

70-year-old gives birth to twins

Defying age, a septugenarian woman has given birth to twins, a male and a female, in a village of Baghpat district of Uttar Pradesh.

'We are old. My wife Raj Kali is 70 years and I am 75 years. But god has graced us in such old age and we are happy to have twins,' said Charan Singh, a proud father, who also has two grown-up daughters who, in turn, have six offsprings.

Charan Singh was keen on having a son.

'We have plenty of agriculture land in Doghat village but we did not have any heir to look after us. In our clan, daughters are the 'assets of others'. Parents have to nurture them only to run others' household. In the absence of a son, parents are considered issueless,' Singh told IANS.

His younger daughter Amrish is happy.

'On the request of our parents, we wanted to offer one of our children to our parents but our in-laws did not agree. Then our parents had no option but to go for a treatment,' Amrish said.

'Now we are happy to have a brother. We have also received another sister along with him. The children have been named Sawan and Barsat.'

She said: 'Our mother gave birth to twins on June 24 at the Ganga Ram Hospital at Muzaffar Nagar but the children were referred to the Sushila Jaswant Rai Hospital at Meerut after their weight was found less at 1,100 grams and 1,250 gram respectively.

'Both children are under treatment. My mother was discharged from the hospital today and was resting at my elder sister's house in Sisauli,' Amrish said.

Doghat town council chairman Vairan Panwar added: 'In our parts, the clan system still continues. Although Charan Singh had two grown-up daughters with six grandchildren, he was presumed issueless. If daughters' in-laws had agreed to offer one of their male children for adoption, the couple would not have to go for more children.'

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