

Woman standing in queue delivers baby Our Correspondent

Noida, November 23

A woman standing in a queue, waiting for her turn among patients who had come for treatment in the government hospital here for a long time, gave birth to a baby girl while standing in the queue yesterday. The premature delivery of the baby by a seven-month-old pregnant woman is said to be in critical condition. The woman doctor said the newborn needed blood transfusion.

Sayed, 30, of Sector 8 here, who was seven months' pregnant, while standing in the queue was waiting for her turn among patients. She had come for an examination.

While standing in the queue of patients before room no 139 on first floor of the district hospital here she gave birth to a premature girl child.

Dr Raj Rani Kausal said the mother needed urgent blood transfusion also. Patients and their attendants were complaining the district hospital lacked proper arrangements for the patients who had to wait there from two to three hours in the queue for their turn.

Rajveer from Khora Colony said his wife was standing in the queue since 7.30 am but by 10 am her turn had not come.

The same was the grouse of Ms Vidhywati who had come from Sector 8 at 8 am.

"There is no one to listen to your grievances or attend to you" was the general refrain.

The CMO, Dr Vinode Kumar, said there was a shortage of doctors. All doctors are supposed to be in hospital by 8 am.

Four doctors were relieved on Tuesday itself, further worsening the crisis.



Petition against Crime Against Women Cell Tribune News Service

New Delhi, November 23

A city-based lawyer and his family today moved the Delhi High Court challenging the legal validity of the Crime Against Women (CAW) cell of the Delhi Police.

Justice R C Jain issued notices to the Delhi government and the city police on a petition filed by advocate B K Agarwal, his wife, daughter and son-in-law and asked the respondents to file their replies by December 16.

Claiming to be victims of anti-dowry laws and improper enquiry done on the complaint lodged by his daughter-in-law, Agarwal sought quashing of the probe conducted by the CAW cell and the FIR registered against them.

Agarwal's counsel K C Mittal contended that CAW cell has no legal authority to function and investigate a complaint in the absence of any legislative backing and urged the court to lay down general guidelines for enquiry of such matrimonial offences by the cell.

He sought direction to the Delhi government to place on record the source of creation of CAW cell to investigate matrimonial disputes. Citing Supreme Court's ruling in the Bhajan Lal case, the petitioners contended when no cognizable offence has been committed and no FIR has been lodged, the police has no power to conduct a Preliminary Enquiry (PE). They alleged that CAW cell personnel were not acting in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Criminal Procedure Code and unnecessarily harassing innocent people. Last year, a Metropolitan Magistrate had declared the functioning of CAW cell as illegal but later the order was set aside by the Sessions Court.



Meet on 'Women Work and Health' from November 27 Tribune News Service

New Delhi, November 23

The 'International Congress on Women Work and Health' (WWH) will be held at Hotel Ashok here from November 27 to November 30. As many as 800 delegates from 58 countries are expected to participate in the event.

According to Dr Sunita Kaistha, secretary general, International WWH, "Among its main objectives, the Congress aims to introduce the gender perspective into health, promote research, teaching, occupational health care and to spread gender awareness."

Some of the eminent speakers include 2003 Noble Peace Prize winner Shirin Ebadi from Iran, UK-based Diane Perrons, Director, Gender Institute, London School of Economics, Finance Minister P. Chidambaram, a release stated.

The Chairperson, WWH, Indira Kothiar, said, "For the first time ever, short films and video sessions have been initiated to facilitate more realistic global experience sharing, where delegates from various countries can themselves watch and learn from the real-life problems and solutions of other participating countries. One truly unique and unprecedented addition to this fourth Congress is the women's crafts mela.

