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## TEST TUBE BABY HAS A BABY BOY

Twenty-nine-year-old Harsha Shah, who was Mumbai's first test tube baby born in 1986 at KEM Hospital, delivered her first child on Monday at Jaslok Hospital



■ (Left) Harsha Shah, Mumbai's first test tube baby, gave birth to a boy on Monday. (Above) Dr Indira Hinduja (left) and Dr Kusum Zaveri (right), who were part of the team that helped during Harsha's birth in 1986, were present at Jaslok Hospital, Peddar Road on Monday, when the 29-year-old delivered.

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**Aug 5, 1986**

Mumbai's first test tube baby, Harsha Shah, is born at 4.10pm at KEM Hospital, Parel

**March 7, 2015**

Harsha Shah, 29, delivers a boy weighing 3.18kg at 10.36am at Jaslok Hospital, Peddar Road

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**MUMBAI:** Thirty years ago, two city gynaecologists made history when they delivered Mumbai's first test tube baby. On Monday, Dr Indira Hinduja and Dr Kusum Zaveri assisted their tube test baby to give birth to a healthy boy at Jaslok Hospital.

Harsha Shah, 29, was born with assisted reproduction technology on August 6, 1986 at KEM Hospital. Dr Hinduja and her team at KEM began experiments on animals in 1984 to attempt In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF). On December 2, 1985, they transferred a petri-dish embryo into the womb of Harsha's mother, who could not conceive as tuberculosis had permanently damaged her fallopian tubes. "Maniben's pregnancy test came positive on my birthday," Dr Hinduja recalled.

Harsha, however, conceived naturally. Her husband, Divyapal Shah, did not understand the brouhaha around their child's birth. "We planned this baby and had no apprehension. We are a normal family and I am as happy as any father in the world would be."

Many couples are worried whether a baby born through IVF will be able to conceive naturally. Harsha's baby is proof that babies born through IVF are as normal as any other child.

DR INDIRA HINDUJA, pioneer of assisted reproduction technology in the country

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