

**Smt. Ritu Khanduri Bhushan**  
**Hon'ble Speaker**

Date of Birth	29 January, 1965
Father Name	Major General (Retd)Bhuwan Chandra Khanduri
Education	Postgraduate

**Legislative Journey**

- Elected as a member of Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly (MLA) from Yamkeshwar constituency for the first time in the year 2017.
- Elected as a member of Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly from Kotdwar constituency in 2022.
- In 2022 become the first female Speaker of Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly.
- Member of Committee on Information Technology (2017-2022).
- Member of committee on sustainable development (Year 2021-2022).

**Publications**

Indian History (History of Ancient India)

Indian History (History of Medieval India)

Indian History (History of Modern India)

## Special interests

- Social service, women and youth empowerment and cleanliness.

## Personal Profile

- You were born on 29 January 1965 in Nainital district of Uttarakhand state.
- Passed 10<sup>th</sup> from Loreto Convent School, New Delhi and 12<sup>th</sup> from Sophia Inter College Meerut, Uttar Pradesh.
- Completed BA (English honors), from Meerut University and M.A (History) from Rajasthan University, Jaipur.
- You also hold a diploma in journalism from New Delhi.
- After completing your studies, you were married to Mr. Rajesh Bhushan ji, who is a native of Village-Khal, Badrinath, District Chamoli, Uttarakhand and is a 1987 batch IAS officer of the Indian Administrative Services (IAS) of Bihar Cadre. It is a matter of great pride for Uttarakhand that in the past, Shri Rajesh Bhushan was the secretary of the Ministry of Rural Development in the Government of India.
- During covid- 19 pandemic, Shri Rajesh Bhushan ji was appointed as the Secretary in the ministry of Health and Family Welfare by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.
- After marriage, you lived in very backward, undeveloped, sensitive, tribal and Naxal affected areas of Bihar, such as Chhapra, Godda, Chatra, Bhabua, Sasaram etc. despite living in such sensitive areas, you have always worked for the upliftment of the backward, exploited, deprived masses of the society.

- Through various voluntary social organizations you have constantly worked for the social and economic development of women and have always addressed their issues related to health, education and well being.
- Your grandfather late Shri Jai Vallabh Khanduri Ji and grandmother late Smt. Durga Devi Khanduri Ji were both freedom fighters, who were native of the village- Radha Vallabhpuram, District Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand.
- Late Shri Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Ji was your grandmother's real brother who was the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and also a Cabinet Minister in the Central Government.
- Your father is Major General (Retd) Shri Bhuwan Chandra Khanduri Ji, who gave 27 years in the service of the country and also fought three wars for the country on the border.
- And seeing his valor the former President of India, his Excellency Mr. Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy awarded him the prestigious Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM).
- After retirement, your father Shri Bhuwan Chandra Khanduri Ji, on the request of former Prime Minister, Bharat Ratna, Late Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji, took membership of Bhartiya Janta Party and remained Member of Parliament from Pauri, Garhwal for five times.
- In Central Government he was the Cabinet Minister for road transport and Highways and Urban Development. He also served as the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand twice between 2007 to 2012.
- You came to Delhi from Bihar in the Year 2000 and established a social organization "Jai Durga Social Welfare Sansthan" in the name of your grandfather and grandmother. Your organization provides food to patients and their 50 families daily in AIIMS and Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi.

- Not only this, many blood donation camps, health camps are being organized by you. Glasses, Ear Machines, Crutches, and Wheelchairs etc are provided to differently-abled and old people.
- From 2003 to 2005, you worked as a Senior Manager in Delhi's famous Banarasi Das Chandiwala Seva Sampark Trust. In 2006 you worked as a Business Executive in SAK Industries limited.
- From 2006 to 2017 joined you served in Amity International University as professor of history. you always had an attachment and association with the culture, food and costumes of Uttarakhand.
- You have been influenced by the Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao Scheme being run by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in the Year 2014 in Uttarakhand State and launched awareness campaigns at places like Rudraprayag, Karanprayag and Gopeshwar.
- In view of these meaningful efforts being made by you, the Bhartiya Janta Party declared you the party's candidate from Yamkeshwar assembly seat in the 2017 Vidhan Sabha Elections and you won that seat with a historic margin.
- Bhartiya Janata Party nominated you as a member of the party's state executive in 2017. The same year you were also nominated as a state spokesperson.
- You have been nominated as the President of Bharatiya Janta Party's in Mahila Morcha in the year 2020.
- It is a matter of great pride for the state of Uttarakhand that the world famous magazine named fame India selected 50 best MLAs of the country in July 2020, in which you were selected as the reformist MLA of Uttarakhand.