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### **History created in U'khand Assembly with passage of UCC Bill: Dhami**

**By OUR STAFF REPORTER**  
**DEHRADUN, 7 Feb:** Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama today addressed the media at the Vidhan Sabha Bhawan after the passage of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill in the House. Addressing the media, Dhama congratulated the people of Uttarakhand on the passage of the Uniform Civil Code with a majority in the Legislative Assembly. He expressed gratitude to the members of the House and the people of Uttarakhand.

The Chief Minister said that this is a historic moment for Uttarakhand when the country's first Uniform Citizenship Law has been passed in the Uttarakhand State Assembly.

Dhama stated that the UCC Bill passed by the Assembly would be sent to the President to complete the constitutional process. He said that on 12 February, 2022, he had promised the people of the state implementation of the Uniform Civil Code in the state. Today that promise



had been fulfilled. The resolution taken by the BJP government has reached its fruition today.

The Chief Minister said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" inspired the implementation of this law, which aims at bringing equality among all sections of society. This law is the law of equality and uniformity.

He clarified that this law is not against anyone. Rather, it is a path to all-round progress by saving women from evil practices and conservative practices. He asserted that this bill covers issues like marriage, divorce, alimony, inheritance and adoption. He said that a five-member expert committee was formed to formulate this law, after which, over a period of about two years, the committee interacted with people of every class, community and sect and it directly interacted with more than 10 thousand people. After discussions and 72 meetings, the essence of 2 lakh 33 thousand

suggestions have been included in this law. The Chief Minister has also expected other states to move forward in this direction. He said that whatever decision is appropriate in the interest of the state will be taken.

Dhama reminded that Uttarakhand was formed as a result of the struggle of the state agitationists. He had been a witness to the Khatima, Mussoorie and Muzaffarnagar incidents. He also shared that a bill providing for 10 percent horizontal reservations in government jobs to the statehood activists and their dependants was also passed after certain changes were made on the basis of the report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly and this is also a historic moment and a matter of honour for the statehood activists.

Later, the CM also participated in an event organised by BJP to felicitate him for the passage of UCC.

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