

Uttarakhand Cabinet Approves UCC Draft Report

Why In The News?

- The Uttarakhand Cabinet Has Approved The **Final Draft Of The Uniform Civil Code**, Paving The Way For Its Tabling In The State Assembly During A Special Four-Day Session That Begins On Monday.
- The Special Session Of The Assembly Has Been Convened **Especially To Pass The Legislation On The UCC** And Make It An Act. The Cabinet Approval Of The Draft Was Needed For Its Introduction In The Assembly.



What Do We Know?

- If UCC Is Implemented, BJP Ruled Uttarakhand Will Become The **First State In The Country After Independence To Adopt It**. A UCC Has Been Operational In Goa Since The Days Of The Portuguese Rule.
- A Uniform Civil Code For Uttarakhand Was A Major Election Promise By Dharam Singh In The 2022 Assembly Polls. The Final Draft Of The UCC Running Into **740 Pages In Four Volumes** Was Submitted To CM Here Recently By A Five-member Panel Headed By Retired Judge Of The **Supreme Court Ranjana Prakash Desai**.

- The Special Session Of The Assembly, Starting On Monday, Will Go On Till February 8. The BJP's Landslide Victory For A Second Consecutive Term In Power In Uttarakhand Has Been Attributed On Many Occasions By The Chief Minister To The **Pre-poll Promise Of A UCC**.
- The Committee Formed In May 2022 Took Nearly **Two Years And Four Extensions** To Prepare The Draft And Submit It. Implementation Of The UCC Will Provide A Legal Framework For Uniform Marriage, Divorce, Land, Property And Inheritance Laws For All Citizens Across All Faiths In The State.
- The Panel Received **2.33 Lakh Written Suggestions** Online And Held More Than 70 Meetings In Which The Members Interacted With Around **60,000 People** In The Course Of Preparing The Draft.
- On The Day The Final Draft Was Submitted To The Chief Minister, He Expressed Hope That **Many States Would Follow The Example Of Uttarakhand** And Use The Template Provided By The State To Implement The UCC.

