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Name, Mascot, Logo and Livery of Merged Airline Announced

Mr Praful Patel, Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation, officially announced on May 22, 2007 that after the merger of Air India and Indian, the new entity would be known as "Air India". While the new company will have its registered office in New Delhi, its corporate office will be in Mumbai and its office for domestic operations as well as the Strategic Business Units will be mostly based in Delhi. The Mascot of the merged airline will be the Maharajah. Simultaneously, the new livery and logo of the merged airline were also unveiled by the Minister.

As "Air India" is a globally and nationally recognised brand name, and the designated airline in international bilaterals - the "AI"

code being available only to the existing name, it has been decided that the merged entity would continue with the same name. The design components of the new logo and livery have been drawn after merging some of the current features of both Air India and Indian.

The logo of the new airline is a Flying Swan with the Konark Chakra placed inside it. The Flying Swan has been morphed from Air India's characteristic logo,

"The Centaur" whereas the "Konark Chakra" is reminiscent of Indian's logo. The new logo will feature prominently on the tail of the aircraft. Individually the Konark Chakra will also feature on all the engines of the aircraft. The choice of colours, namely



The Boeing 777-300ER with the new livery.... and the logo of the merged entity.

red for "Flying Swan" and orange for "Konark Chakra", are meant to signify vigour and advancement. Further, the colours also have a strong association with the two carriers, thereby retaining the earlier imagery of traditional hospitality and service. While the aircraft will be ivory in colour, the base will retain the red streak of Air India. Running parallel to each other will be the orange and red speed lines from the front door to the rear door, subtly signifying the individual identities merged into one. The brand name "Air India" will run across the tail of the aircraft.

JV Signed with SATS for Ground Handling at the New Bangalore Airport

Air India signed a joint venture agreement with Singapore Airport Terminal Services (SATS) at Chennai on May 2, 2007 for provision of ground handling services at the upcoming Bangalore International Airport,

Director-Ground Services, AI, and Mr Karmjit Singh, Chief Operating Officer, SATS.

In his address on the occasion, Mr Thulasidas stated that the agreement, the first joint venture with a foreign company to provide ground handling services at an Indian airport, was an important milestone in the context of Air India's plans to grow significantly in the Indian aviation market. Expressing confidence on the Joint Venture, Mr Thulasidas said that with the abundant experience of AI and SATS, the JV would set a benchmark at the new airport in Bangalore for other airports to follow. He added that Air India

presently has ground handling set-up at 13 Indian Airports with a market share of 65 per cent of third-party ground handling business.

Mr Ng Chin Hwee observed that the collective capabilities of the JV partners would further the potential which Bangalore offers.



Mr Raymond Lim, Minister of Transport, Government of Singapore (third from left), who graced the signing ceremony, is seen with Mr V. Thulasidas, Chairman & Managing Director, AI; Mr Ng Chin Hwee, President & CEO, Singapore Airport Terminal Services (SATS); Mr S. Ranganathan, Executive Director-Ground Services, AI; and Mr Karmjit Singh, Chief Operating Officer, SATS.

Devanahalli, Bangalore. The signing ceremony was graced by Mr Raymond Lim, Minister of Transport, Government of Singapore. **Mr V. Thulasidas**, Chairman & Managing Director, Air India; and Mr Ng Chin Hwee, President & CEO, SATS, were also present on the occasion. The agreement was signed by **Mr S. Ranganathan**, Executive

State-of-the-Art Seats for New B787 Dreamliners

Air India has placed a US \$50 million (Rs 205 crores) order for installation of comfortable, state-of-the-art seats in each of the 27 new Boeing 787 Dreamliners, the first of which is scheduled to be delivered in September 2008.

While Webber has been selected for the Economy Class seats, Contour seats will be installed in the Executive Class. Both the manufacturers are amongst the leading providers of aircraft seats. The Executive Class seats, which will have superior ergonomics for a comfortable inflight experience and, are electronically controlled - to a cradle position and thereafter to a flat bed. They will be fitted with top of the line entertainment systems.

Earlier, on January 29-30, 2007 and February 7, 2007, a group of eminent dignitaries of Indian origin settled in the USA, who are frequent flyers, were invited to participate in the evaluation process conducted for the seats for the Dreamliners in Seattle. **Mr N. Vaghul**, Chairman, ICICI Ltd, and a Member of the Air India Board, was also amongst those who participated in the selection.

