

[Pilot killed as MiG 21 crashes in Punjab](#)

Hindu, 11 September 2009

CHANDIGARH: A MiG 21 fighter aircraft crashed in Punjab's Muktsar district, 150 km from here, on Thursday. Its pilot Flight Lieutenant Anu Akhuria died instantaneously. Station House Officer Davinder Singh said: "The aircraft was on a routine training exercise, having taken off from the Bathinda Air force Station at 2 p.m. It apparently lost power while taking off, but the pilot could not eject in time."

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/11/stories/2009091161191000.htm>

[Over 100 pilots have applied for VRS: IAF chief](#)

Times of India, 24 September 2009

GANDHINAGAR: Over 100 pilots of the Indian Air Force (IAF) have applied for voluntary retirement scheme (VRS), Air Chief Marshal P V Naik said here on Wednesday. "We have very steep pyramid structure (in the Air Force) where there are less avenues of promotions," Naik said in reply to a question on how many pilots of the Air Force have applied for VRS

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/Over-100-pilots-have-applied-for-VRS-IAF-chief/articleshow/5046777.cms>

[IAF strengthening air defence radars along LAC with China](#)

Hindustan Times, 25 September 2009

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is strengthening its air defence in Ladakh along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China by putting in place a series of special mountain and light-weight radars. Western Air Command (WAC) chief Air Marshal N A K Browne told reporters in New Delhi on Friday that different types of radars would be put in place along the 667-km LAC with China, the air defence of which is WAC's responsibility

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/IAF-strengthening-air-defence-radars-along-LAC-with-China/H1-Article3-457996.aspx>

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Nyoma to be full fledged airbase

Daily Excelsior, 26 September 2009

NEW DELHI, Sept 20: With the first successful landing of an AN-32 at Nyoma airstrip in eastern Ladakh, the IAF is all set to convert the Advanced Landing Ground (ALG) into a full-fledged airbase for fixed wing transport aircraft in the next couple of years. The work on converting the Nyoma airstrip, just 23 km from Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, into an airbase, where the AN-32s can be based and operated, had already begun, IAF officials said here today