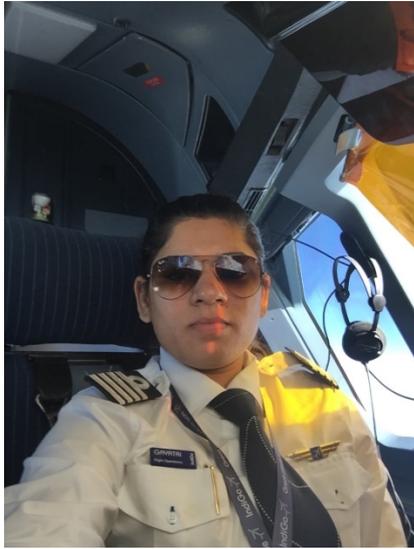


Ms. Gayatri Palande - Captain on Airbus- A320



“I fly as a commander of airbus 320 aircraft with Indigo” - we feel proud of you Gayatri

I had a chance to chat with Gayatri, transcripts of which are given below

How did you choose this profession, how did it strike you to join flying?

Gayatri: Actually speaking u won't believe the fact is when I was in standard 5 we were sitting at home and discussing who will become what. My mother is fond of uniform, so she suggested police IPS. Then just I said no i want to become a pilot and thats how it just fed in my mind. So from that day I decided “ki pilot he banana hai”

All credit goes to my parents because 11 yrs back you can imagine people could not accept a lady commanding an Airbus, but still thy send me away from home and plus the huge amount involved so despite of being normal middle class spent money which is equivalent to 60 lacs of today's money just to get the license

As I had collected all the information from a very young age, I knew what I had to do. Without wasting time I enrolled myself into Kanpur govt flying club

As that club shutdown its operations, I had to go all over India to complete my course. However I finished my course in stipulated time of 2 years. I completed my flying hours from APFC Hyderabad

Then started giving interview for different airlin. As already lot money was gone I decided not to do multi and took ATR aircraft job in Air Deccan which was recruiting then

Indian airlines multi engine license was compulsory, although I had cleared their interview but couldn't do my multi hours

After Air Deccan, I joined Kingfisher and then now in indigo as a Captain on A320