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Three day event to train docs in modern surgical procedures

The seventh international symposium on current concepts in knee and shoulder arthroscopic surgery (keyhole) and arthroplasty in Indian Spine Injuries Centre has attracted over 300 delegates from all over India. Seventy faculty, including 10 specialists from Australia, the UK, Israel and Saudia Arabia, will conduct 17 to 20 live procedures over three days to train young surgeons in the new advancements in keyhole and knee and shoulder surgeries.

"It is an educational event meant to train junior orthopaedic surgeons in modern surgical procedures," said **Dr Pushpinder Singh Bajaj**, an eminent specialist in the field of arthroscopic surgery of knee and shoulder problems.

The programme includes instructional courses, hands-on surgical demonstrations, debates, symposia, product workshops and live surgeries.

The highlights of the three-day symposium include training surgeons in new knee reconstructive surgeries which have a faster healing time, cartilage transplant therapy, where patient's cells are cultured, grown and transplanted in the injured area within a span of three weeks, cutomised joint replacements where patient MRIs and scans are sent to companies for making patient-specific implants to ensure better stability and longevity of the implant, and minimally invasive joint replacement surgery, a procedure in which the four-inch incision has replaced the traditional eight inch incision, helping the patient recover faster.

"The idea behind training doctors in several critical surgeries is to ensure that our players don't have to travel overseas for treatment. We want surgeons in all parts of the country to be well-versed in all advancements in orthopaedic surgeries," said **Dr Bajaj, the chief organiser of the event.**

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