

A SHOT OF HOPE

Neighbours pitch in for Covid positive family with newborn

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While some neighbours shy away from lending a helping hand to Covid-19 patients, a Murugeshpalya couple in their early 40s are immensely grateful to neighbours who came to their rescue. Seema (name changed) was due to deliver when her husband was hospitalised and her in-laws and five-year-old son had Covid symptoms.

Due on April 26, Seema developed labour pain on April 20, the same day her husband had to be hospitalised. While one neighbour took him to hospital, other neighbours rushed her to another hospital where she delivered a baby girl through C-section the same day. While she also tested positive, the newborn was negative.

On April 22, she returned home and her Covid-positive in-laws were in hospital and her son was also positive.

Her software professional husband said: “We got excellent support from our neighbours when I was hospitalised. When she returned home, a neighbour suggested she stay in his house as they had gone out of station. Our house had five positive patients then.”

Gurdwara plans hosp with 50 yrs' offerings

The Sachkhand Hazur Saheb Abchalnagar Gurdwara in Nanded, Maharashtra, is planning to establish a super-specialty hospital and medical college with donations received over the past 50 years. The plan mooted by high priest Jathedar Baba Kulwanth SinghjiIt is awaiting the board's approval. [P5](#)

We are grateful to many for helping us, says family

The husband said trouble restarted when his wife had to go for a CT scan on April 24. “She left the newborn in a room and her brother was looking after the baby. The entire apartment was concerned and people watched over for the kids,” a family friend said.

Neighbours and family friends helped her and her two kids get admitted to Rainbow Children’s Hospital, with the help of paediatrician Dr Manu Chaudhary. “We’re grateful to so many people. Though I was in ICU, I was trying to coordinate and kept in touch with my wife,” he told **STOI**. Seema’s husband and her in-laws ended up in the same hospital on Kanakapura Road for Covid care. Her in-laws who had taken the first vaccine shot, were spared severe symptoms but required medical care. “My father, who is 84, was feeling very low. It was a tough time, but help poured in from so many quarters,” her husband said.

A physiotherapist and family friend, who helped all the patients find beds, said doctors and BBMP officials were very helpful when they heard of the family’s plight. Seema and the two children finally came back home on May 1. Her husband and in-laws recovered and came back on May 3. Neighbours continued to provide food and other essential items, ensuring Seema’s family made it safely through the dark times.

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