Five New Air India Express Flights Introduced

Air India Express has introduced five new flights effective its Summer Schedule 2007, which commenced from March 25, 2007. These include :

- Mumbai-Doha/Bahrain,
- Mangalore-Doha/Bahrain,
- Trichy-Dubai,
- Trichy-Singapore, and
- Chennai-Colombo.

Doha-Bahrain-Mangalore

The maiden flight of Air India Express, IX 814, took off from Doha International Airport for Mangalore via Bahrain amidst fanfare on March 25, 2007 at hours. The flight was flagged off by Dr. George Joseph, Indian Ambassador to the State of Qatar, amidst cheer and good wishes from all who came to see off the inaugural flight. It was operated under the command of **Capt. Avinash Chikte** with the airline's new Boeing 737-800 VT-AHX.

Earlier, a colourful and well attended function took place in the departure lounge, which was graced by representatives of various nodal Indian organisations, media and airline officials. Dr. Joseph inaugurated the flight by cutting the ribbon at the check-

in counter and handed over boarding cards to Mr Abdul Salam and Ms Pushpa Maroly, the first two passengers to check-in for the flight to Mangalore. Dr. Joseph also cut a huge cake decorated with the Indian tricolour, and the logo and flight number of Air India Express.

Speaking on the occasion, **Mr Debashis Golder**, the then Manager-Qatar, remarked that the new flight would make international travel for a large section of the Indian expatriate community more affordable. He added that the simplicity of making bookings through the airline's customer-friendly website, www.airindiaexpress.in would provide a lot more freedom and wider choice to the consumer.

Four young girls, attired in classical dance finery, and a member of Tulu Koota Qatar dressed in royal green greeted the passengers. All the passengers and guests were presented a specially made cap with the logo of the new flight.

At Bahrain Airport the VIP departure area was aesthetically decorated all the way to the departure gate. Amongst the distinguished gathering were Mr Ahmed Nemat Ali, Asst.

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National Aviation Company of India Ltd. (NACIL) Incorporated

The Government has on March 30, 2007 incorporated a new company called 'National Aviation Company of India Limited' (NACIL), under the Companies Act, 1956, to ensure that the merger of Air India and Indian progresses smoothly.

The authorised share capital of NACIL is Rs 15,00,05,00,000 (Rs 15 hundred crores and five lakhs). The initial paid up capital of the Company is Rs 145 crores as determined by M/s Accenture, our consultants. Its registered office is at Airlines House, 113 Gurudwara Rakabganj Road, New Delhi 110001.

The following three officials of the Ministry of Civil Aviation have been appointed as initial Directors of NACIL:

- **Mr Raghu Menon**, Addl Secretary & Financial Adviser;
- **Mr Rajesh Kumar Singh**, Jt. Secretary; and
- **Mr Rajiv Bansal**, Director.

The first two meetings of NACIL were held on April 18 and May 4, 2007.



Management Rationalisation

Allocation of departments for the three Functional Directors, **Mr S. Punhani**, Director (Finance); **Mr Amod Sharma**, Director (Personnel) and **Mr K.M. Unni**, Director (Engineering), has with effect from March 5, 2007 been revised as follows so that they can closely monitoring their functioning :

- Director (Finance) : Finance, Materials Management and Department of Information Technology
- Director (Personnel) : Human Resources Development, Medical Services and Properties & Facilities
- Director (Engineering) : Engineering, Engine Overhaul and Operations.

Appointments

Mr V.K. Verma, Executive Director-Commercial, has effective May 31, 2007, been appointed as Director (Commercial).

Mr S. Venkat has, in addition to his duties as Executive Director-Public Relations, Finance & Company Secretary, been appointed as the Company Secretary of National Aviation Company of India Ltd. until further orders.

Capt. T. Manilal, General Manager-Operations, has effective April 1, 2007, been appointed as Executive Director-Air Safety on an officiating basis, following the superannuation of **Capt. M.K. Hathi** on March 31, 2007.

Mr R.K. Padmanabhan, IPS, General Manager-Vigilance, will with effect from May 5, 2007 hold additional charge as General Manager-Security.

