

# SUSRUTA, AN ANCIENT PLASTIC SURGEON

## Questions And answers:

**1. Why did Susruta offer the traveller a mug of wine?**

**Answer:** Susruta offered the traveller a mug of wine so that the effect of the wine could make the traveller numb and he wouldn't feel pain while being operated.

**2. Why was Susruta recognised as the father of plastic surgery?**

**Answer:** Some 26 Centuries ago, Susruta mended the nose of a traveller by cutting a strip of flesh from the traveller's cheek and transplanted the flesh into the traveller's disfigured nose. He moulded wit with powdered liquorice, red sandalwood and an extract of Indian barberry. What Susruta did long back is not greatly different from what the plastic surgeons do today. That is why Susruta is recognised as the father of plastic surgery today.

**3. What made him the father of Anesthesia?**

**Answer:** Susruta's suggestion to give wine to the patients about to be operated so that their senses get numb and they don't feel pain had made him the father of Anesthesia.

#### **4. Who could become a good physician according to Susruta?**

**Answer:** According to Susruta, a person can become a good physician only if he/she knew both theory and practice. He even advised his pupils to use carcasses and models for practice before surgery.

#### **5. What was his advice to his pupils?**

**Answer:** Susruta advised his pupils to use carcasses and models for practice before surgery, so that they can acquire perfection and good knowledge on human and animal anatomy.