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This is the picture of world’s first known modern plastic surgery. It is also the picture of world’s first known modern nose surgery. It was performed by a traditional Indian surgeon named Kumar.

The person in this picture was known as Cowasji.



He was a Maratha bullock driver. He had been imprisoned by Tipu Sultan and his nose was cut off in prison. His nose was later restored by a traditional Surgeon named Kumar using “ancient Indian methods” in 1794 CE.

A Britisher named Lucas observed in action the traditional Indian surgery of Cowasji and documented every detail. These details were then accessed by a scientist named Joseph Constantine Carpue. Using these techniques, he performed world’s first “modern Rhinoplasty” 20 yrs later.

Joseph Constantine Carpue is widely known as the father of Plastic Surgery. But in his book “An account of two successful operations”, he acknowledges it was performed by “Indians from time immemorial”.

He learnt it through his friends who “copied from Hindu practitioners” in his own words. Nasal reconstructions had been practiced as a relatively routine procedure in India for centuries. The procedures are described in two well-known early Indian medical works like
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By the nineteenth century, the technique had been handed down through families.

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