

M.P. Cabinet Approves Draft UCC Bill



Why in News?

- The **Madhya Pradesh** Cabinet has approved the **draft Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill**, making it the **second state after Uttarakhand** to move towards implementing a Uniform Civil Code.



Constitutional Basis

Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP)



Provision	Details
Article 44 	Uniform civil code for the citizens: The State shall endeavour to secure for the citizens a uniform civil code throughout the territory of India.



Major Highlights of the M.P. Draft UCC Bill

Provision	Key Feature
Marriage	Prohibits polygamy and simultaneous multiple marriages
Religious Practices	Prohibits Nikah Halala
Registration	Mandatory online registration of marriages & divorces
Children	Equal legal status to biological, adopted, surrogacy & ART children
Live-in Relationships	Affidavit mandatory within 1 month
Non-registration	Failure may attract legal action
Children of Live-in Couples	Considered legitimate with inheritance rights



Exempted from the Bill



Exempted Category	Constitutional Basis
Scheduled Tribes (Bhil, Gond, Korku, Baiga, Sahariya, Bharia etc.) 	Articles 342 & 366
Communities enjoying traditional protections 	Part XXI of the Constitution



What is Uniform Civil Code (UCC)?

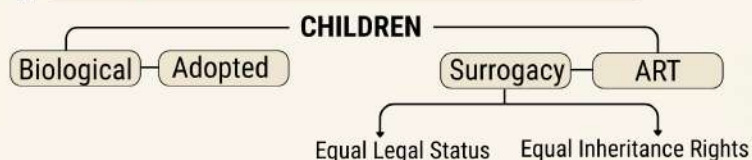
- Uniform Civil Code (UCC)** means **one common civil law for all citizens**, irrespective of religion, governing matters such as marriage, divorce, adoption, inheritance and maintenance.



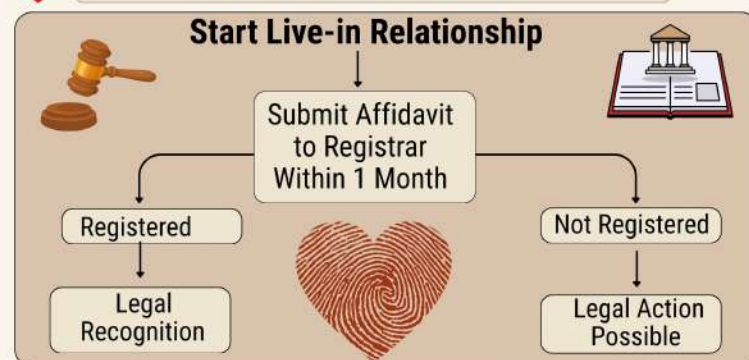
Meaning of "Uniform"



Equal Status to All Children



Live-in Relationship Provisions



Important Milestones Towards UCC



Year	Development	Importance
1954	Special Marriage Act	Civil marriage irrespective of religion
1985	Shah Bano Case	Supreme Court upheld maintenance under Section 125 CrPC and recommended UCC
1995	Sarla Mudgal Case	Supreme Court again urged implementation of UCC
2019	Paulo Coutinho Case	Supreme Court reiterated the need for UCC

Judicial Push Towards UCC

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 Repeated Judicial Support for UCC