

IndiGo flight denied entry into Pakistani airspace amid hailstorm

PTI, NEW DELHI: Aviation watchdog DGCA on Friday said the crew of the IndiGo flight from the national capital to Srinagar on Wednesday had sought permission to enter Pakistani airspace to avoid turbulence but the request was rejected.

In a detailed statement about the incident, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said there was no injury to any passengers who were on the flight and that the aircraft's "nose radome" was damaged.

The incident of the aircraft encountering turbulence is being probed by the DGCA.

On Wednesday, IndiGo's A321 neo aircraft operating flight 6E 2142 encountered hailstorm and severe turbulence near Pathankot.

"As per crew statement, they requested Northern control (IAF) for deviation towards left (International Border) due to weather on the route, however, it was not approved.

"Later, the crew contact-



Flight 6E2142, from Delhi to Jammu and Kashmir, encountered a hailstorm while approaching Srinagar

ed Lahore to enter into their airspace to avoid the weather but the same was refused too," DGCA said.

The DGCA statement confirms PTI report of May 22 that the Lahore ATC had rejected the flight pilot's request to use the Pakistani airspace to avoid turbulence.

Indian Air Force (IAF) sources said the Northern Area Control advised the IndiGo crew within the

frame of the NOTAM, ensuring safety of aircraft and passengers.

Pakistan civil aviation authorities have issued the NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) shutting the country's airspace for Indian aircraft.

The sources said the IndiGo aircraft was immediately assisted in co-ordinating their route diversion by contacting Delhi Area and passing requisite contact frequencies of Lahore con-

trol for overflight weather diversion request. Once Lahore refused overflight clearance, and the aircraft proceeded towards Srinagar, the flight was subsequently professionally assisted till a safe-landing at Srinagar airfield by giving control vectors and groundspeed readouts, the sources said.

According to the DGCA, the IndiGo flight crew initially attempted to return but as they were close to the thunderstorm cloud, they decided to penetrate the weather.

"Subsequently, they encountered hailstorm and severe turbulence. Crew chose to continue at the same heading to exit the weather by the shortest route towards Srinagar," the statement said.

While in a thunderstorm cloud, the regulator said warnings of Angle of Attack fault, Alternate Law protection lost, backup Speed scale unreliable were triggered.

"Due to updraft and downdraft encountered by the aircraft the Autopilot tripped and aircraft speed had wide variations. As a result, Maximum Operating Speed/Maximum Operating Mach (VMO/MMO) warnings and repeated stall warnings were triggered," the statement said.

During this period, DGCA said the aircraft rate of descent reached 8,500 fpm (feet per minute) and crew flew the aircraft manually till they exited the hailstorm.

"After carrying out all checklist actions (ECAM actions), the crew declared 'PAN PAN' to Srinagar ATC and requested for RADAR vectors and made a safe landing with Auto Thrust operating normally," the statement said.

Generally, 'PAN PAN' refers to an emergency situation. The regulator said the matter is under investigation and that there was no injury to any of the passengers on-board the flight.

Make iPhones in US, 'not India' or face 25% tariff: Trump issue threat to Apple

PTI, NEW YORK: US President Donald Trump on Friday said that he expects Apple iPhones that will be sold in the US to be manufactured in America and "not India, or anyplace else", and threatened to impose a 25 per cent tariff on the tech giant's products if it does not comply.

Just last week, during his visit to the Middle East, Trump in Doha had said that he doesn't want Apple to build its products in India.

"I have long ago informed Tim Cook of Apple that I expect their iPhones that will be sold in the United States of America will be manufactured and built in the United States, not India, or anyplace else. If that is not the case, a Tariff of at least 25% must be paid by Apple to the U.S. Thank you for your attention to this matter!" Trump said in a social media post.

Earlier this month, Apple CEO Cook said in a Q2 2025 Earnings Conference call that the existing tariffs that apply to Apple today are based on the product's

country of origin. "For the June quarter, we do expect the majority of iPhones sold in the US will have India as their country of origin and Vietnam to be the country of origin for almost all iPad, Mac, Apple Watch, and AirPods products sold in the US," he had said.

Cook also said that China would continue to be the country of origin for the vast majority of total production outside the US.

