

## AN-32 Aircraft

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### AN-32 Aircraft Latest News

An Indian Air Force (IAF) AN-32 transport aircraft crashed and caught fire at the Air Force Station in Assam's Jorhat recently, killing five personnel.

### About AN-32 Aircraft

- The AN-32 (**Antonov AN-32**) is a **Soviet-origin twin-engine turboprop military transport aircraft**.
- Its **NATO reporting name** is **Cline**.
- It is designed and manufactured by the Antonov Design Bureau of Ukraine, then part of the USSR.
- It was **purchased by India from the USSR in 1984**. The planes were specially customised to suit the IAF's requirements.
- The **IAF has a fleet** of around **100 AN-32 planes**.
- It is designed to excel in **extreme environments**, functioning perfectly in **high-altitude airfields** (up to 4500 m above sea level) and **hot tropical climates**.

## AN-32 Aircraft Features

- It is powered by **two single-shaft turboprop engines**.
- It can **carry a maximum weight of 27 tons** at a maximum speed of 530 km/h.
- It can transport up to **7.5 tons of cargo, 50 passengers, or 42 paratroopers**, and it is extensively used for **supply drops in remote regions**.
- The **range** and service ceiling of the aircraft are **2,500 km** and 9,500 m, respectively.
- It can **take off and land on rough airfields** and **dirt runways**.
- It also has a **limited bombing role** and is used for para-trooping operations.

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