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## A beginning to the circle of life

The miracle of birth will forever remain an inexplicable worldly experience; and while we traditionally associate the magical feeling solely to the mother, the father too has his own way of wandering through this un-tread path.

Perhaps that is the biggest hurdle — there are no handbooks on parenting; it is a journey one undertakes, all along entirely clueless of what may happen next.

It can be stated with some conviction that almost every mother tries her best; whatever her suggestions, restrictions or actions, the inherent intention is possibly without a doubt honest to the welfare of her offspring. Yet at times even our best of intents do not return the expected results.

This week Star Lifestyle takes a closer look into this mystery of parenting, with a focus on the mother-child relationship. We give you the latest trends in maternity wear not only because it will make the mum-to-be the centre of attraction, but also because it shall keep her high on spirits along the 38-week rollercoaster ride. We also share ideas on designing the perfect nursery, should the new mum desire to immerse herself in a DIY project.

Star LS also introduces the idea of installing 'baby cam' in your home — a simple technology that can give the desired peace of mind every working mother seeks. It really is much easier than you can possibly imagine!

There is also a section on nurturing creativity in children, as no age is too early to teach children ways to open their minds and start to dream and make the impossible, possible.

And lastly, we take a closer look at the mother-child dynamic in the current social context. We put before you expert opinions on this compelling issue, along with anecdotes of how people from various walks of life truly feel about this divine bonding, even if it is a little bittersweet.

