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IDC Mourns Victims of Air India Plane Crash in Ahmedabad



The Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC), together with its global members and affiliates, expresses its profound sorrow and heartfelt condolences following the tragic crash of Air India Flight AI 171 on June 12, 2025, near **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport** in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India.

The devastating accident claimed the lives of **241 individuals**, including passengers, crew members, and residents on the ground. The aircraft, a Boeing 787-8 en route to London, crashed shortly after takeoff, resulting in widespread destruction in

the **Meghaninagar** area. Only one survivor has been reported – Vishwash Kumar Ramesh, Seat 11A, a British national, was in India for a few days to visit his family and was going back to the UK along with his brother, Ajay Kumar Ramesh. *“Thirty seconds after take-off, there was a loud noise and then the plane crashed. It all happened so quickly,”* Vishwash, who received “impact injuries” on his chest, eyes, and feet, told Hindustani Times. (HT Photo/Maulik Pathak)



The IDC global family extends its deepest sympathies to the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives and offers prayers for the swift and full recovery of those injured. This tragedy has deeply affected communities across India and the global Indian diaspora, including those in the United Kingdom, Canada, and Portugal.

IDC calls for a **thorough and transparent investigation** into the cause of the crash and urges aviation authorities to implement all necessary safety measures to prevent such catastrophic incidents in the future.

“We stand in solidarity with the grieving families and communities impacted by this heartbreaking tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers remain with all those affected during this time of profound grief.”

– Dr. Nicole Bissessar, Director of Community Cultural Affairs, IDC & Queens General Assembly, 2025 Delegate.

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