AI Provides Ground Handling for ORBIS Flying Eye Hospital

Air India, as part of its corporate social responsibilities, extended a helping hand to ORBIS Flying Eye Hospital, by providing ground handling at 50 per cent of the cost when the DC-10 aircraft landed at Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport on March 28, 2007.

On board the ORBIS Flying Eye Hospital over 150 doctors, 20 nurses and many technicians of Lotus Eye Hospital, a reputed hospital located close by, were imparted hands on training. They worked side-by-side with ORBIS' medical team in the operating, laser, sub-sterile and recovery rooms, exchanging expertise and knowledge.

They also gathered in the 48-seater on-board classroom to participate in lectures, discussions and live video conferencing of surgical procedures while they were being actually performed in the operating theatre of the Flying Eye Hospital. The



intensive two-week medical training programme will help in improving their skills in treating thousands of local patients in India.

The Hospital, the world's only airborne ophthalmic surgical and training facility, is

part of ORBIS International, a non-profit, humanitarian organisation dedicated to saving sight and eliminating avoidable blindness worldwide.

India has the highest number of children with blindness or visual impairment. ORBIS is addressing this problem with the support of FedEx and other committed organisations, to create 50 paediatric eye care centres in India by 2010. Each centre will serve approximately 20 million people. As part of the existing ORBIS Paediatric Eye Care Centre programme, four child-friendly paediatric eye care facilities have already been established in Maharashtra.

New Ground Handling Contracts

Air India has, effective March 25, 2007, entered into a contract with Sri Lankan Airlines for comprehensive handling, comprising passenger, ramp, cargo, cabin cleaning and technical assistance, at Colombo, and with M/s Indian from March 26, 2007 at Trichy for ramp handling of AI Express' B737-800 flights.

Aviation Scenario

Passenger Demand on the Rise, Cargo Sluggish

International passenger traffic demand rose 7.8 per cent year-on-year according to March 2007 traffic results released by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) on April 30, 2007. This is the largest year-on-year single month increase recorded in a year. Average international passenger load factors remained high at 76.4 per cent. International freight traffic demand continued a 12-month run of sluggish growth with a 2.3 per cent increase year-on-year.

Comparing the first three months of 2007 to the same period in the previous year passenger demand was up 7.0 per cent with average load factors of 74.9 per cent. Freight demand increased 2.7 per cent.

"The story for passenger traffic is based on strong economies driving the demand to travel for both business and leisure markets. For freight, competition for other modes of transport – particularly sea – is holding growth below our forecast of 5.5 per cent for 2007," said Mr Giovanni Bisignani, IATA's Director General and CEO.

"People want to travel and they are doing it in record numbers," remarked Mr Bisignani. "The fact that airlines are meeting that demand with newer, more fuel-efficient aircraft and near-record load factors bodes well for the bottom line (of the aviation industry) and should lead to an industry profit of US \$3.8 billion in 2007," he added.

Sale and Leaseback for A310s

Air India, for the first time, invited bids from prospective lessors/bankers under the reverse auction method for the sale and leaseback of the six owned Airbus 310-300 aircraft in our fleet.

Air India has, through this transaction, sold the aircraft to a European bank, and leased them back under an operating lease for its operations. The deal, worth US \$80 million, helped Air India to generate cash and unlock the value of its assets.

AI Bags Ground Handling Contract for New GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd.

Air India, along with Indian and Singapore Airport Terminal Services Ltd (SATS), has been awarded one of the two contracts for providing ground handling services at the new upcoming greenfield airport at Shamsabad, Hyderabad, by M/s GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd. (GHIAL). The other concessionaire selected by GHIAL is M/s Menezies Boba Group.

GHIAL which is expected to be operational effective March 1, 2008, had earlier floated a tender for appointing ground handling service providers at the new airport.

The total project cost is estimated to be Rs 80

crores. Of this, Rs 60 crores will be equity, which will be shared in the proportion of 26 per cent each by Air India and 25 per cent by Indian, and SATS holds 49 per cent. Accordingly, while Air India and Indian will contribute Rs 15.3 crores each as share capital, SATS will contribute Rs 29.4 crores. The balance amount will be drawn from commercial banks/financial institutions.

With Indian having their set up at the present Hyderabad Airport, the Air India/Indian/SATS consortium envisages to capture over 60 per cent of the third party handling business at the upcoming airport.

