

The gift of health

CONSUMER CONNECT INITIATIVE



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armymen' fighting against the enemy called Covid-19. Their contributions and hard work deserves gratitude every single day. The Times of India and Navbharat Times recently conducted an event, 'Icons of Health-2021', which was an initiative to felicitate these life savers. The event was supported by Mayo Medical Centre, Ajanta Hospital and IVF Centre, Calcutta Metallic Company, Allied Surgical Emporium, driven by SRM Smart Hoops Mercedes and

The Covid-19 outbreak brought lives to a standstill and challenged the entire world with a crisis like never seen before. Since the beginning of the pandemic, healthcare professionals have truly been selfless warriors, giving everything to uphold their job responsibilities. In the last one-and-a-half years, it has been proved that doctors are the true heroes. It is even more difficult for the doctors, who are working tirelessly, to ensure that the infected patients are given proper medical attention. All medical staff in the healthcare sector have put on the role of 'brave



wellness partner in Ama Herbs and Meghdoot. Suresh Kumar Khanna, cabinet minister, finance, parliamentary affairs, medical education, was the chief guest of the event.

Around 32 doctors, one social worker and six Covid-19 management hospitals, which outperformed during the pandemic, were felicitated by the chief guest. The event was attended by eminent medical professionals from across Uttar Pradesh.

Apart from the felicitations, a panel discussion was also held on health management post Covid. The prominent



The health issues post Covid is a major concern and the topic discussed by the panelists was relevant at this stage. At this stage when we are still fighting with the crisis, felicitation of doctors was a must as they are life savers



Dr Arun Kumar Singh, vice chancellor, Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical University, shared, "The health system has seen many changes in past one-and-a-half year. The central system has extended all possible support to tackle the pandemic."



Dr Soniya Nityanand, director, Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences, said, "Covid-19 has not finished in the true sense, many health issues are arising post Covid. The fear of the third wave is still there and the state health system is prepared for it."
Dr Bipin Puri, vice chancellor, King George Medical University, opined, "Covid-19 is a landmark in the 21st century. Initially there were huge challenges for the health system. These challenges

have given us new opportunities. The health system of Uttar Pradesh has seen an incredible change."

Suresh Kumar Khanna, chief guest, averred, "I am thankful to The Times Group for taking this initiative to felicitate the frontline warriors. Doctors have given second life to many Covid patients. It is the duty of society to repay good work. This gratitude is definitely an encouragement for the health experts. Covid outbreak is the biggest tragedy of the 21st century. We have seen amazing confidence and work of doctors in both first and the second wave. Seeing this confidence, we are prepared for the third wave also."

Vimal Shukla, MD, Meghdoot Gramudhyog Sewa Sansthan, said, "Media is one of the best platforms to highlight the people who are excelling in their fields. Such events generate positivity in the society. Medical team has done a tremendous job during the pandemic."

Neeraj Narula, director, Allied Surgical Emporium, said, "It is a great initiative by The Times Group to honour the life savers. We look forward to more such events."

Siddhanta Mukherjee, partner, Calcutta Metallic Company, said, "I am really thankful to the team of The Times Group who took the effort to recognise the frontline warriors. The topic discussed by the panelists on post Covid was also relevant as we are still coming out from the crisis."



panelists were Lt Gen (Retd) Dr Bipin Puri, vice chancellor, King George Medical University; Dr Soniya Nityanand, director, Ram



Saluting the doyens

To felicitate the medical fraternity and to recognise and highlight the good work done by eminent doctors of the city, The Times Group recently organised an event



Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences; Dr Arun Kumar Singh, vice chancellor Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical University and Dr MMA Faridi, principal and dean, Era's Lucknow Medical College.



Saplings were also given to the panelists as a token of gratitude. —Contact email lucknow.respedit@timesgroup.com



SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION: Varsha Verma, social service during Covid-19 pandemic Covid management hospitals which outperformed during the pandemic:

- ✗ Era's Lucknow Medical College and hospitals: Dr Farzana Mahdi and Dr MMA Faridi, vice chancellor and dean
- ✗ Medanta Medicity, Dr Rakesh Kapoor, director
- ✗ Apollo Medics, MD and CEO, Dr Mayank Somani
- ✗ Chandan Hospital, CMD, Asmita Singh
- ✗ Integral Hospital CMD, Syed Fauzan Akhtar
- ✗ Mayo Hospital, director, Madhulika Singh



Abhishek Tripathi, CEO, SRM Star Mercedes Benz, averred, "Gathering people from different areas and highlighting their work is a great initiative. Awareness should be created regarding post Covid health issues."

