal and Civil Matters Include:
 - Live-in Relationship Registration:
 - Both existing and new live-in couples must register their relationship.
 - Applicants must provide details like **proof of age**, **nationality**, **religion**, **phone number**, and **previous relationship status**.
 - Photos and declarations from both partners are mandatory.
 - Children born in such relationships must be registered within seven days of receiving their birth certificates.
 - Marriage and Divorce Registration:
 - Strict requirements for marriages and divorces have been implemented through the UCC portal to promote transparency and accountability.
 - Testamentary Succession:
 - Declarants must submit **Aadhaar-linked details** of themselves, their heirs, and witnesses.
 - Witnesses are required to **upload video recordings** of themselves reading the succession declaration to prevent forgery or disputes.
 - Complaint Mechanism for Marriages and Relationships:
 - A third party can object to a marriage or live-in relationship through a complaint on the UCC portal.
 - Verification of such complaints will be carried out by a sub-registrar to counter false allegations.

Uniform Civil Code (UCC)

- 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 Article 44 of the <u>Indian Constitution</u> as a <u>Directive</u>
 <u>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.



All sections of the society irrespective of their religion shall be treated equally according to a National Civil Code - the Uniform Civil Code.







Marriage

Divorce









Maintenance

Inheritance

Adoption

Succession of Property

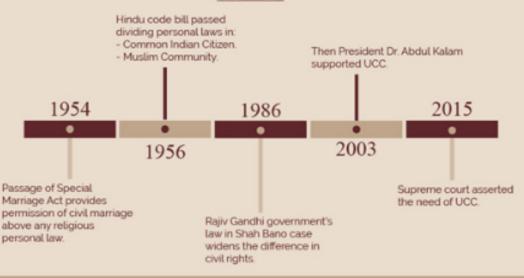
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It is based on the premise that there is necessarily no connection between religion and personal law in a civilized society.

"UCC refers to a common set of laws governing civil rights of every citizen."

Article 44 of Directive Principles sets duty of state for implementing UCC.

TIMELINE



The dialogue for UCC was started by the Law Comission in the year 2016

