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### Uttarakhand adopts Uniform Civil Code, launches portal

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Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama on Monday officially rolled out the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) for all residents of the State, except the Scheduled Tribes and natives who have migrated out of the State. With this, Uttarakhand has become the first Indian State to implement the UCC post-Independence.

The UCC Bill, passed by the State Assembly last February, bans practices such as *halala*, *iddat*, and *talaq* (customs related to marriage and divorce in Muslim Personal Law). It also ensures that women are given equal rights in matters related to property and inheritance.

The UCC mandates online registration of marriages, divorce and live-in relationships. A government portal – [ucc.uk.gov.in](http://ucc.uk.gov.in) – has been formed for the purpose. People can ac-



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cess records, register complaints and also upload their will on the portal. Mr. Dhama also registered his marriage on the portal.

"Under the able leadership of the respected Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, our government has today implemented the UCC in Uttarakhand. Today is a special day for the people of this State as well as for all the countrymen," Mr. Dhama said during the launch of the UCC portal.

"I am confident that this stream of equality emanating from Uttarakhand will

irrigate the entire country in the near future," he added.

Terming the UCC the "beginning of a new era of equality and harmony", Mr. Dhama added that his government had promised the "god-like" people that every citizen of the State would have equal rights, and the implementation of UCC was a reflection of the BJP's commitment to achieve the resolution taken before the public.

According to a communique from the State government, the online portal created for the UCC registration has Aadhaar-based verification. An AI-based translation service will translate the content into 22 languages, including English.

The portal has integrated data from across more than 13 government departments, including civic bodies, police and courts.

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