New surgical tech a boon for haemorrhagic stroke patients

It allows brain access via keyhole surgery and avoids cutting to remove blood clot

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One minute for war to the bathroom and getting ready to go, and the next, her family found her lying in the bathroom consciousness but unable to speak.

Mr Ajay Mitra, 61, was in Singapore visiting his daughter last year when he had a stroke. Blood had rushed into the right side of his brain, which controls language, and made him unable to speak. He had developed the BrainPath system – as well as doctors here.

As the bleeding was in the left side of the brain which controls language, Mr Mitra was now unable to utter a word from the five languages he spoke. The bleeding was so severe that he had to be transferred to Singapore for treatment.

Mr Mitra’s daughter, Ms Basu, a company secretary, “Treating friends to an elaborate meal – as well as doctors here.”

But in the days since, each language has come back, one by one. Mr Mitra, an engineer by training, is back in India. He started playing the piano again, and, with the help of physiotherapist, is walking well.

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