Last week in Doha, Trump said, "I had a little problem with Tim Cook... I said to him, 'My friend, I treated you very good. You're coming here with \$500 billion, but now I hear you're building all over India. I don't want you building in India. You can build in India if you want to take care of India, because India is the highest, one of the highest tariff nations in the world."

The US President further said that he told Cook, "... we've treated you really

good. We put up with all the plants that you built in China for years. Now, you got to build us. We're not interested in your building in India. India can take care of themselves. They're doing very well. We want you to build here, and they're going to be upping their production in the United States. So Apple is already in for 500 billion, but they're going to be upping their production, so it'll be great."

Meanwhile, on Trump's calling for Apple to shift iPhone production from India to the US, research firm Counterpoint Research Research Director Tarun Pathak said last week that it is a "familiar Trump tactic".

"He wants to push Apple to localise more and build a supply chain in the US, which is not going to happen overnight. Making in the US will also be much more expensive than assembling iPhones in India," he said.

RESTING IN ETERNAL PEACE

Rosy Juliet D'souza
(Oxel - Siolim)
DOB: 12/01/1935 DOD: 23/05/2025

Wife of Late Toletino D'Souza, Mother of Perpet, Piedade, Pauline, Francis, Tina (Betty), Milagrin, son in law's, daughter in law and grandchildren. Funeral cortege will leave her residence at 4:00 pm on 24th May 25 (today) to Our Lady of the Sea Church, Oxel - Siolim, for a Eucharistic celebration followed by burial. Offered by her bereaved children and grand children

Relatives & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

RETURNED TO THE LORD

Maria Antonia Baptista
Born: 25/02/1933 Died: 23/05/2025
(Gogol Margao)

Wife of late Romao Baptista, mother/mother-in-law of John (Joao)/Cleia, Filipina/Pascoal, Flaviana/Filipe, Vency/Mariano, Succorina/Anthonio, late Joaquim/Conceicao, grandmother of Aviton, Viola, Gracy, Vinelda; Reginaldo, George; Savio; Shelly, Avina, Romina; Nathan, Ruth.

Funeral cortege will leave her residence on Saturday, 24th May 2025 at 10:00 am to Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim, for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial.

Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation

DEATH

SEBY FERNANDES
SOCOBANDA AMBELIM ASSOLNA
Born: 21/12/1988 Died: 23.05.2025

Beloved husband of Jessica Rebelo
Loving Father of Shenon Fernandes

Son/son-in-law of Nicolau/Crescencia Fernandes, Francisco /Ana Maria Rebelo

Funeral Cortege will leave his residence (Today) 24.05.2025 at 3.30 pm to Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, Ambelim for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial at Assolna Church, cemetery.

Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation

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LORD I AM COMING HOME

DENZIL FERNANDES
PONDA - COSTA CRUISE LINE
BORN: 12/07/1975 DIED: 23-05-2025

"Jesus Said I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they Die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never Die"
John 11: 25-26

Beloved Husband of Fatima Fernandes; Son / Son-in-law of Late Domingos A. Fernandes / Late Rosalina Fernandes, Mariano S. Fernandes / Late Filomena D. Fernandes; Brother / Brother-in-law of Danny / Milly, Late Darwin, Dezlon, Dezly / Ashlika; Brother-in-law of Flavia / Rafaela Da Costa, Franky / Zita Fernandes, Felix / Reshma Fernandes; Uncle of Waluscha, Wellia, Aaron, Ayden, Dwinnee, Dwanili & Durren.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence on Saturday 24th May 2025 to St. Anne's Church, Ponda-Goa, for the Eucharistic celebration at 3:30 pm followed by burial.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

Returned to the Lord

Alfred Fonseca
September 13, 1939 - May 23, 2025

Husband of Lydia.
Father/Father-in-law of Brewyn/Maria, Brenda/Eusebius.
Grandfather of Eden, Simone, Lance, Serena & Sterlyn.

Funeral service will be held on 24th May 2025 at 4pm at St Inez Church, Panjim followed by burial.

Residence: 5 SI-1 Models Exotica, next to PWD Office, St Inez, Panjim.

