

# SUSRUTA, AN ANCIENT PLASTIC SURGEON

## Extra Questions:

### 1. Who was Susruta?

**Answer:** Susruta was born in Sixth Century B.C. He was a descendant of the Vedic sage Viswamitra. Susruta is recognised today as the father of Plastic Surgery as well as father of Anaesthesia. He learnt surgery and medicine at the feet of Divodasa Dhanvantari in his hermitage at Varanasi. He was the first physician to advocate what is today known as the 'caesarean' operation. In his treatise, he had listed 101 types of instruments which is adopted even today. Not only he was a great physician, but also he was an excellent teacher. He used to advise his pupils that one could become a good physician only if one knew both theory and practical. His treatise, Susrutasamhita has considerable medical knowledge of relevance even today.

### 2. What is Samdamsa Yantras?

**Answer:** Samdamsa Yantras are the first form of the modern surgeon's spring forceps and dissection and dressing forceps.

