

'IVF — A ray of hope for childless couples'

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THE DIRECTOR of the Madhura Nursing Home (P) Ltd, Dr Madhu Loomba who is the first and the only gynaecologist laser surgeon in the country has been treating infertility cases since 1975, has now set up an Advanced Infertility and In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) or the Test Tube Baby Centre in the city and has dedicated herself whole-heartily to restore happiness among the childless couples.

Talking to the *HT Kanpur Live* Dr Loomba said that infertility was a highly sensitive issue and general ignorance about it has resulted in many myths surrounding it. About five to fifteen per cent members of any community suffer from this disease, she added.

Referring to the causes of the infertility, Dr Loomba says that it may be because of male or female or couple factor. Each factor shares at least thirty per cent causes while ten per cent is attributed to unknown causes of infertility.

The main factors which affect pregnancy to occur are hormone imbalances, mucous in cervix hostile to sperms, blocked fallopian tubes, adhe-



sions around the ovaries, disturbed tubo-ovarian relationship, and several other reasons. But with the recent advancement in management of infertility, couples can realise their dreams more easily and that to a fraction of what it costs to

seek similar treatment abroad, she claims.

She says with the advancement in the field of medical science In Vitro Fertilization (Test Tube Baby) has come as a ray of new hope for childless couples. Before the advent of such treat-

ment people from the city had to go to far-off places like Delhi, Mumbai and Ahmedabad to get treatment but now it is available here itself. The IVF laboratory set up here is technically highly advanced and is equipped with ultramodern

equipments for treating the patients. The entire range of investigations and treatment for both the male and female partner is available at the Lab in the Madhura Nursing Home, she says.

To a question, she said that a fairly large number of patients have got themselves registered with the IVF Lab and treatment was being given to them in regular successions as per medical requirement.

In addition to treatment of the infertility cases, an annual training camp is also organised in which over 500 doctors are trained in infertility management by a team of German doctors, she says.

Dr Loomba who was awarded International Who's Who of Professional and Business Women-2000 Award by American Biographical Institute and the Doctor Of the Millennium Award-2000 by Association of Medical Sciences is a member of over a dozen prestigious committees and associations of international repute. The sole aim of her medical life is to develop the most sophisticated IVF lab in the city for the benefit of childless families irrespective of their financial position.