



## Uttarakhand Set to Exempt Tribals from UCC

### Why in News?

The proposed **Uttarakhand Uniform Civil Code** to be introduced in the state assembly is set to **exempt the state's tribal population fully from its provisions.**

### Key Points

- Tribals constitute about **2.9% of Uttarakhand's population with the Jaunsari, Bhotiyas, Tharu, Raji and Buksa** among the prominent ones.
  - **Polyandry and polygamy** are also prevalent customs among a few tribes in the hill state.
- The Uttarakhand UCC committee had also held talks with these tribal communities on a uniform code.
  - The **younger tribal population** had also given **feedback that** while polyandry/polygamy and other practices were in vogue in earlier generations, they are hardly in practice now and hence the **reform was welcomed.**
  - However, **tribal and ethnic communities** across states, especially the northeast, have **openly expressed their opposition** to the imposition of any civil **code that could impact their customs and age-old ways of life.**
- **Halala, Iddat and Khula** options on **divorce and remarriage for Muslims** will be **illegal under the new code** which will call for divorce and remarriage only by way of legal proceedings in courts of law.
- The state's code will mandate **compulsory registration of live-in relationships and seek full succession rights for children born out of such unions.**



# UNIFORM CIVIL CODE

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

## THEY COVER AREAS LIKE



Marriage



Divorce



Maintenance



Inheritance



Adoption



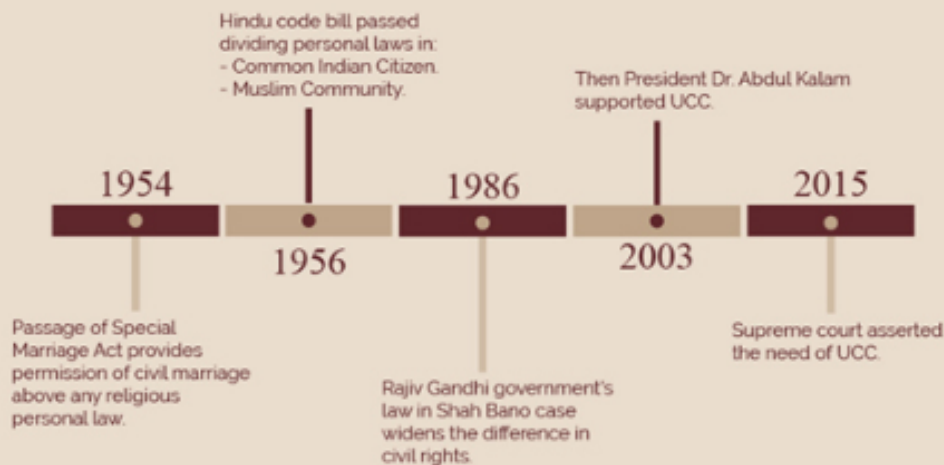
Succession of Property

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 Commission in the year 2016

## Tribes of Uttarakhand

- Tribes of Uttarakhand **mainly comprise five major groups** namely Jaunsari tribe, Tharu tribe, Raji tribe, Buksa tribe, and Bhutia.
- The main concentration of the tribal population is in rural areas.
  - As per records, **around 94.50% of the total tribal population resides in rural areas** and the remaining percentage of the tribal population lives in urban centres.
- In terms of population, the **Tharu tribe is the largest tribal group** in the state.
- Every district of Uttarakhand has more or less a moderate percentage of the tribal population.
- These **tribes of Uttarakhand have been scheduled in the Constitution of India.**

