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## Ophthalmologists of the State as 'Covid Warriors'

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### Why in News

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On August 11, 2021, Jharkhand Health Minister Banna Gupta felicitated 45 ophthalmologists of the state as 'COVID Warriors'.

This felicitation has been done for their tireless efforts to help COVID patients and their families during the pandemic.

### Key Points

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- Addressing the felicitation function organized by Jharkhand Ophthalmological Society in Ranchi, the Health Minister presented this honor to the ophthalmologists.
- These ophthalmologists had ensured all necessary support to the people to fight the second wave of COVID-19, leaving their comfort zones, crossing professional boundaries, without caring for their lives.
- In the award ceremony, Dr. Vibhuti Kashyap was honored with '**Dr. VS Gupta Best Free Paper**' and Dr. Rahul Prasad was awarded **Gold Medal for 'Manjul Pant Best Video Session'**. Dr. Lalit Jain was honored for his extramural oration.
- The Health Minister also presented shawls and mementos to the families of doctors who died in the line of duty in the pandemic. The families of eminent doctors of the state, Dr. Krishna Murari Sahu, Dr. Sujit Kumar Paul and Dr. Chandrika Kishore Thakur, who were victims of the corona epidemic, were also felicitated.