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## Test tubes are Indian, but babies foreign

When B in BPO is birth: Mumbai IVF clinics cut costs, attract couples from even UK and US

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**I**N the waiting room of a private clinic in south Mumbai, a woman in saffron kameez flips through magazines. Stella (name changed) is a Kenyan citizen and a London resident, here on a tight four-week schedule.

Her plan: To conceive



At Leelavati Hospital: Baby, this is the right choice

by an assisted conception technique of in-vitro fertilisation (IVF). Safe and affordable.

"I wanted to go some place safe," Stella (36) told *The Sunday Express*. "A place where good doctors are always accessible."

Her reason for buying a return ticket: "IVF treatment in Mumbai is above standards of private

Kenyan hospitals, and costs one-third what I'd pay in London."

A precious cargo was recently delivered to the IVF lab at Leelavati Hospital and Medical Research Centre. A woman flew across continents with her husband's sperm in a liquid nitrogen container, packed for safe dispatch to the lab.

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