

Zoya Agarwal

Zoya Agarwal is an Air India pilot in India.^[1] She was the youngest woman pilot in India to fly a Boeing-777 in the year 2013. On 9 January 2021, she flew one of the world's longest air routes between San Francisco and Bengaluru with an all-female flight crew.^{[2][3]}

In 2015, Zoya was applauded for her role in saving a passenger's life. A New York-bound Air India Boeing turned back mid-air and landed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport after a male passenger complained of breathing problems. Though the plane with 327 passengers was airborne for 150 minutes, flight commander Zoya decided to turn back to Delhi after the passenger complained of breathlessness and was in need of urgent medical attention. The ailing passenger was rushed to a nearby hospital immediately after the plane landed.^{[4][5]}

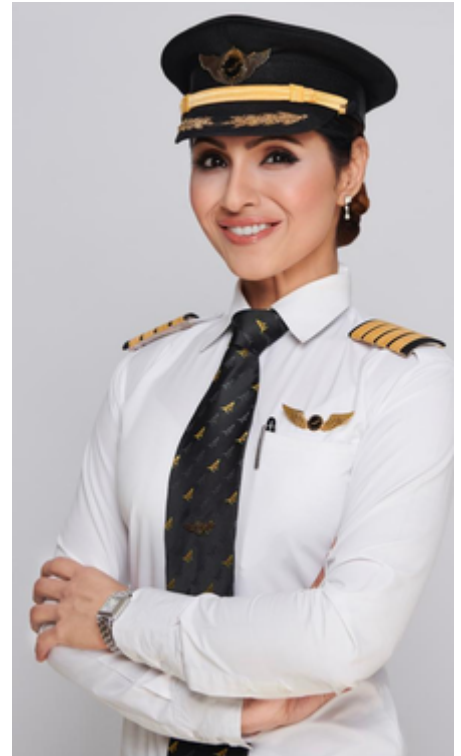
She was interviewed and acknowledged by *The Times of India* as a rising female aviator of India.^[6]

As a precautionary measure during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of India started operation Vande Bharat Mission to bring back around 14,800 stranded Indians from 12 countries on 64 Air India flights. Zoya was hailed for being the real hero to lead the efforts.^[7] On 24 January 2021 she went to Indian Idol 14 on Republic Day special episode.^[8]

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Occupation	Captain (aeronautics)
Known for	World's youngest woman commander to fly Boeing 777 (2013), Commanding world's longest flight route over North Pole (2021)

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