Mirgal's Artistic Creation of Ramp Handling Activities

When an aircraft lands at an airport, Ground Services Department personnel carry out a host of activities, such as loading and unloading of baggage, air cargo and air mail, meals, etc. onto the aircraft, and transportation between the aircraft and the terminal. All these activities have to be carried out simultaneously efficiently and safely in a very short time.



Mr Jaiprakash Dattaram Mirgal, Manager-Service Engineer, Capital Budget & Projects Division, Ground Services Department, Mumbai, has created a pictorial



An aircraft surrounded by myriad types of ramp handling equipment. (Inset) Mr Jaiprakash Dattaram Mirgal.

depiction of an aircraft surrounded by various types of ramp handling equipment. The complex task requires cohesive team work so that the aircraft can take off quickly as per schedule, since a minor error or negligence can trigger off a chain reaction and delay the flight, besides having serious consequences in terms of safety and financial damages.

Mr Mirgal, who has a keen interest in art pursued the Commercial Art course at Bandra School of Arts, Mumbai, before joining Air India in December 1974. He has, over the years, been designing various ramp handling and maintenance pictorials highlighting the importance of safety and proper working methods, for which he has won numerous awards. These include :

Moun Sadhna Puraskar
Oil Safety Poster Award
Hindi Slogan Award
National Safety Day Award for Safety Poster
Merit Award
Appreciation letter for work done during the visit of Mr Bill Clinton, then President of USA.

September 30, 1993
January 9, 1994
October 10, 1994
March 4, 1995
August 1, 1995
March 25, 2000

Mr K.R. Suresh, Asst General Manager-Tech., Ground Services Department, says: "We in GSD are proud to have Mr Mirgal amongst us, and hope that others will emulate his commitment and dedication to work."

Mr Mirgal's son, **Mr Prateek**, has obtained a Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering and is presently working as Service Engineer-II in the Engineering Department.



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Five New Air India Express Flights Introduced

Undersecretary for Aviation Services, Government of Bahrain; Mr Mubarak Jassim Kanoo, Dy. Group Chairman, Dy. Chief



Dr. George Joseph, Ambassador of India, flagging off the maiden flight from Doha to Mangalore. Others are (L to R): Mr Tony Awad, General Manager, and Mr Nasser Jassim Darwish, Marketing Director, Darwish Travel Bureau, our GSA in Qatar; Mr Debashis Golder, the then Manager-Qatar, Ms Vijaya Sagalgile, Customer Relations-cum-Airport Manager, and Mr Joseph Sebastian, Sales Manager, Doha.

Executive Officer & Chairman, M/s Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo; Mr Fawzi Kanoo of M/s Yusuf Bin Ahmed Kanoo & Chairman, Bahrain Airport Services; Mr Jameel Wafa, Chairman, Unitag Group; and Mr A.K. Bhatnagar, First Secretary & HOC, Embassy of India, Kingdom of Bahrain.

Prominent members of the Kannada community, including Mr Bhaskara

The passengers and guests were welcomed by Air India's 'Maharajah', who was the main attraction; women dressed in traditional sarees and children sporting different costumes from the Karnataka and North Kerala regions.

Mr Ahmed Nemat Ali spoke of the long standing relationship between India and Bahrain, which, he stated, dated back to 1960 when the first flight landed in India

from Bahrain. He added that the bond between the two countries had been growing year by year in every field and thanked Air India for its contribution towards the development of the aviation industry in Bahrain.

Mr Bhatnagar wished Air India Express long lasting success and growth in the coming years.



Capt. P.P. Singh, Chief Operating Officer, Air India Express, shaking hands with Mr N.G. Wickremaratne, Chairman & CEO, Hayleys Group at the Press Meet organised to announce the launch of the Air India Express flight between Chennai and Colombo. They are flanked by Mr C.S. Subbiah, Manager-Tamil Nadu, AI, Chennai, and Mr Mohan Pandithage, Dy. Chairman, Hayleys Group.

Rajkumar, President, Bahrain Kannada Sangha; Mr Richard Moras, President, Karnataka Social Club; Mr G.K. Nair, President, The Bahrain Keralaleeya Samajam, and Mr Mathew Joseph, President, Indian Club, Bahrain, were also present on the occasion.

and informed the gathering that Air India Express would shortly commence direct flights between Delhi/Hyderabad/Chennai/Bangalore and Bahrain.

