

3-day-old gets new blood, new life

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CHEEMA Medical Complex in Phase IV has successfully treated a three day old, suffering from severe jaundice. Dr V.J.S. Virdi, who successfully treated the infant, said the level of serum bilirubin had reached 56 mg — its exceeding 20 mg is alarming. In this case, the brain of the child could have been damaged severely, Dr Virdi said. Treatment was further a challenge since the parents, Bahadur and Harmeet, of the child could not afford



Dr Virdi with the infant and mother Harmeet after he was treated. *Express photo by JASBIR MALHI*

the treatment, being poor.

"We changed the entire blood of the child within eight hours of his being brought to the hospital. This was repeated thrice. This reduced his jaundice. In addition to this, the child was also put under double surface phototherapy for additional effect of decreasing jaundice," said Dr Virdi. The baby suffered from jaundice due to blood group incompatibility. The doctor said further children born to the couple could suffer from medical problems. "The child is safe now," he said.