



# Uttarakhand Transport Minister Chandan Ramdas Passed Away

## Why in News?

Uttarakhand Transport Minister Chandan Ramdas passed away on 26 April 2023. He breathed his last at a hospital in Bageshwar.

## Key Points

- Transport Minister Chandan Ramdas had gone to Bageshwar Dham, where his health deteriorated, after which he was admitted to the district hospital in Bageshwar, where he died.
- He is the third cabinet minister in the government of Uttarakhand so far, whose death has been due to one disease or the other. Before him, Kumaon veteran politician Prakash Pant and Haridwar district leader Surendra Rakesh died of cancer. Surendra Rakesh was a minister in the Congress government, while Prakash Pant was a minister in the BJP government.
- The political career of State Transport Welfare Minister Bageshwar MLA Chandan Ramdas started in 1980. In 1997, he became the independent president of the municipality of Bageshwar. Prior to this, he became joint secretary unopposed in the first year of B.A. at M.B. Degree College, Haldwani.
- Chandan Ramdas joined BJP in 2006 on the inspiration of former Chief Minister Bhagat Singh Koshiyari. He was elected MLA for the fourth consecutive time in 2007, 2012, 2017 and 2022. On his death, state mourning has been declared in the state from 26 to 28 April.