The passengers and guests were delighted to receive thermal mugs with the inscription

Mr D. Debesh, Manager-Bahrain & Jordan, expressed his gratitude to Shaikh Hamad Bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, His Highness the Amir of Bahrain; Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Prime Minister; Shaikh Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince; and Shaikh Ali Bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation, for all their assistance. He also thanked Bahrain's Kanoo family, Air India's main agents, for their continued support to India's national carrier,



Capt. P.P. Singh, Chief Operating Officer, Air India Express, and Mr Sanjay Sudhir, Counsellor, Economic & Commercial, High Commission of India in Colombo, cutting the cake to mark the commencement of the flight from Colombo to Chennai.

'AIR INDIA EXPRESS Simply Priceless Inaugural Flight Bahrain - Mangalore 25th March 2007'. They were also presented memorabilia with logos of Mangalorean.com and Bahrain Kannada Sangha by Mr Agnel Pereira, Correspondent of www.mangalorean.com. The guests also enjoyed a sumptuous lunch hosted by the Civil Aviation Affairs.

Chennai-Colombo

The maiden Air India Express flight from Chennai to Colombo (CMB), operated on March 26, 2007 with almost full capacity in both directions, was received by Mr Sunjay Sudhir, Counsellor, Economic & Commercial, High Commission of India in Colombo, and the Civil Aviation authorities of Sri Lanka.

The return flight was flagged off by Mr Sudhir

Sri Lankan Government officials, businessmen and travel agents.

The flight between Chennai and Colombo, IX-671/ IX-672, is operated on a daily basis. It departs from Chennai at 0700 hours and arrives in Colombo at 0820 hours. On the return leg, it leaves Colombo at 0920 hours and reaches Chennai at 1040 hours.

A return fare of Rs 6,350/-, inclusive of taxes, is being offered in the introductory period.

Trichy-Dubai/Singapore

Trichy (TRZ) became the 10th online station in India for Air India Express with the commencement of flights from the temple town to Dubai and Singapore on March 26, 2007. The flights are operated on the routing Trichy-Dubai-Trichy-Singapore-Trichy on thrice weekly basis.

The first flight from Trichy to Dubai, with 160 passengers on board, was flagged off by Mr A. Raja, Union Minister for Environment and Forests, in the presence of Mr S. Ranganathan, Executive Director-Ground Services, & Chief Operating Officer, Air India Air Transport Services Ltd. (AIATSL).

In his speech on the occasion, Mr Ranganathan stated that Trichy was the 10th online station of Air India Express in India.

Mr Ashish Vachchani, District Collector, remarked that the new direct services would be a boon to the people of Southern and Central Tamil Nadu, as a large number of them are employed in Singapore region and the Gulf.

With the addition of the new flights,



Seen at Singapore Airport prior to the departure of the maiden flight IX-681 for Trichy on March 27, 2007 are Mr K.E. Baskaradoss, Manager-Singapore; Ms Nilam Rai, Sales Promotion Officer; Ms Najeeba Beevi, Sales Representative; and the team from Changi International Airport Services Pte Ltd (CIAS), our handling agent.

and Capt. P.P. Singh, Chief Operating Officer, Air India Express, and Mr Mohan Pandithage, Deputy Chairman, Hayleys Group, the airline's GSA in Colombo.

To commemorate the occasion, an impressive function was held in the evening. It was graced by Mr Alok Prasad, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka, senior

Air India Express now offers flights to ten international destinations, viz. Dubai, Sharjah, Abu Dhabi, Al Ain, Muscat, Salalah, Bahrain, Doha, Singapore and Colombo, from ten Indian cities - Kozhikode, Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram, Mumbai, Delhi, Pune, Amritsar, Chennai, Mangalore and Trichy.

Two More Aircraft Taken on Wet-Lease

Air India, which has since the past few years, been leasing aircraft to meet the growing passenger demand and overcome shortage of pilots, has signed two agreements - one with M/s Czech Airlines (CSA) and the other with M/s Globespan Airways - for wet-leasing one A310-300 and one B767-300ER aircraft respectively. The lease, initially for a period of six months, is extendable by another six months.

