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| [K2717 Antonov An.32 Indian Air Force (8414615752).jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:K2717_Antonov_An.32_Indian_Air_Force_(8414615752).jpg)  An Indian Air Force [Antonov An-32](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonov_An-32" \o "Antonov An-32) similar to the crashed aircraft | |
| **Accident** | |
| **Date** | 3 June 2019 |
| **Summary** | Crashed in hilly terrain |
| **Site** | Near Pari hills close to Gatte village, [Arunachal Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arunachal_Pradesh), India |
| **Aircraft** | |
| **Aircraft type** | [Antonov An-32](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonov_An-32) |
| **Operator** | [Indian Air Force](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Air_Force) |
| [**Registration**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aircraft_registration) | K2752 |
| **Flight origin** | [Jorhat Airport](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jorhat_Airport) Air Force Station, [Assam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assam), India |
| **Destination** | [Mechuka Advanced Landing Ground](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mechuka_Advanced_Landing_Ground), [Arunachal Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arunachal_Pradesh), India |
| **Occupants** | 13 |
| **Fatalities** | 13 |
| **Survivors** | 0 |

On 3 June 2019, an [Antonov An-32](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonov_An-32" \o "Antonov An-32) twin engine [turboprop](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turboprop) transport aircraft of the [Indian Air Force](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Air_Force) en route from [Jorhat Airport](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jorhat_Airport" \o "Jorhat Airport) in [Assam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assam) to [Mechuka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mechuka" \o "Mechuka) in [Arunachal Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arunachal_Pradesh) lost contact with ground control about 33 minutes after takeoff. There were 13 people on board. After a week-long search operation, the wreckage with no survivors was found near Pari hills close to Gatte village in [Arunachal Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arunachal_Pradesh) at the elevation of 12000 feet.

Passengers[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=2019_Indian_Air_Force_An-32_crash&action=edit&section=1" \o "Edit section: Passengers)]

There were 13 Indian Air Force personnel, eight crew members and five passengers; on board the aircraft.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019_Indian_Air_Force_An-32_crash#cite_note-cnn0606-1)[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019_Indian_Air_Force_An-32_crash#cite_note-reuters0611-2)[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019_Indian_Air_Force_An-32_crash#cite_note-:0-3) None of them survived the crash.[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019_Indian_Air_Force_An-32_crash#cite_note-:1-4)

Search operation[[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=2019_Indian_Air_Force_An-32_crash&action=edit&section=2" \o "Edit section: Search operation)]

The [Antonov An-32](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonov_An-32" \o "Antonov An-32) twin engine [turboprop](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turboprop) transport aircraft was en route from [Jorhat Airport](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jorhat_Airport" \o "Jorhat Airport) in [Assam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assam) to [Mechuka Advanced Landing Ground](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mechuka_Advanced_Landing_Ground" \o "Mechuka Advanced Landing Ground) in [Arunachal Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arunachal_Pradesh) on 3 June 2019. The aircraft took off from Johrat at 12:27 pm IST and lost contact with ground control at 1 pm IST, about 33 minutes after takeoff.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019_Indian_Air_Force_An-32_crash#cite_note-cnn0606-1)[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019_Indian_Air_Force_An-32_crash#cite_note-:0-3)

After eight days of search operation that had been hindered by poor weather, on 11 June 2019, the wreckage of the aircraft was found near Pari hills close to Gatte village, 16 km north of Lipo in [Arunachal Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arunachal_Pradesh), at 12,000 feet elevation.[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019_Indian_Air_Force_An-32_crash#cite_note-it0611-5)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019_Indian_Air_Force_An-32_crash#cite_note-:1-4) The Indian Air Force had previously offered a cash reward of ₹5 lakh (US$7,200) for anyone who could share information on the aircraft.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019_Indian_Air_Force_An-32_crash#cite_note-it0609-6) A fleet of [Sukhoi-30](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sukhoi_Su-30MKI), [C-130J](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lockheed_Martin_C-130J_Super_Hercules) and An-32 aircraft and [Mi-17](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mil_Mi-17) and [ALH](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HAL_ALH) helicopters as well as the [Indian Army](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Army), the [Indo-Tibetan Border Police](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indo-Tibetan_Border_Police) and the state police forces were deployed for the search operation. The Indian Navy's [P-8i](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boeing_P-8_Poseidon) aircraft was also deployed. [ISRO](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_Space_Research_Organisation)'s [Cartosat](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cartosat" \o "Cartosat) and [RISAT](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RISAT) satellites were also used.[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019_Indian_Air_Force_An-32_crash#cite_note-7)

On 12 June 2019, a team of 15 rescuers were airdropped near the crash site, but were unable to reach the location due to rough terrain and bad weather.[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019_Indian_Air_Force_An-32_crash#cite_note-it0612-8) The next day the rescue team reached the site and reported that there were no survivors, and that they had recovered the aircraft's [flight recorders](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flight_recorder).