



Indian Air Force AN-32 (K-2743)

The debris from the Indian Air Force An-32 K-2743 aircraft was found near **the Chennai coast**, after it went missing over the Bay of Bengal in 2016.

- The **National Institute of Ocean Technology** which functions under the aegis of the **Ministry of Earth Sciences**, had recently deployed an **Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV)** with deep sea exploration capability at the last known location of the missing An-32.
 - This search was conducted at a depth of 3400 m using multiple payloads, **including a multi-beam Sound Navigation and Ranging (SONAR)**, synthetic aperture SONAR and high resolution photography. The search images were scrutinised and found to be conforming **with an An-32 aircraft**.
- The **AN-32** is a Soviet-origin military transport aircraft that has been in service with Indian Air Force since 1984.

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