NIT Rourkela develops biosensor to detect breast cancer cells without expensive lab procedures

PTI, NEW DELHI: Researchers at National Institute of Technology (NIT), Rourkela have developed a novel semiconductor device-based biosensor that can identify breast cancer cells without the need for complicated or expensive laboratory procedures, according to officials.

The developed biosensor does not require any added chemicals to work. It is highly

effective in distinguishing the cancerous cells from the healthy breast cells, offering improved accuracy compared to the existing methods of bio-sensing devices for breast cancer diagnosis, they said.

The research has been published in the prestigious Microsystem Technologies journal.

According to Prasanna Kumar Sahu, Professor at the Department of Electric

Engineering, the rise of potentially fatal illnesses has drawn attention in recent years to the global emphasis on biomolecule evaluation and Point-of-Care (POC) testing. Among these diseases, cancer is a significant global public health concern. In this context, India has seen a significant rise in breast cancer cases in the past few decades.

"Since cancer cells often

do not show any initial signs of progression, it is crucial to diagnose them at an early stage for prevention and cure. While several diagnostic procedures such as X-ray, mammography, Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay Test (ELISA), Ultrasonography and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) are used to identify the disease, they require specialised equipment and trained personnel.

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RAINS EXPOSE REPEATED CIVIC FAILURES

Kamat also called for the immediate evacuation of all shops operating from the dilapidated structure.

"Public safety cannot be compromised. Shopkeepers must vacate until a structural assessment confirms the building is safe. We cannot afford to take risks," he said. A nearby shop owner expressed frustration, stating, "This is a densely crowded business hub. A collapse during peak hours could have been tragic."

Fire officials confirmed that three cars were damaged when debris from the slab of the building crashed onto them.

In 2022, when part of the first-floor gallery collapsed, a woman had sustained minor injuries, and the building had already been deemed dangerous. Despite that, it remained in use. MMC Chairperson Damodar Shirodkar had said then that the Council had issued notices to owners of unsafe structures, but only a few had responded. A similar story played out in 2016, when 19 such buildings were identified by the Council — most owners simply ignored the warnings.

Residents are urging the MMC to conduct urgent inspections of all buildings previously marked as unsafe, especially with the monsoon already underway.

Municipal officials have, yet again, assured that a detailed structural audit will be conducted and action taken on other identified buildings posing risk.

MUMBAI-GOIA HIGHWAY TO BE READY IN 3-4 MONTHS: GADKARI

"The ministry is considering a ring road from Patradevi on the Goa-Maharashtra border to Karnataka, which will bypass central Goa to ease traffic on the national highway," Gadkari said. "I've urged the CM to finalise the alignment, which I have deliberately withheld to prevent speculative land purchases, particularly by politicians."

On other infrastructure developments, the minister said the Rs 460 crore Dabolim airport road redesign project is progressing and is expected to be completed by July 2026.

Touching on heritage-sensitive projects, Gadkari mentioned that the tender for the Ponda-Bhoma highway has been finalised. This 10-km stretch, part of the Hyderabad-Goa corridor, will feature a 4.28-km six-lane elevated road, including a special 76-metre span to preserve the historic Bhoma temple and adjacent lake. An additional Rs 30 lakh has been earmarked for the beautification of Bhomalake.

The Hyderabad-Goa corridor spans 68 km across Telangana, Karnataka and Goa, with 17 km already completed, Gadkari added.

Furthermore, the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the Rs 12,000 crore Borim Bridge has commenced.

On the new Zuari Bridge observatory towers, Gadkari suggested that the viewing galleries be designed in traditional Goan architectural style and include audio-visual exhibits highlighting Goa's cultural and liberation history.

"These towers will be fully funded by a private company, so the government won't incur any cost. Yet, the Goa government

will benefit through GST revenues," Gadkari said. "The project will also generate significant employment opportunities for the local population."

JUDGE HALTS TRUMP'S MOVE TO BLOCK ON FOREIGN STUDENTS AT HARVARD

President Donald Trump is furious at Harvard — which has produced 162 Nobel prize winners — for rejecting his demand that it submit to oversight on admissions and hiring over his claims that it is a hotbed of anti-Semitism and "woke" liberal ideology.

