

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**O/O DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION**

**AIR SAFETY CIRCULAR No. 05 Of 2001**  
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**Subject: Hazards of low flying.**

In a recent aircraft accident the investigation has revealed that pilot indulged in intentional low flying over the lake water near Pune. During the intentional low flying, the pilot flew dangerously low whence the aircraft wheels contacted the water resulting in the aircraft mushing into the water and subsequently getting sunk. The pilot died due drowning in the lake water.

Instructions/Circulars have been issued from time to time regarding hazards associated with low flying. Aircraft Rules also in its Schedule 4 Section 3 specifies the minimum safe height at which aircraft shall be flown. In spite of the above existing Advisory/Instructions, it has been observed that there had been cases where the pilots have indulged in intentional low flying.

All pilots of the Flying Clubs, Flying Training Institutions, Private operators are once again reiterated/advised not to indulge in any form of low flying except with specific permission from the concerned authorities.

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To

All Private aircraft Operators, Flying Clubs and Flying Training Institutions.