



Uttarakhand Implements UCC and Launches Portal

Why in News?

The [Uniform Civil Code \(UCC\)](#) was officially implemented in Uttarakhand making it the first Indian state to implement the **UCC post Independence** and second state overall after Goa.

- The newly launched UCC portal has enabled individuals to register their marriages online by submitting necessary documents and undergoing a live witness verification process.

Key Points

- **Features:**
 - The **UCC Bill**, passed by the **State Assembly** in **February 2024**, bans practices such as **halala**, **iddat**, and **talaq** (customs related to marriage and divorce in the Muslim Personal Law).
 - The UCC mandates **online registration** of **marriages, divorce** and **live-in relationships**.
 - A government portal has been formed for the purpose on which people can access **records, register complaints** and also upload their will on the portal.
- **Online Registration Process:** The UCC portal requires individuals to submit essential documents, including a **birth certificate, Aadhaar card, PAN card, domicile certificate**, and **details of the spouse**. Additionally, two witnesses, either parents or local guardians, must testify via live video.
 - The portal features an AI-based translation service that will translate the content into 22 languages, including English.
- **Chief Minister's Endorsement:** **CM Pushkar Singh Dhami** also registered his marriage on the [UCC portal](#) and shared his certificate on social media, assuring the

Uniform Civil Code

- **About UCC:**
 - The Uniform Civil Code (UCC) is outlined in **Article 44 of the Constitution** as part of the [Directive Principles of State Policy](#), which states that the government should strive to establish a uniform civil code for all citizens across India.
 - However, its implementation is left to the discretion of the government.
- **UCC in Goa:**
 - Goa follows the Portuguese Civil Code of 1867. The **Goa, Daman and Diu Administration Act of 1962** permitted it to retain the colonial-era civil code.