While the A310-300 arrived in India on March 24, 2007, the B767-300 ER was delivered on May 18, 2007.

With the induction of these two aircraft, there are 50 aircraft in our fleet - 37 for Air India, including 21 on lease; and 14 for Air India Express, including seven leased aircraft. Besides these two aircraft, three other aircraft have been taken on wet-lease in the recent past - two B767-300ERs and one B757-200ER.

More Flights to London and Dammam

Air India will operate four additional terminator flights a week to London - three from Ahmedabad and one from Delhi - following successful negotiation of landing slots with Malaysia Airlines, and two more weekly flights between India and Dammam with effect from June 1, 2007. The flights will be operated with three wet-leased Boeing 767 aircraft, which have a capacity of 24 Executive Class and 220 Economy class seats. With the addition of the new flights, the total number of flights to London will be stepped up to 25 a week, including 15 terminators, and flights to Dammam will be enhanced to 10 a week. The new flights to Dammam will be operated non-stop between Chennai and Dammam on Mondays and Thursdays.



Companion Free Scheme Extended

The validity of the Companion Free Scheme, which entitles passengers to travel along with their partners free of charge, has been extended till March 31, 2008. The scheme is applicable on Air India operated flights for passengers travelling on full published IATA fares in all classes - First, Executive and Economy - for both one-way and roundtrip travel between India and UK/Europe/USA/Canada, and between USA/Canada and UK/Europe.

The scheme is, however, not applicable on Air India's code share flights. While passengers are required to undertake the first leg of the international journey together, they may travel separately on the return journey. Surcharge is applicable on the companion's ticket only if interline travel is involved.

The Companion Free Scheme will also not be applicable on our direct non-stop services to be launched from Mumbai to New York later this year.

Two A310s Converted into Freighter Aircraft

'Krishna' (VT-EQS) and 'Narmada' (VT-EQT), two of our Airbus 310-300 aircraft which joined the fleet in August 1990, have been converted into freighters. The task of conversion was entrusted to M/s European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company (EADS), a subsidiary of Airbus Industrie.

After a four-month long conversion process, 'Krishna' was delivered to Air India in Dresden, Germany, on April 24, 2007 and joined our fleet in Mumbai on April 25, 2007. 'Narmada' is scheduled to arrive by May 25, 2007.

AI's Cargo Handling

Air India carries all types of cargo to just about anywhere in the world. Our highly skilled and experienced team of professionals ensure smooth transportation and delivery of cargo worldwide. Some of the items flown on board our flights include heavy machinery, computer hardware, dangerous goods (hazardous materials), chemicals, livestock, perishables, gems and jewellery.



Airline Engineering & Maintenance Conference for the Indian Sub-Continent

Mr K.M. Unni, Director of Engineering, Air India Limited, co-chaired the Second Annual Aircraft Engineering and Maintenance Conference for the Indian sub-continent organised recently in Mumbai under the aegis of Aviation Industry Conferences, London, along with **Mr Hitesh Patel**, Executive Vice President, Engineering & Operations, Kingfisher Airlines.

A number of interesting presentations were made on the occasion and well received by an appreciative audience of about 125 aviation industry professionals from India and abroad.

In his opening remarks on the occasion, **Mr Unni** dwelt upon emerging MRO business in the Indian aviation scenario. He also gave his invaluable comments on a vitally important

issue being faced by the aviation industry OEM vs PMA parts, the acronym for Original Equipment Manufacturer versus Parts Manufacturing Approval.

Mr Ashwani Sharma, Regional Maintenance Manager (UK & Europe), made a presentation on 'Aircraft Fuel Tank Maintenance Post Crash of Flight TWA800 - Regulations & Maintenance Practices'. In his speech, **Mr Sharma** traced the history of changes in fuel tank maintenance practices in light of various Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) airworthiness directives following the tragic crash of flight TWA800 in July 1996. Earlier in July 2006, **Mr Sharma** made a similar presentation before students and faculty of the Engineering Department of Imperial College, London.

IAF Pilots to Join Air India

Air India and the Indian Air Force (IAF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on April 5, 2007 whereby the IAF will be releasing pilots regularly to serve the national airline. The highly skilled Air Force pilots come with years of experience. This move will help **Air India** cope with the industry problem of pilot shortage, and emerge as a stronger and more efficient airline.

