

- Q. Discuss the possible factors that inhibit India from enacting a Uniform Civil Code as provided for in the Directive Principles of State Policy (150 words).
- Uniform Civil Code is a proposal in India to formulate and implement personal laws of citizens which apply on all citizens equally regardless of their religion, gender and sex.
  - The proposal and direction for uniform Civil Code is placed in the constitution of India in its Directive Principles.
  - Factors that inhibit India from enacting UCC are:
    - 1) No Common Ground: It is difficult to find common ground between different communities. The customary practices among communities varies a lot.
    - 2) May Violate fundamental rights: There is an apprehension that UCC may be in conflict with the fundamental rights of freedom of free profession, practice and propagation of religion and freedom to manage religious affairs.
    - 3) Opposition from the religious groups: The fundamentalism which is deep rooted in many of the religions in India doesn't seem to vanish even in the 21st century.

4) Political Willpower:

5) Practical difficulties due to diversity in India.

- Way forward:

- 1) Awareness: Major awareness efforts are needed to reform current personal law reforms which should first be initiated by the communities themselves.
- 2) Gradual Approaches: The government should adopt 'Piecemeal' approach as changes takes time to happen, it cannot happen in a day.
- 3) Law Commissions recommendation: The govt. stresses on initiatives to reconcile the country's diversity with universal arguments on human rights.

- Conclusion:

The better way for government would be to do small reforms, correcting some inherent irrationality in some of the personal laws and make them suitable for modern times. The focus should be on removing disparities between different religions.