

Pilot Deaths: Flight from Nagpur to Pune, India, Collapsed at the Boarding Gate, Died in Hospital

Third pilot death this week, fifth collapse

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[Aug. 17, 2023](#) - *IndiGo Pilot for Nagpur-Pune flight collapses at boarding gate, declared dead in the hospital*

MUMBAI: An IndiGo pilot (identified as 40 year old Manoj Subramaniam) who was to operate a flight from Nagpur to Pune, India, fell unconscious and collapsed at the boarding gate on Aug.17, 2023. He was taken to a hospital where he was declared dead, said sources.

This is the third case of sudden death involving pilots this week, with two of the deceased being Indian pilots.

On Wednesday, a senior pilot with Qatar Airways, who was flying from Delhi to Doha as a passenger, fell in on board and died. The flight QR579 was diverted to Dubai following the medical emergency. The pilot had earlier worked with Alliance Air and SpikeJet.

A statement from IndiGo is awaited.

40-year-old IndiGo pilot dies after collapsing at Nagpur airport

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Airport director Abid Ruhi identified the deceased pilot as 40-year-old Manoj Subramaniam. He was taken to KIMS-Kingsway Hospital, where he was declared dead upon arrival



(Representative Photo)

In a tragic incident, an IndiGo pilot passed away minutes before operating a flight on Thursday in Nagpur. The pilot was to operate Pune bound flight 6E 135 and was at the boarding gate when he collapsed and died on the way to the hospital, airport officials informed.

Airport director Abid Ruhi identified the deceased pilot as 40-year-old Manoj Subramaniam. He was taken to KIMS-Kingsway Hospital, where he was declared dead upon arrival, said Ruhi.

Aejaz Shami, the spokesperson of the hospital, said that the prima facie it looks like the pilot lost his life due to "sudden cardiac arrest".

Third Pilot Death this Week, Fifth Incapacitation/Collapse

[Aug. 16, 2023](#) – Qatar Airways Flight QR579 (DEL-DOH) Delhi to Doha, Qatar, 51 year old pilot collapsed inflight and died, plane diverted to Dubai.

[Aug. 14, 2023](#) – LATAM Flight LA505 (MIA-SCL) Miami to Santiago, Chile – 2 hours into 8hr flight, 56 year old Captain Ivan Andaur collapsed and died in the lavatory – plane diverted to Panama City!

[Aug. 9, 2023](#) – United Airlines UAL1309 (SRQ-EWR) Sarasota to Newark, pilot had a heart attack and lost consciousness in flight

[Aug. 7, 2023](#) – TigerAIR Flight IT237 (CTS-TPE) Sapporo to Taipei, copilot had a medical emergency after landing plane in Taipei

Recent Pilot Incapacitations

[July 19, 2023](#) – Eurowings Discover Flight 4Y-1205 (HER-FRA) Heraklion to Frankfurt, pilot incapacitated, first officer took control, landed safely

[July 16, 2023](#) – 2006 Piper Meridian, flying from Westchester NY, crashed at Martha's Vineyard Airport after pilot had medical emergency upon final approach and passenger took control of the plane and attempted a landing

[Jun.7, 2023](#) – Air Canada Flight ACA692 (YYZ-YYT) Toronto to St.John's, First Officer became incapacitated, deadheading Captain assumed duties

[Jun.4, 2023](#) – Cessna Citation N611VG flying Tennessee to Long Island, fighter jets spotted pilot slumped over in cockpit unconscious, plane crashed and all onboard died

[May 11, 2023](#) – HiSKy Flight H4474 (DUB-KIV) Dublin to Chisinau (Moldova), 20 min after liftoff pilot became “unable to act”, plane diverted to Manchester

[May 4, 2023](#) – British Charter TUI Airways Flight BY-1424 (NCL-LPA) Newcastle to Las Palmas Spain pilot became ill, plane diverted back to NCL.

[April 4, 2023](#) – United Airlines Flight 2102 (BOI-SFO) – captain was incapacitated, first officer was only one in control of the aircraft.

[March 25, 2023](#) – TAROM Flight RO-7673 TSR-HRG diverted to Bucharest as 30 yo pilot had chest pain, then collapsed

[March 22, 2023](#) – Southwest Flight WN6013 LAS-CMH diverted as pilot collapsed shortly after take-off, replaced by non-Southwest pilot

[March 18, 2023](#) – Air Transat Flight TS739 FDF-YUL first officer was incapacitated about 200NM south of Montreal

[March 13, 2023](#) – Emirates Flight EK205 MXP-JFK diverted due to pilot illness hour and a half after take-off

[March 11, 2023](#) – United Airlines Flight UA2007 GUA-ORD diverted due to “incapacitated pilot” who had chest pains

[March 11, 2023?](#) – British Airways (CAI-LHR) pilot collapsed in Cairo hotel and died, was scheduled to fly Airbus A321 from Cairo to London

[March, 3, 2023](#) – Virgin Australia Flight VA-717 ADL-PER Adelaide to Perth flight was forced to make an emergency landing after First Officer suffered heart attack 30 min after departure.

Recent Pilot Deaths

[Pilot death – May 2023](#) – 4 Singapore Airlines pilots died suddenly in May 2023

[Pilot death – May 9, 2023](#) – United Airlines and US Air Force Pilot Lt. Col. Michael Fugett, age 46, died unexpectedly at his home

[Pilot death – May 3, 2023](#) – Air Transat and Air Canada Pilot Eddy Vorperian, age 48, died suddenly during layover in Croatia

[Pilot death – April 13, 2023](#) – Phil Thomas, graduate of Flight Training Pilot academy in Cadiz, Spain (FTEJerez) died suddenly.

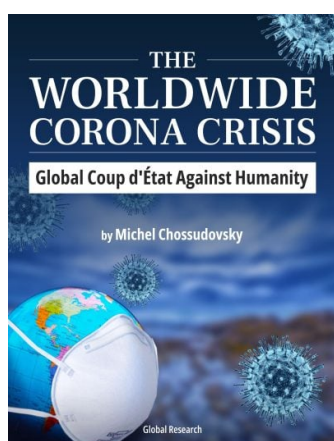
[Pilot death – March 17, 2023](#) – 39 year old Westjet Pilot Benjamin Paul Vige died suddenly in Calgary

[Pilot death – March 11, 2023](#) – British Airways pilot died of heart attack in crew hotel in Cairo before a Cairo to London flight (name & age not released)

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