



## IndiGo supports Indian Meteorological Department with crucial data for weather forecasting amid COVID-19

**National, May 19, 2020:** In its endeavour to provide support to the nation, India's leading carrier, IndiGo is collaborating with the Indian Meteorological Department by providing crucial aircraft data on wind, humidity and temperature relayed by the aircraft sensors. The data, which is imperative for accurate predictions of weather, has been unavailable to the Indian Meteorological Department since a majority of flights are out of operations due to the nationwide lockdown, coupled with staff constraints.

IndiGo has incorporated a plan for its pilots to report high level wind and temperatures at different stages of a flight as desired by IMD across all flight operations. The pilot reports will capture and share observations at cruising altitude MIDWAY of the destination, at cruising altitude just before start of descent, near FL100, near FL050 and position in coordinates within 2HRS of observation to support the Wx forecast model.

**Capt. Ashim Mittra, Sr. Vice President – Flight Operations, IndiGo** said, *"In view of the current situation, we have decided to take a step forward to assist the IMD department, which is relentlessly working to provide an accurate weather forecast for the aviation industry as well as agricultural and fisheries sector amongst many others in the country. As part of this initiative, we have made pilot reporting compulsory on our flight operations. We will ensure to share observations from every flight within 2 hours to the IMD headquarters, so that they can use this data for the benefit of the nation".*

**Mr Mittra** further added, *"We look forward to more such opportunities to be able to serve our country in the best possible ways in these trying times."*

### **About IndiGo**

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