

Baby survives after twin sis dies in womb

The birth of Surendra and Jagruti Solanki's baby girl surprised doctors as they had given up hope on the little one after one of the twins died in womb two months ago

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Her birth is a medical miracle as doctors had given up hope on the little one. But the three day-old baby girl, who is yet to be christened, survived all odds in her mother's womb. And with her first cry on Friday night she brought a smile on her parents' faces.

For farm labourer Surendra Solanki and his wife Jagruti, who live in Bhagapur near Kadi, their daughter is the Almighty's gift after they lost their first child.

"We were very excited when Jagruti conceived for the first time. But due to certain medical condition, she gave birth to a stillborn child. It was difficult to put up with the loss but we had to console ourselves. However, all our miseries ended when my wife conceived again and doctor declared there were twins," said Solanki.

The couple consulted Dr Narendra Patel of Goyenka Hospital near Pethapur in Gandhinagar who started treating Jagruti. Everything was normal for seven months.

MEDICAL COMPLICATIONS

"Jagruti came to me and complained of bleeding and stomach pain. As I realised that her condition was not normal, I asked her to undergo sonography. The report revealed that one of the twins died due to lack of nutrition. Now, this was a really tricky situation,"

The doctor discussed two options with Solanki: Use of vanishing system or surgery to remove the dead baby. "We ruled out the first option as the patient was in the advanced stage of pregnancy. But surgery was equally risky as it could cause infection to mother. The family didn't give consent to operation. Finally, we had no option but to wait for two months," said Dr Patel.

'A RARE CASE'

The Solanki's were expecting a miracle and it happened.

"I was sure that He will not disappoint us this time. And see his bliss is in our lap," said the proud father.

"It's a very rare case. At least in my 25 years of career, I have not come across this kind of case where the mother and the baby survived despite one of the twins dying in the womb two months ago. The mother and the child are hale and hearty. The baby weighed around 2.5 kg at the time of birth," the doctor said.

The dead baby weighed 1.4 kg.

