

Gujarat govt to honour Flydubai captain Smit Machchhar with 'Vishisht Gujarat Garima Award', Rs 25 lakh reward

Two passengers then helped take control of the aircraft, which was safely landed in Tabuk. The incident has drawn international attention, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu among those publicly praising Machchhar's actions.

Special 'Mahapuja' at Somnath Temple for Capt Smit Machchhar's recovery

The aircraft was subsequently diverted to Tabuk, Saudi Arabia, and landed safely. Reports said additional flydubai pilots travelling as passengers also assisted in taking control of the aircraft before the emergency landing.

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