'Borrow, Improvise as Not All Things Can be Made in India'

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Chennai: Narendra Modi's 'Make in India' call may make sense for a whole lot of things, but not necessarily for medical advancements, according to MIOT International's founder Dr P V A Mohandoss.

Speaking at the inauguration of the 6th International Aortic Summit on Aortic Arch & Thoraco Abdominal Aneurysm, the seasoned orthopaedician said, "The speed at which medical technology is developing across the world, it is better to borrow it. Make In India is a good thing, but for some things it won't work."

Heart surgeons from across the world have come together to participate in the conference held at MIOT International over the weekend. Merely buying expensive machines and scanners isn't enough though. "Learn it, understand it and make it

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affordable. If we wait for it to be developed here, then a lot of time will be wasted. The world is changing very fast," he added.

Mohandoss recalled that

during his visits to several international teaching hospitals, he found that keyhole orthopaedic surgeries were far more advanced than anything that had been done in India, "The reason is that they have a lot of funding and focus on research. We don't have that capacity at the moment so we will be lagging behind," he said.

Instead of looking at it as a handicap, vigorously borrowing the technology would augur well for the Indian healthcare industry, he said, "We must learn to borrow from the Italians, for they are the master of design and we must learn to borrow from the Japanese, for they are the masters of going all over the world, studying things and replicating them!"