



India's first Robotic Arms

INDIA's first robotic arms to lend helping hand in surgery - INDIA: Ushering in a new era of minimally invasive surgeries, INDIA received its first robotic arms machine for surgery assistance. The Asian Vattikuti Institute of robotic surgery will be performing its first robot-assisted surgery within the month and will soon offer advanced robotic surgery for disciplines such as urology, cardio-thoracic, gynecology and oncology. "The generation-next of minimally invasive surgery is here," said Dr Ramakant Panda, who conducted a bypass surgery on Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. "Contrary to the belief, there is no robot who conducts a surgery on a patient. The surgery is done by the surgeon, only with extra arms to navigate and help to perform various steps involved in a complicated surgery. With the robot-assisted surgery, there is going to be better precision than in computer-assisted or laparoscopic surgery," he added. The surgeries will be done through three-four tiny incisions, thus reducing post-surgery scars. There is also no extra bleeding and faster recovery post-surgery. In conventional surgery, the body has to be injured first to treat the bigger problem within. But with robot-assisted surgery, only the most necessary cuts and moves will be made on the body. "In the minimally invasive surgery, the assistant had to hold the telescope while the surgeon performed the surgery. Most surgeons also work with only one hand. So with the robotic arms, there are no unnecessary movements, no extra bleeding, a faster recovery and no scars."

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Robbery in USA for Medical Reasons

North Carolina man robs store for a dollar so he can get health care in prison for medical problems - A North Carolina man robbed a local store for a dollar just so he could get health care in prison, he said. James Verone, 59, handed the teller a note demanding \$1 and claimed he had a gun, ABC News reported. He then walked away and sat down, waiting for police. "I started to walk away from the teller, then I went back and said, I'll be sitting right over there in the chair waiting for the police," he said, according to local television station 9News. "I wanted to make it known that this wasn't for monetary reasons, but for medical reasons."

\$20 Million Bill May Thwart Singapore Medical Ambition

It's a S\$24.8 million (\$20 million) medical bill that shocked oil-rich Brunei and may hinder Singapore's bid to become a top medical-tourist destination. Susan Lim, Asia's first liver-transplant surgeon, sought as much as S\$200,000 a day over seven months in 2007 to treat a member of Brunei's royal family who later succumbed to cancer. The bill, which included third-party disbursements, sparked a complaint from Brunei, a Singapore investigation and an inquiry into her fees. "Reputations are tarnished at all levels" with such scandals, said Josef Woodman, who spent more than five years researching medical tourism and is the author of Patients Beyond Borders, a guide to finding offshore medical treatment. "This underscores the need for improved oversight and regulations that would help to prevent abuses." The Brunei case and another complaint from the United Arab Emirates accusing a group of Singapore doctors, including Lim, of over billing may hamper the state's ambition to attract more foreign patients in Asia's \$5.5 billion medical-tourism market. Heart-bypass surgery in Singapore costs about a sixth of that charged in the U.S. [\(read more\)](#)

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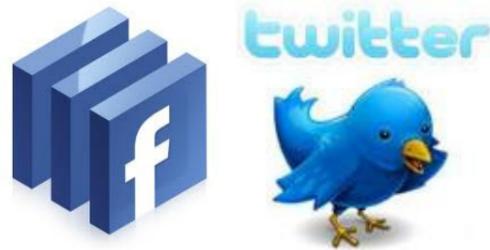
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Medical Tourism in Ahmedabad gets Khakhi Boost

The exponential rise in the number of foreigners coming to Ahmedabad for medical treatment has persuaded the city police of the need for a simpler verification process for the ailing visitors. The city police have set up an online registration system for foreigners coming for medical treatment; the new system will require medical tourists to visit the police only once for the final interview. As of now, the procedure for police verification requires at least three visits to the police if not more, by the visiting foreigners. This not only wastes the valuable time of the visitors but also puts those coming to the city for medical treatment under unnecessary stress. The new system, however, should make the entire process much less stressful for the ailing visitors [\(read more\)](#)

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