

## REVIEWER'S REPORT

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**Title: MINORITY RIGHTS: UNIFORM CIVIL CODE**

### Recommendation:

Accept as it is .....

Accept after minor revision.....

**Accept after major revision .....**

Do not accept (*Reasons below*) .....

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		/		
Techn. Quality			/	
Clarity			/	
Significance			/	

Reviewer Name: Dr Jeanne Alejo

**Date:** August 8, 2025

## Detailed Reviewer's Report

The paper entitled "MINORITY RIGHTS: UNIFORM CIVIL CODE" explored the minority rights in India, with a specific focus on the Uniform Civil Code (UCC). The abstract captures the constitutional guarantees for minority rights and the central debate surrounding the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) including cites landmark Supreme Court cases such as Sarla Mudgal v. Union of India and Mohd. Ahmed Khan v. Shah Bano Begum, which are fundamental to the topic. However, the abstract needs to go beyond a simple summary, clearly articulating a research question or problem statement, detailing a methodology to analyze the legal rulings and scholarly debate, and presenting a nuanced conclusion with specific, actionable recommendations.

The paper effectively highlights the role of the Constitution and the ongoing dispute, thereby communicating the significance of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) as a critical and contentious topic in contemporary India.

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However, instead of a general overview, it should have a **specific problem statement**, to clearly define the paper's focus and purpose. This would involve articulating the specific gap or tension the paper aims to address, such as the conflict between the judiciary's push for a UCC and the constitutional guarantees of religious freedom for minorities. Furthermore, in an academic paper, the author should ideally acknowledge other scholars and legal experts by **citing** their work. This is a matter of academic integrity and proper attribution. A clear **statement of purpose** that acts as a roadmap for the reader would also help to better connect the various sections on history, constitutional articles, and case laws.

The conclusion provided is well-structured and effectively summarizes the paper's main points. It highlights the complexity of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) debate and correctly identifies the need for a balanced approach offers practical suggestions for implementation, such as a "staged approach". More so, the conclusion explicitly links the UCC debate to the core tension identified earlier: the conflict between judicial efforts for gender justice and constitutional guarantees of religious freedom. This gives the paper a clear argument and a sense of purpose that was previously missing., which helps to effectively guide the reader through the paper's argument. However, while the conclusion suggests a "staged approach" and "efforts to reach consensus," the auhtor may provide an actionable steps or a detailed plan for how to achieve these goals.