

# Indira Gandhi led nation to unmatched Bangladesh victory: Capt Davar

Exposes false propaganda of BJP against Congress leadership

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JAMMU: Congress on Sunday celebrated the 50th anniversary of Bangladesh Liberation War 1971 in an impressive function in Jammu in which AICC Convenor Commemoration Committee and Senior Congress leader Capt. Praveen Davar was the Chief Guest, while PCC President G.A. Mir presided over the function, which was attended by a large number of people and retired army personnel as Special Guests.

The function was organized by J & K Commemoration Committee of Bangla Desh Liberation War under the chairmanship of veteran leader and former MP Pt. Dharam Pal Sharma under the patronage of JKPPCC in collaboration with DCC Jammu Urban as well as other Districts and Frontal Wings of the party.

Besides Senior Congress leaders PCC functionaries, former Ministers, former Legislators, Corporators, Frontal Heads, DCC Presidents, several distinguished guests and war veterans including Prof. S.K. Sharma, Former IOD Law Department Jammu University, Col. Shiv Choudhary, Col. B.D. Sharma, S. Mansa Singh War Veterans of 1971 war, Capt.



Congress leaders paying tributes to martyrs of 1971 war.

Lalit Sharma, Sub. Maj. Kirpal Chand and few others attended as special guests and recalled the history of 1971 war and paid rich tributes to the war heroes and the former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Capt. Praveen Davar, who is the Convenor of the Bangladesh Liberation War Commemoration Committee, traced the history of the 1971 War and was heard with rapt attention during his 40 minute forceful address.

He said generations to come will recall with gratitude the monumental contribution of Indira Gandhi in the creation of an independent and sovereign country 50 years ago.

Her leadership in the 9 month long crisis was brilliant and courageous which was supplemented by the exemplary military leadership of the Army Chief Field Marshal Capt. Davar also paid homage to 4000 martyrs of the 1971 War and winners of 513

Sam Manekshaw, Navy chief Admiral SM Nanda and Air Chief Air Chief Marshal PC Lal.

Capt. Davar also lauded the massive contribution of Defence Minister Jagjivan Ram and Foreign Minister Swaran Singh in the war and events prior to and after the war, including Shimla agreement.

Capt. Davar recalled that to secure itself against the possible US-China intervention, India signed on August 9, 1971, a 20 years Indo-Soviet Treaty of Peace and Friendship and Cooperation.

The Treaty provided for immediate mutual consultations and appropriate effective measures in case of either country being subjected to a military threat.

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Vir Chakra, 77 Mahavir Chakra and 4 Param Vir Chakra - Maj Hoshiar Singh, 2/Lt Arun Khetarpal, L/Nk Albert Ekka and Flying Officer Nirmal Jit Sekhon.

Mir remembered the strong leadership of Indira Gandhi under whose stewardship the brave Indian army lead the nation unmatched victory in the history of World and it was unique victory when Pakistan was divided into two countries in just 13 days of war against all sorts of pressures and ignoring the threats from US as well as China.

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He said that another function shall be held tomorrow at Paloura in collaboration with DCC Rural Jammu.

"Such an effort reflects decency and high level of emancipation", Rana said while participating in Samohik Yagnopavit ceremony, organized by the Global Solace Society and Vishwa Kashmire Samaj at Swami Mirza Kak Ji Ashram here.

Rana said such congregational ceremonies bring parity in social order and help minimizing wasteful expenditures that have taken a toll on poor segments of the society. Pomp and show by affluent people becomes almost a norm which eventually stays on as a social evil that becomes hard to fight.

In this backdrop, the well intended effort is highly appreciable, he said adding that this should be encouraged in a big way.

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the dynasim and contribution of Indira Gandhi, the veteran leader advised the Congress workers and youngsters to learn more about the history of Congress and its stalwarts and unitedly fight against the false propaganda of the opposition against Congress party.

Former Ministers & Vice Presidents Muli Ram, Raman Bhalla, Yogesh Sawhney, Balwan Singh, Shiv Dev Singh, Gurbachan Kumari Rana, Balbir Singh, T.S. Bajwa, Indu Pawar, Hari Singh Chib, K.C. Bhagat, Sanjeev Sharma, Panaj Dogra, Heads of Frontal Wings, Corporators PCC and DCC leaders attended in large number and paid floral tributes to war heroes of 1971.

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