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Former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Kalyan Singh passes away | Uttar Pradesh | 23 Aug 2021

Why in News

On August 21, 2021, Kalyan Singh, former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and former Governor of Rajasthan, passed away at the age of 89.

Key Points

- He died due to sepsis and multi organ failure. He breathed his last at SGPGI Hospital in Lucknow.
- Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has declared three-day state mourning in Uttar Pradesh in honor of Kalyan Singh, while August 23 has been declared a public holiday.
- Significantly, **Kalyan Singh was the Chief Minister of India's most populous state 'Uttar Pradesh' twice** (from June 1991 to December 1992 and from September 1997 to November 1999).
- His **first term is remembered for the demolition of the long-controversial Babri Masjid** in Ayodhya on December 26, 1992.
- Kalyan Singh also **served as the Governor of Rajasthan between 2014-2019**.