

## UCC in Uttarakhand with Stringent Registration Norms | Uttarakhand | 14 Jan 2025

## Why in News?

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

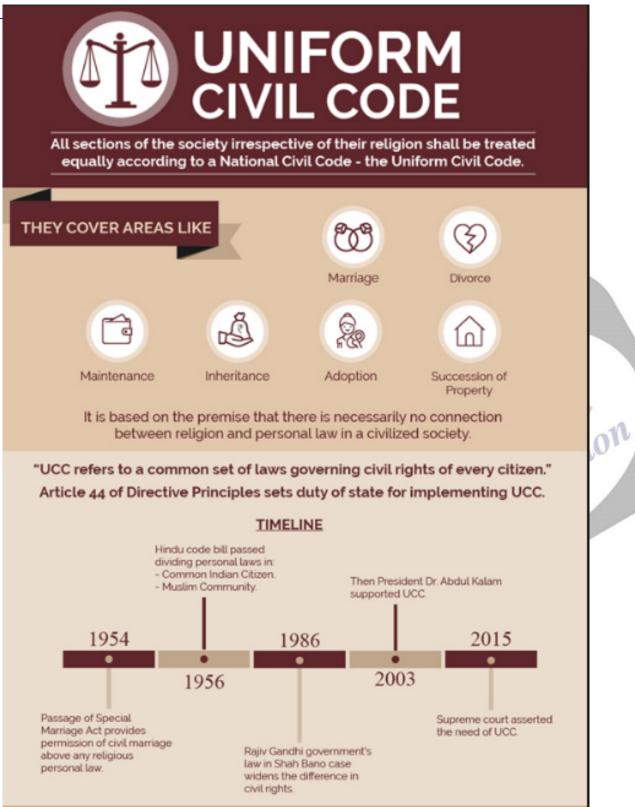
## **Key Points**

- 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.





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