

# **Cowasjee's Singular Surgery: How European Surgeons Learnt About **Nose Jobs** From A Pune Potter In 1793!**



Before **plastic surgery** became a billion-dollar industry, **a potter in Pune rebuilt a man's nose** using skin from his forehead, back in **1793**. That one surgery taught Europe how **nose jobs** are really done.



**Cowasjee**, a bullock cart driver for the British Army, was captured by **Tipu Sultan** during the **Third Anglo-Mysore War**. As punishment for aiding the enemy, **Tipu** had **Cowasjee's** nose and hands cut off.



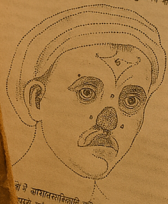
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**He survived, but lived with **half a face.**  
For 12 months, he breathed through  
**humiliation** until an **ordinary potter**  
**reshaped his fate.****








**Using skin from Cowasjee's forehead, the potter stitched a new nose with anesthesia. Just bare hands, steady skill, and ancient science.**

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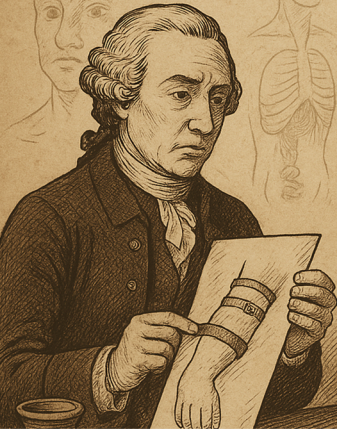
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**Two British medical personnel, who witnessed the surgery, took the story back to England. They couldn't believe their eyes.**

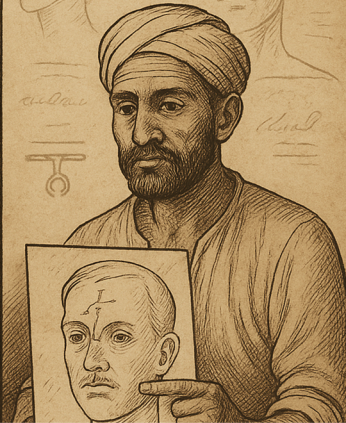


**In 1794, *The Gentleman's Magazine* in London published Cowasjee's case with illustrations. Europe was stunned. Surgeons now had a name for it: the "Indian Method."**

# European Method

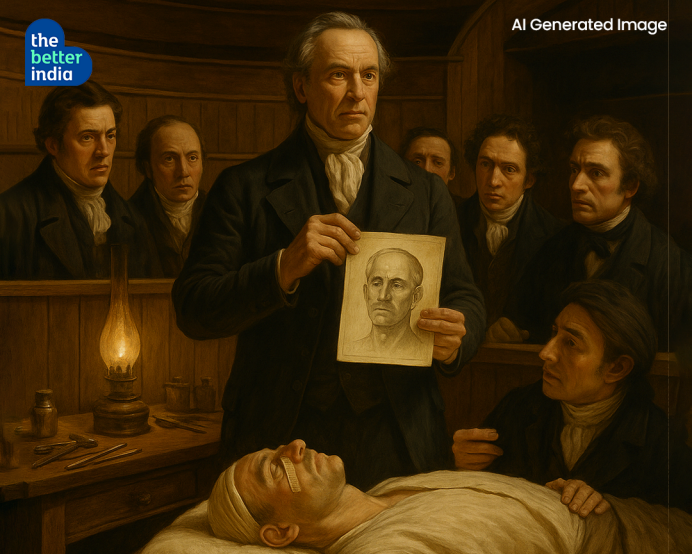


# Indian Method



**Before this, Europeans would graft skin from the arm and strap it to the face for weeks. It was often botched and without a guarantee. But India's method was precise, fast, and revolutionary.**





**By 1814, British surgeon Dr. Joseph Carpue managed to replicate the “Indian Method” in London. And that is how modern plastic surgery in the West began.**



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Today, the world knows **Sir Harold Delf Gillies** as the **father of modern plastic surgery**. But the potter? He was simply called **a potter from Maratha**. **No name. No credit. No legacy.**



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So the next time someone says **plastic surgery** is a **Western marvel**, tell them about the **nameless Indian potter** who changed the face of surgery forever.