WORST AVIATION ACCIDENTS INVOLVING INDIA AND INDIA-BASED AIRCRAFT

All accidents resulting in 20 or more deaths

Date	Location	Aircraft	Deaths	Remarks	Cause
11-12-1996	Haryana state	Saudia B 747, Kazakh IL-76	349	Incl 312 on B 747 and 37 on IL-76	Mid-air collision. Kazakh crew blamed. Insufficient facilities at Delhi airport.
23-06-1985	Atlantic, off Ireland	Air India B 747	329		Bomb explosion. Errors in baggage checking. 2 killed in related incident in Tokyo.
01-01-1978	Off Mumbai	Air India B 747	213		Instrument failure and pilot error just after takeoff.
22-05-2010	Mangalore	Air India Exp B 737	158	8 surv.	Overshot due to pilot error.
19-10-1988	Ahmedabad	IA B 737	133	2 surv.	Undershot due to pilot error.
24-01-1966	Mont Blanc, France	Air India B 707	117		Navigation error while landing at Geneva. Dr Homi Bhabha among dead.
07-02-1968	Himachal Pradesh	IAF AN-12	98		Hit mountain in snowstorm. Wreckage found in 2003.
13-10-1976	Mumbai	IA Caravelle	95		Engine fire just after takeoff. Maintenance blamed, also crew did not cope correctly.
07-07-1962	NE of Mumbai	Alitalia DC-8	94		Crashed on high ground, pilot error while approaching Mumbai.
14-02-1990	Bangalore	IA A320	92	54 surv.	Failure of controls, pilots blamed for reacting wrongly.
14-06-1972	Near Delhi	JAL DC-8	90	Incl 4 on ground, 3 surv.	Approached too low, pilot error.
19-11-1978	Leh	IAF AN-12	78	Incl 1 on ground	Flaps failure on approach.
16-08-1991	Near Imphal	IA B 737	69		Premature descent, pilot error.
27-07-1963	In sea N of Mumbai	UAA Comet 4C	63		Crashed in heavy rain while approaching Mumbai.

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17-07-2000	Patna	Alliance Air B 737	60	Incl 5 on ground, 3 surv.	Stalled while approaching, due to pilot error.
26-04-1993	Aurangabad	IA B 737	55	63 surv.	Insufficient height while taking off and hit truck. Pilots and airport staff blamed.
03-11-1950	Mont Blanc, France	Air India Constellation	48		Cause not clear.
31-05-1973	Near Delhi	IA B 737	48	17 surv.	Premature descent due to pilot error.
22-02-1980	Agra	IAF C-119	47	Incl 1 on ground, 1 surv.	Premature takeoff due to obstruction.
12-07-1949	Near Mumbai	KLM Constellation	45		Pilot error, ATC also blamed while approaching Mumbai.
04-08-1979	Panvel, near Mumbai.	IA Avro	45		Errors by pilot and radar staff while approaching Mumbai.
03-11-1945	Bhutan	USAAF C-54G	44		Navigation error.
21-04-1969	Khulna, now in Bangladesh	IA F-27	44		Crashed in thunderstorm, navigation error.
02-05-1953	NW of Kolkata	BOAC Comet 1	43		Structural failure in storm soon after taking off from Kolkata.
29-08-1970	Near Silchar	IA F-27	39		Navigation error.
08-11-1943	Pune	IAF	38	Incl 37 on ground	Crashed into populated area.
29-06-1945	Near Bangalore	RAF Mosquito	38	Incl 36 on ground	Crashed into populated area.
07-02-1966	Banihal Pass, Kashmir	IA F-27	37		Navigation error.
04-02-1945	20 Km NW of Itanagar	USAAF C-46	34	1 surv.	Caught fire in midair.
19-10-1988	Near Guwahati	Vayudoot F-27	34		Error by pilot and ATC while approaching Guwahati.

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28-05-1968	N of Mumbai	Garuda CV-990	30	Incl 1 on ground	Crashed soon after takeoff.
03-06-1963	Near Pathankot.	IA DC-3	29		Rudder failure due to maintenance error.
07-06-1979	Leh	IAF HS-748	28		Crashed after takeoff.
25-03-1991	Yelahanka, near Bangalore	IAF HS-748	28		Engine failure just after takeoff.
11-08-2003	Off Mumbai	Mesco Mi-172	27	2 surv.	Crashed near oil rig. Maintenance and pilot error blamed.
30-10-1947	Pir Panjal range, Kashmir	RIAF C-47B	25		Crashed while carrying troops in wartime. Wreckage found in 1980.
29-03-1959	Near Silchar	IA DC-3	24		Structural failure in thunderstorm.
27-12-1947	Karachi	Air India DC-3	23		Crashed on takeoff, pilot error and poor conditions in cockpit.
15-05-1958	Near Delhi	PIA CV-240	23	Incl 2 on ground, 17 surv.	Pilot error during takeoff.
07-02-1982	Near Jammu	IAF C-119G	23		Crashed en route in bad weather.
17-07-1950	Near Pathankot	INA DC-3	22		Structural failure in thunderstorm.
04-03-1964	Barrackpore, near Kolkata	IAF C-119	22		Crashed into river after takeoff.
24-12-1996	Near Nellore, Andhra Pradesh	IAF HS-748	22		Engine fire en route, maintenance blamed.
07-03-1999	Near Delhi	IAF AN-32	22	Incl 3 on ground	Crashed while landing in fog.
13-12-1950	Nilgiris, near Coimbatore	Air India DC-3	21		Navigation error.
09-12-1971	Near Madurai	IA HS-748	21	10 surv.	Premature descent due to navigation error.

22-09-1943	Kolkata	USAAF C-53	20		Just after takeoff.
24-03-1958	Near Kathmandu	IA DC-3	20		Navigation error.
11-11-1992	Off Mumbai	IAF Mi-8	20		Crashed near oil rig.
25-06-2013	Near Kedarnath, Uttarakhand.	IAF Mi-17	20		During flood relief mission.

Notes:

IA: Indian Airlines
INA: Indian National Airlines (later merged with IA)
Garuda is an Indonesian airline and was then their main airline.
Mesco Airlines is a private Indian airline.
UAA: United Arab Airlines (Egypt)
USAAF: US Army Air Forces, predecessor of US Air Force.
The Indian Air Force (IAF) was known as the Royal Indian Air Force (RIAF) between March 1945 and January 1950.
Besides Air India and Indian Airlines, Vayudoot, Pawan Hans, Alliance Air and Air India Express are (or were) all run by the Government of India.