

# Association of Spine Surgeons of India

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The first ever major meeting on spine held in India was in 1983, at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. It was an International meeting on Spinal Trauma, organized by Major Ahluwalia, a non-medico army officer, who himself was a traumatic quadriplegic. During this meeting Dr. V T Ingalhalikar interacted with many Orthopedic surgeons from various parts of country. They all agreed that spine care and scientific deliberations were inadequately done all over

Dr. A .V. Bavdekar, Dr.K.T. Dholakia, Dr. K.V. Chaubal and Dr V T Ingalalshikar were instrumental in forming an association of spine surgeons. In September 1985, Dr. Dholakia hosted a meeting which was attended by Dr. Chaubal, Dr. Bavdekar and Dr V T Ingalalshikar. The Decision was taken to launch : ASSOCIATION OF SPINE SURGEONS OF INDIA.

On 18th December 1985, at Hotel Centaur, Mumbai during WESTERN INDIA REGIONAL ORTHOPEDIC CONFERENCE of Bombay Orthopedic Society, Dr V T Ingalhalikar gave small speech about need for a separate forum for 'Spine' and declared formation of ASSOCIATION OF SPINE SURGEONS OF INDIA. Within 2 hours 19 people signed in to join the membership.

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