

# Dhami sets up uniform civil code panel

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The Uttarakhand government on Friday announced the formation of an expert committee to examine ways for the implementation of a uniform civil code, including a review of laws governing marriage, divorce, maintenance, inheritance, adoption and other personal laws.

Retired judge Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, who is also the current head of the delimitation commission, will head the committee. It comprises retired judge Justice Pramod Kohli, social worker Manu Gaur (heading Taxpayers Association of Bharat), retired IAS officer Shastrughan Singh and Vice Chancellor of Doon University Surekha Dangwal.

The committee would examine all laws and matters related to personal law across communities, and draft a uniform civil code. The term of the committee has not been mentioned in the notification.

Two days ahead of the Assembly polls in February, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami had declared that if re-elected, his government would set in motion efforts to implement a uniform civil code.