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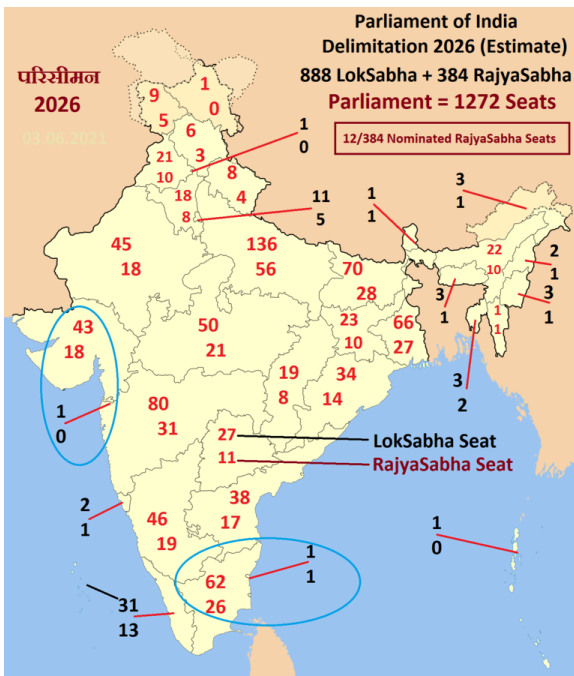
<p><b>Uttarakhand's UCC Bill</b></p> <p><b>About UCC:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Article 44</b>, enshrined in Chapter IV of the 1950 Constitution of India, outlines that "<b>The State shall make efforts to ensure the implementation of a Uniform Civil Code (UCC) across all of India's territories.</b>"</li> <li>• <b>Chapter IV of the Indian Constitution elaborates on DPSP (Articles 36-51)</b>, which are guidelines for the State to enact policies for the overall welfare of society.</li> <li>• Our Constituent Assembly adopted the Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSP) from the <b>1937 Irish Constitution</b>.</li> <li>• The UCC seeks to establish uniform personal laws applicable to all religions in India.</li> <li>• Areas covered by the UCC include Marriage, Inheritance, Maintenance, Guardianship, Succession, Adoption, and others.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uttarakhand Chief Minister <b>Pushkar Singh Dhami</b> presents the <b>Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill in the State Assembly</b>.</li> <li>• The UCC encompasses various aspects such as live-in relationships and divorce, aiming for uniformity across communities.</li> <li>• Notably, <b>Scheduled Tribes</b> are excluded from the Bill's provisions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Provisions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The UCC ensures equal rights in divorce matters, eliminating practices like '<b>Halala</b>' and '<b>Iddat</b>'.</li> <li>• Marriages under the UCC are restricted to <b>one man and one woman</b>, with specified ages for marriage.</li> <li>• Registration of marriages and divorces becomes mandatory, <b>penalizing non-compliance</b>.</li> <li>• The Bill addresses <b>live-in relationships</b>, imposing penalties for non-registration or false information.</li> <li>• <b>Children</b> born from such relationships are recognized as legitimate under the UCC.</li> <li>• <b>Sons and daughters are granted equal rights</b> in property inheritance, regardless of their status.</li> <li>• <b>Widows and children gain equal inheritance</b> rights in a deceased person's property, a departure from previous laws.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tax-to-GDP Ratio Set to Reach New High in FY25</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revenue Secretary, Sanjay Malhotra, forecasts <b>India's tax-to-GDP ratio to hit a record 11.7% in 2024-25</b>, with direct taxes leading the increase.</li> <li>• Simplification and rationalization of the tax regime are ongoing to minimize disputes and enforcement issues.</li> </ul>



**Key findings:**

- This is primarily because of direct taxes increasing from **6.1% of GDP in 2022-23 to 6.6% this year and 6.7% next year.**
- As the economy grows and per capita income increases, the tax-to-GDP also increases.
- Malhotra anticipates a surge in direct tax collection, driven by more taxpayers opting for the new tax regime.
- The new regime offers a higher tax-free income threshold but disallows deductions.

**Delimitation Exercise**



**Context:**

- Delimitation entails **fixing the number of seats and boundaries of constituencies**, including reserved seats for SC and ST, as per **Article 82 and 170 of the Constitution.**
- It's carried out by the **Delimitation Commission after each Census.**

**Background:**

- Delimitation has been frozen as per the **1971 Census** in order to encourage population control measures.
- This was done through the **42nd Amendment Act till the year 2000** and was **extended by the 84th Amendment Act till 2026.**

**Issues:**

- The uneven population growth among states poses challenges.
- Discussions revolve around **redistributing seats among states or increasing the total number of seats**, both potentially disadvantageous to certain regions.

**International Practices**

- **United States:** Seats in the House of Representatives are redistributed after each Census, aiming for equal proportion representation among states.
- **European Union:** The EU Parliament allocates seats based on a principle of degressive proportionality, where population size influences the number of seats.

(Mentioned figure is just an estimate)



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Request for Neutrality

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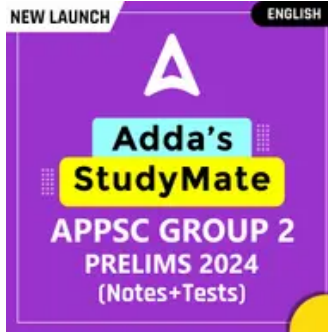
- The United Naga Council (UNC) Appeals for Non-involvement of Nagas in **Meitei-Kuki-Zo Conflict**.
- The UNC, representing Nagas in Manipur, seeks to distance Nagas from the ongoing ethnic strife between Meiteis and Kuki-Zos.

Overview of Ethnic Violence in Manipur

- On 3 May 2023, ethnic tensions flared up in Manipur, a north-eastern state in India, primarily between the **Meitei community residing in the Imphal Valley** and the **Kuki-Zo tribal group** inhabiting the surrounding hills.

Causes:

- Following a court directive on 14 April 2023, the **Manipur High Court instructed the state government to forward a proposal to the central government regarding the Meitei community's demand for Scheduled Tribe status.**



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