

Indira IVF commences global aspirations, introduces first international hospital in Nepal

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Indira IVF, India's largest network of infertility treatment hospitals, has announced its international foray with the inauguration of its hospital in Kathmandu, Nepal. This marks the organisation's first move beyond the Indian borders, setting in motion its next phase of growth with support from global private equity firm EQT that entered as Indira IVF's majority owner in July 2023. Indira IVF seeks to take its expertise to South-East Asian, Middle-Eastern, European, and African countries.

EQT is one of the largest and most active healthcare investors globally and over the past 30 years, the firm has invested more than \$25 billion in over 200 healthcare companies across every stage of their development, from early-stage life sciences start-ups to global market leaders. After having entered as majority owner in July 2023, EQT aims to leverage its deep healthcare sector expertise and global networks to support Indira IVF in its next phase of growth.

In order to maintain standardisation, all specialists and staff members globally will be trained at Indira Fertility Academy (IFA). Recognised by the Merck Foundation and British Fertility Society, IFA is the academic wing of Indira IVF that was set up with a vision to develop and groom talent for infertility treatment.

Dr Kshitiz Murdia, CEO & Co-Founder of Indira IVF, stated, "Nepal has witnessed a consistent decline in fertility rates, reaching a low of 1.799 births per woman in 2023, in contrast to India's 2.0 births per woman reported for 2019-21. As the first organized assisted reproductive technology (ART) player from India entering the country, Indira IVF plans to establish five more clinics nationwide to address the growing demand and provide accessible fertility solutions to families."