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# The gift of health

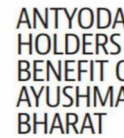
CONSUMER CONNECT INITIATIVE

*Suresh Kumar Khanna, cabinet minister for finance, parliamentary affairs, medical education*

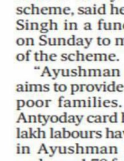
The Covid-19 outbreak brought lives to a standstill and challenged the entire world with a crisis like never seen before. Since the beginning of the pandemic, healthcare professionals have truly been selfless warriors, giving everything to uphold their responsibilities. In the last one-and-half years, 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 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 Home Mercedes and wellness partner in Ama Herbals and Meghdoot. Suresh Kumar Khanna, cabinet minister, finance, parliamentary affairs, medical education, was the chief guest of the event.

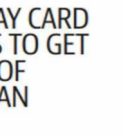
Around 32 doctors, one social worker and six Covid-19 management hospitals, which outperformed during the pandemic, were felicitated by the chief guest. The event was attended by eminent medical professionals from across Uttar Pradesh.

Apart from the felicitations, a panel discussion was also held on health management post Covid. The prominent panelists were Lt Gen (Retd) Dr Bipin Puri, vice chancellor, King George Medical University; Dr Somya Niyanand, director, Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences; Dr Arun Kumar Singh, vice chancellor Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical University and Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences; Dr Arun Kumar Singh, vice chancellor, Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical University, shared. The health system has seen many changes in just one-and-half year. The central system has extended all possible support to tackle the pandemic.

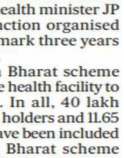


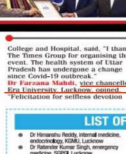






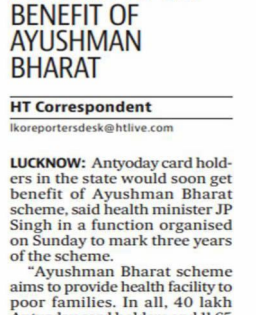


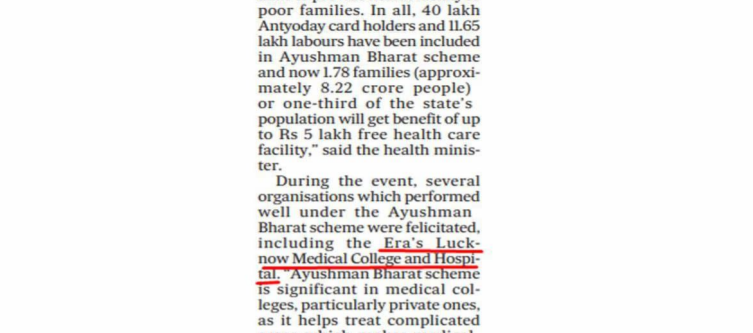


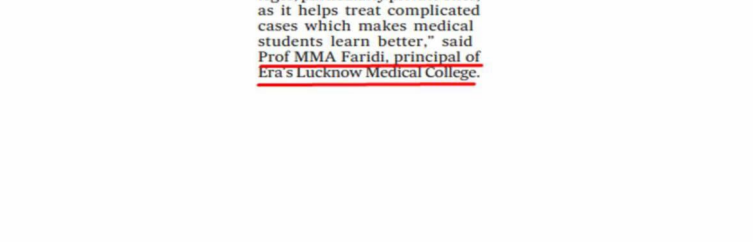


# Saluting the doyens

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







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

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

**Dr Somya Niyanand**, 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 Gramudyog Seva 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."

**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 out, "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, said, "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, "Felicitation of doctors during the crisis is definitely a morale booster for them. The topic discussed was relevant and informative."

**Dr Rakesh Kapoor**, director Medanta Mogacity, 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, praised "Felicitation 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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MMA Faridi, principal and dean, Era's Lucknow Medical College, Saplings were also given to the panelists as a token of gratitude.

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- Apollo Medics, MD and CEO, Dr Mayank Somani
- Chandan Hospital, CMD, Asmita Singh
- Integral Hospital CMD, Syed Fauzan Akhtar
- Mayo Hospital, director, Madhulika Singh

**Varsha Verma turned out to be a good samaritan during Covid-19 as she performed the last rites of several unclaimed bodies during the pandemic**

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# ANTYODAY CARD HOLDERS TO GET BENEFIT OF AYUSHMAN BHARAT

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**LUCKNOW:** Antyoday card holders in the state would soon get benefit of Ayushman Bharat scheme, said health minister JP Singh in a function organised on Sunday to mark three years of the scheme.

"Ayushman Bharat scheme aims to provide health facility to poor families. In all, 40 lakh Antyoday card holders and 11.65 lakh labours have been included in Ayushman Bharat scheme and now 1.78 families (approximately 8.22 crore people) or one-third of the state's population will get benefit of up to Rs 5 lakh free health care facility," said the health minister.

During the event, several organisations which performed well under the Ayushman Bharat scheme were felicitated, including the Era's Lucknow Medical College and Hospital. "Ayushman Bharat scheme is significant in medical colleges, particularly private ones, as it helps treat complicated cases which makes medical students learn better," said Prof MMA Faridi, principal of Era's Lucknow Medical College.