Asmita Singh, director, Chandan Hospital, pointed, "It was a great move taken by The Times Group. The topic discussed on post Covid was much-needed. It was the first such event after Covid where doctors were appreciated."

Dr Madhulika Singh, MD, Mayo Hospital, said, "Such events are a huge platform to recognise one's efforts and it feels great to be felicitated."
Syed M Fauzan Akhtar, CMD, Integral Hospital, says, "It was a well organised event. No matter what you do, recognition is a

must. Such events encourage us to work better."
Dr Mayank Somani, MD and CEO, Apollo Medics, pointed, "Felicitations of doctors during the



crisis is definitely a morale booster for them. The topic discussed was relevant and informative."
Dr Rakesh Kapoor, director Medanta Megacity, shared, "It was a very pertinent and wonderful discussion. The doctors have

played a strong role in saving lives, in both first and second wave."
Dr MMA Faridi, principal, & dean, Era's Lucknow Medical College and Hospital, said, "I thank The Times Group for organising this event. The health system of Uttar Pradesh has undergone a change since Covid-19 outbreak."
Dr Farzana Mahdi, vice chancellor,

Era University, Lucknow, opined, "Felicitations for selfless devotion and untiring efforts was well worth it. The doctors are the backbone in advising the government as well as spreading awareness amongst the general public."

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LIST OF ACHIEVERS

- Dr Himanshu Reddy, internal medicine, endocrinology, KGMU, Lucknow
- Dr Ratender Kumar Singh, emergency medicine, SGPGI, Lucknow
- Dr Smriti Agarwal, gynecology, Queen Mary, Lucknow
- Dr Zia Hashim, pulmonary medicine, SGPGI, Lucknow
- Dr Yawar Ali Shah, wellness and healthcare, AMA Herbal, Lucknow
- Dr Afzal Azim, critical care medicine, SGPGI, Lucknow
- Dr Vibhor Mahendru, oncology and robotic surgery, SM Cancer Center, Lucknow
- Dr Rupendra Kumar, anesthesiology, Lok Bandhu hospital, Lucknow
- Dr Shrikesh Singh, pediatric surgery, Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Science, Lucknow
- Dr Sumit Malhotra, plastic cosmetic surgery, SIPS hospital, Lucknow
- Dr Narayan Prasad, nephrology, SGPGI, Lucknow
- Dr Veerendra Verma, ENT surgery, KGMU, Lucknow
- Dr Gita Khanna, IVF, Ajanta hospital and IVF Centre, Lucknow
- Dr Imran Ahmed, dentistry and cosmetology, Apple bite dental and cosmetic surgeon, Prayagraj
- Dr Zoya Ahmad, gynecology, Prayagraj
- Dr Arpit Bansal, oncology, Jeevan Jyoti hospital, Prayagraj
- Dr Renu Bonal Verma, cosmetology, Dr Sudeep's cosmetic clinic, Prayagraj
- Dr Karma Raj Singh, orthopedics, Omega Plus hospital, Varanasi
- Dr Neeraj Pandey, dermatology, Lucknow
- Yashveer Singh, Managing Director, Jigyasa Medical Centre, Moradabad
- Dr Amit Rastogi, homeopathy, HSL homeopathy, Lucknow
- Dr Linki Agarwal, cosmetology, Moradabad
- Krishna Kumar Gupta, Managing Director, SDS Global hospital, Meerut
- Dr Gunjan Gupta, IVF specialist, Gunjan IVF, Meerut
- Meena Anand, Managing Director, Anand hospital, Meerut
- Shweta Kothari, Mrs India World 2019 and Dr Rajeev Tyagi, medical education, Shri Venkateshwara hospital, Meerut
- Dr Rishabh Gautam, anesthesiology and intensivist, Abhisri hospital, Aligarh
- Dr Abha Shrikrishna Srivastava, obstetrics and gynecology, Abhisri hospital, Aligarh
- Dr Vinay Raj Pandey, oral pathology, Vinay Dental, Lucknow
- Dr Rupika Singh, dermatology, Akiya aesthetics, Lucknow
- Dr Vikas Kumar, oral and maxillofacial surgery, Pushpa Dental Speciality Center, Lucknow
- Dr Rohit Agarwal, ophthalmology, Eye Care center, Prayagraj

