

Revisiting fatherhood

After losing their son 16 years back, Satish Kaushik and his wife have been blessed with a baby girl last month

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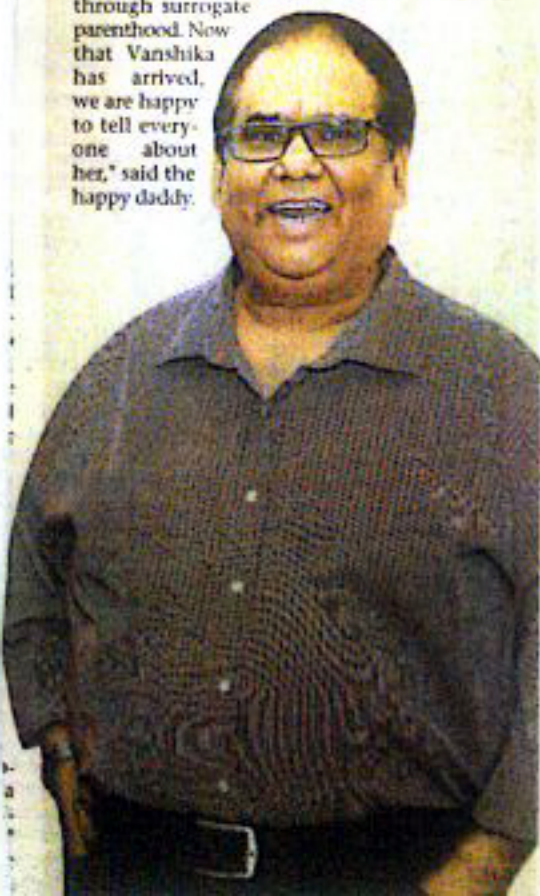
Sixteen years after he tragically lost his son Sharu, 56-year-old actor-filmmaker Satish Kaushik is a father again. The baby girl named Vanshika was born on July 15 through surrogacy.

To *Mirror*, a jubilant Satish said, "By God's grace, my wife Shashi and I have been blessed with a daughter. It is the end of a long and painful wait for a child. It is a matter of unimaginable joy especially for my wife who had her heart set on another child ever since we lost our only son Sharu when he was just two-years-old."

For Satish, he has rediscovered fatherhood after 16 years. "Ever since Vanshika came last month, my wife and I have become like first-time parents - enjoying every movement of our baby, feeding her, changing her diapers."

And for this miracle, Satish wants to thank Dr Hrishikesh Pai. "He's not just one of the best IVF (In Vitro Fertilisation) doctors in the world, but also a close friend. I thank him for urging me and my wife to take the IVF route to parenthood. We were unfortunate in having lost our only child. Our world had come crashing down. But thanks to the world of medical miracles, we've become parents again at an age when parenthood is considered impossible," said Satish.

Enjoying fatherhood, Satish has put all work on hold. "At the moment Shashi and I can't think of anything beyond our baby. Our close friends and family were aware of us going through surrogate parenthood. Now that Vanshika has arrived, we are happy to tell everyone about her," said the happy daddy.



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