

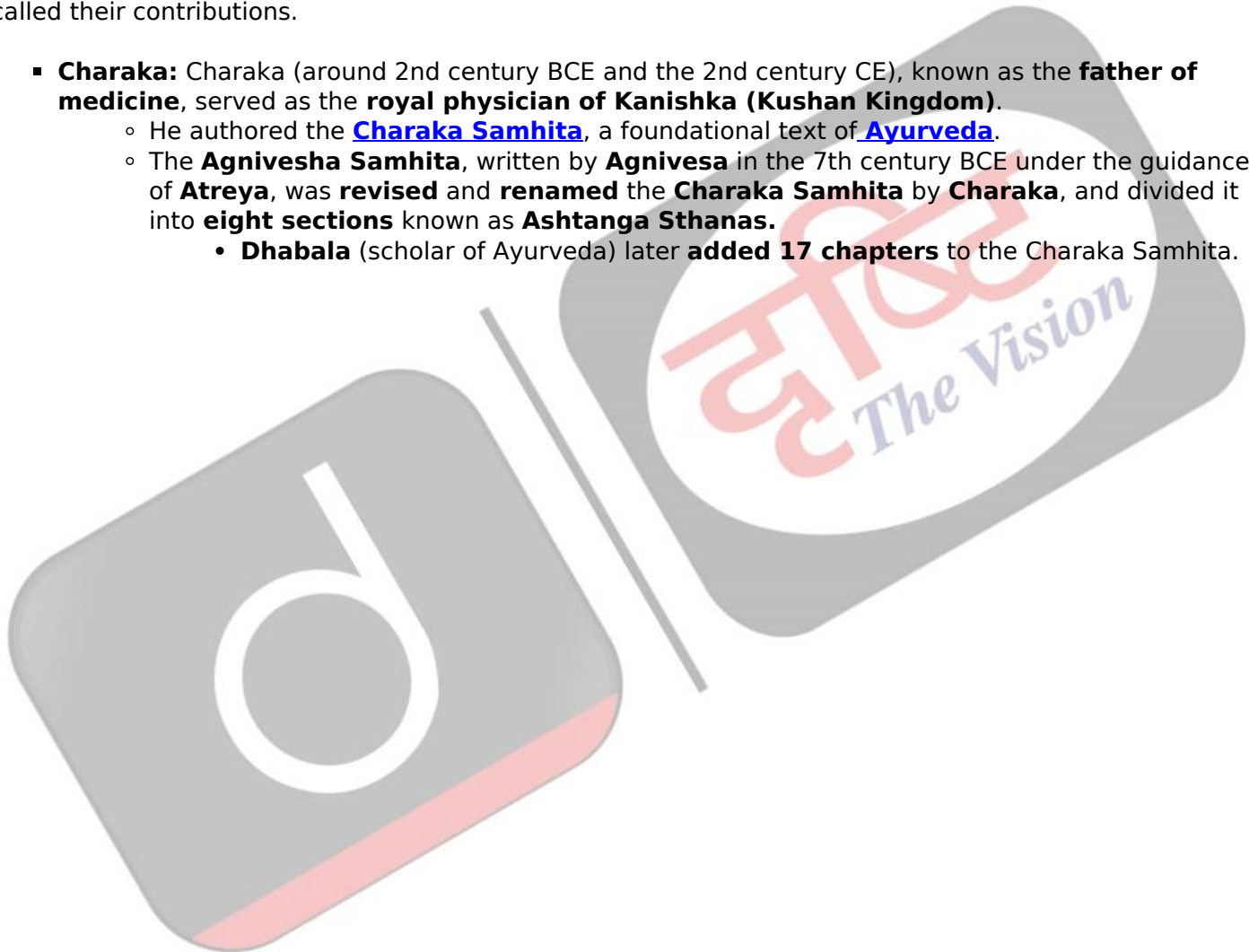


Charaka and Sushruta Legacy

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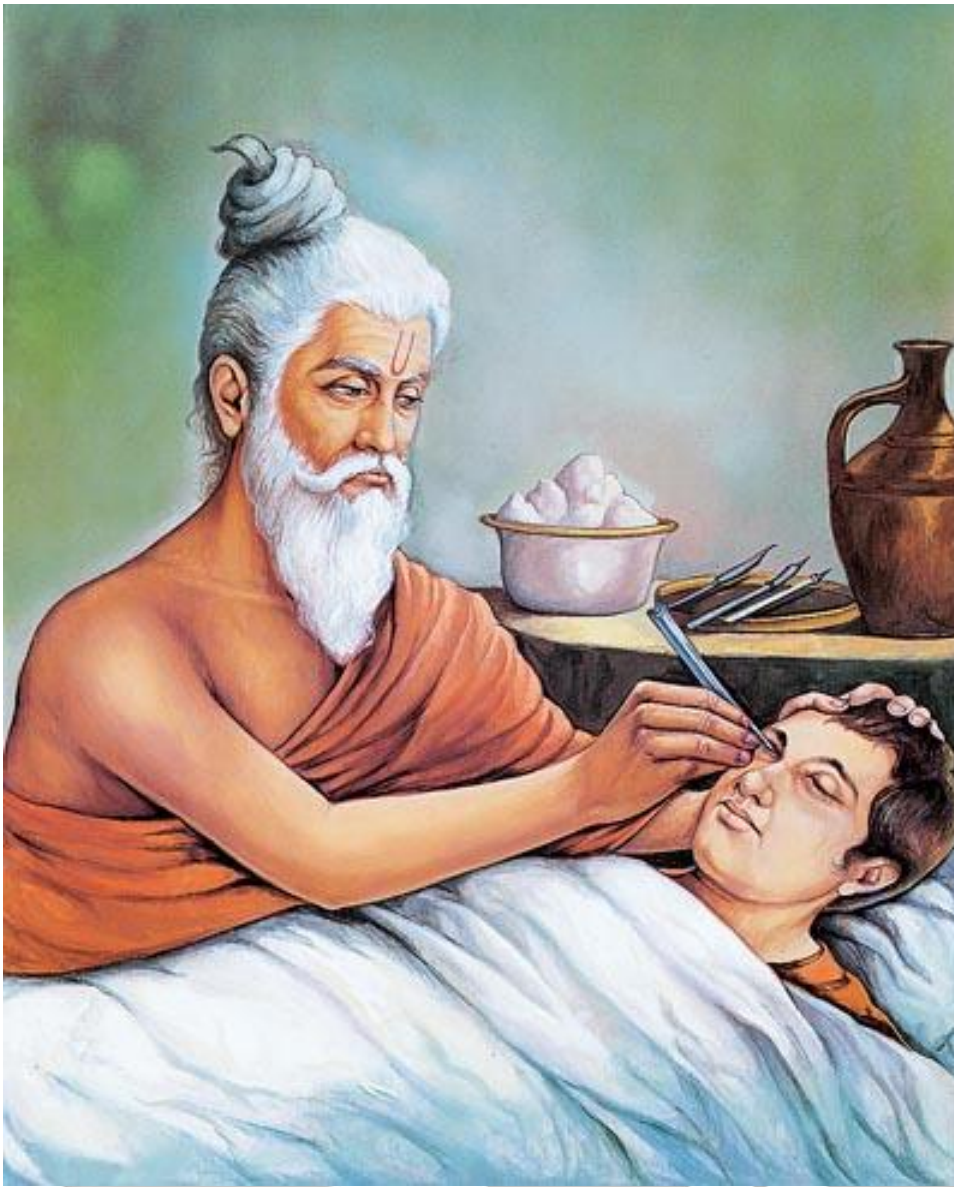
The [Vice-President](#) commissioned the statues of [Charaka](#) and [Sushruta](#) at Raj Bhavan, Goa and recalled their contributions.

- **Charaka:** Charaka (around 2nd century BCE and the 2nd century CE), known as the **father of medicine**, served as the **royal physician of Kanishka (Kushan Kingdom)**.
 - He authored the [Charaka Samhita](#), a foundational text of [Ayurveda](#).
 - The **Agnivesha Samhita**, written by **Agnivesa** in the 7th century BCE under the guidance of **Atreya**, was **revised** and **renamed** the **Charaka Samhita** by **Charaka**, and divided it into **eight sections** known as **Ashtanga Sthanas**.
 - **Dhabala** (scholar of Ayurveda) later **added 17 chapters** to the Charaka Samhita.





- **Sushruta:** Sushruta (7th–6th century BCE), an ancient Indian physician, is called the "**Father of Surgery**" and "**Father of Plastic Surgery**."
 - Sushruta was a **disciple of Dhanvantari**, one of the **Navratnas** of **King Vikramaditya (Chandragupta II)**.
 - He authored the **Sushruta Samhita**, one of the earliest texts on plastic surgery.
 - The **Sushruta Samhita** is a part of Ayurveda's **Great Trilogy** alongside **Charaka Samhita** and **Astanga Hridaya**.
 - He performed and documented over **300 surgical procedures**, including **plastic surgery (e.g., rhinoplasty i.e., rebuilding of the nose)**, gutter removal, fracture management, and even caesarean delivery.
 - He treated numerous cases of **Oshtha Sandhan (lobuloplasty)** and **Karna Sandhan (otoplasty)** as well.



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