His administration has already threatened to put \$9 billion of government funding to Harvard under review, gone on to freeze a first tranche of \$2.2 billion of grants and \$60 million of official contracts, as well as targeting a Harvard Medical School researcher for deportation.

"It is the latest act by the government in clear retaliation for Harvard exercising its First Amendment rights to reject the government's demands to control Harvard's governance, curriculum, and the 'ideology' of its faculty and students," said the lawsuit filed in Massachusetts federal court.

The lawsuit called for a judge to "stop the government's arbitrary, capricious, unlawful, and unconstitutional action."

The loss of foreign nationals — more than a quarter of its student body — could prove costly to Harvard, which charges tens of thousands of dollars a year in tuition.

Harvard President Alan Garber said in a statement Friday ahead of the temporary restraining order that "we condemn this unlawful and unwarranted action."

"It imperils the futures of thousands of students and scholars across Harvard and serves as a warning to countless others at colleges and universities throughout the country who have come to America to pursue their education and fulfill their dreams," he said.

Noem had said Thursday that "this administration is holding Harvard accountable for fostering violence, anti-semitism, and coordinating with the Chinese Communist Party on its campus."

Chinese students make up more than a fifth of Harvard's international enrollment, according to university figures, and Beijing said the decision will "only harm the image and international standing of the United States."

"The Chinese side has consistently opposed the politicization of educational cooperation," foreign ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning said.

Harvard has already sued the US government over a separate raft of punitive measures.

Karl Molden, a student at Harvard from Austria, said he had applied to transfer to Oxford in Britain because he feared such measures.

"It's scary and it's saddening," the 21-year-old government and classics student told AFP Thursday, calling his admission to Harvard the "greatest privilege" of his life.

Leaders of the Harvard chapter of the American Association of University Professors called the decision "the latest in a string of nakedly authoritarian and retaliatory moves against America's oldest institution of higher education."

MISSING SEWAGE LINK LEADS TO BIZARRE SHOWCAUSE IN MARGAO

"This is classic blame-shifting," said a local activist. "Instead of fixing the root issue, the council is targeting residents who are helpless."

The community is now demanding the immediate withdrawal of the notices, a joint site inspection by the MMC and Sewerage Department, and urgent action to provide sewage infrastructure. "This isn't just about drains — it's about fairness and respect," residents declared.

Efforts to contact MMC Chief Officer Melvyn Vas for comment were unsuccessful.

THREE YEARS WITH THE LORD



REV. FR. COLMAN FRANCIS DE SOUZA S.J.
Inspirational, Jovial, Kind-hearted and humourous too, Never we shall find another YOU

There will be a Eucharistic celebration on 25th May 2025 (Sunday) 4.30 p.m. at Xavier Residence Chapel (X.C.H.R.) Alto, Porvorim, followed by blessing of the grave. Priests, nuns, relatives and friends accept this as the only intimation.

Month's Mind
In Loving Memory of

MARIA AMASINHA ALVARES
(Angod, Mapusa)

There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of Maria Amasinha Alvares on Monday, 26th May 2025 at 8.00 a.m., at St. Jerome Church, Mapusa.

Followed by prayers at the grave offered by her sorrowful family. Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

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The family members of Maria Amasinha Alvares thank Archbishop Cardinal Ferraó, Auxiliary Bishop Simiao, Provincial Fr. Steve and Capuchins of St. Anthony Province, Priests and Religious, relatives, neighbours & friends who attended the funeral, paid floral tributes and expressed their condolences in person or via phone calls and messages. We thank you for sharing in our grief and regret our inability to thank each one individually.

CONDOLENCE

We deeply mourn the sad demise of

Maria Antonia Baptista
(Mother of our dear John Baptista)

and convey our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family.

Fondly missed & remembered by:
Capt. VENZY VIEGAS
Benaulim MLA and AAP Volunteers of Benaulim Constituency.

MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE.

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ADUES UNCLE



ROSARIO FURTADO
CANÁ - BENAULIM
Died on: 22.05.2025

You are dearly missed, uncle. Those beautiful moments you shared with us will remind us of the great man you were. Rest in eternal peace.

Brother / brother in law of late Menino / Filomena
Uncle of Cossy / Jasmine
GrandUncle of Jazel / Christal.

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