The first 13 pilots from IAF – six Air Vice-Marshals, six Air Commodores and a Group Captain – will be released shortly to undergo training on Boeing 737-800 aircraft of **Air India Express**.

Gulf News

Dubai

Thirty-eight top-ranking X-grade students were presented **Air India's** Scholastic Awards at a function held recently at Our Own English High School. The proud recipients are seen with **Mr F.J. Vaz**, Regional Director-Gulf, ME & Africa; **Ms Jaishree Ramchandran**, Regional Manager-Dubai & N. Emirates; **Mr R.M. Khemani**, District Sales Manager, Dubai and **Mr M.A. Hameed**, Headmaster of the school.



Kuwait

Mr Vayalar Ravi, Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs, who recently came to Kuwait to sign an MOU on Labour with the State of Kuwait, is seen on arrival at Kuwait Airport with **Mr M. Ganapathi**, Ambassador of India; **Mr Rishikant Singh**, Manager-Kuwait & Cyprus; and **Mr Surendra Kumar**, Manager, Indian.



Top Agents Felicitated

Kozhikode

Top passenger sales agents in Kerala were presented awards for their good performance during the fiscal 2005-06 by **Mr P.K. Gupta**, Regional Director-India. The proud recipients are seen with (L to R): **Mr R. Sukumar**, Dy Manager, Kannur; **Mr Yogesh Mundhwa**, Manager,



Kozhikode; **Ms Iona Gonsalves**, Dy Manager-Sales, and **Mr Sewa Singh**, District Sales Manager, Kochi; **Mr Gupta**; and **Ms Pearl Fernandes**, Airport Manager, Kozhikode.

New York

Air India's consolidators for the North East region were presented awards at a function held in New York. **Hari World Travel** of New York was the Number One agency. **Mr Prem**



Cohley, President, **Hari World Travel**, is seen with (from left) **Mr Amit Ray**, District Sales Manager-New York/New Jersey; **Mr P.S. Rajagopal**, Regional Manager-NE; **Mr A.K. Mathur**, Regional Director-USA & Canada; **Mr Shiv Kapuria**, District Sales Manager-New England; and **Mr Andy Bhatia**, Area Sales Manager-NE.

Osaka



Top five passenger agents and cargo agents were presented awards by **Ms A.K. Mathew**, Manager-West Japan, for their revenue contribution to **AI** during the financial year 2006-07, at a seminar in Osaka on March 29, 2007. The cargo agents are seen with **Ms Mathew** and **Mr Y. Sekimoto**, Cargo Sales Manager.

Bangkok

Twenty-five passenger and cargo agents were presented trophies for their high contribution to **Air India's** revenues by **Ms Ujala Tham**, the then Manager-Thailand, at a function held recently in Bangkok. Seen are (L to R): **Mr Rachapal Madan**, Managing Director, **Indersingh (1999) Co. Ltd.**; **Ms Tham**; **Ms Latha Reddy**, Indian Ambassador to Thailand, who was the guest of honour; **Mr Thanet Mehra**, Managing Director, **Welcome Travel**; and **Ms Sopmsong Sachaphimukh**, General Manager, **S. S. Travel Service**, our General Sales Agent.



Jeddah

Award winning travel and cargo agents are seen with **Mr F.J. Vaz**, Regional Director-Gulf, ME & Africa; **Mr K.M. Kurian**, Regional Manager-Saudi Arabia; **Mr P. Ashok Kumar**, the then Manager-Western Saudi Arabia, Jeddah; and **Mr Ali Kanoo**, Director, **Mr K.N. Balakrishnan**, Regional Travel Manager-Western Province, and **Mr Afsar Khan**, Regional Operations Manager-WP, **Y.B.A. Kanoo**, our General Sales Agent.



News in Brief

Pune-Dubai Flights

Air India Express flights from Pune to Dubai, IX-211, will make an additional halt at Mumbai until June 15, 2007 in order to minimise the risk posed by severe heat wave conditions in Pune and ensure that the aircraft carries the optimum load. When the temperature exceeds 40 degrees centigrade, the density of air reduces, thereby, lessening the load carrying capacity of the aircraft as additional fuel is required to be uplifted. While it does not affect domestic carriers as they are short-haul flights, long distance flights such as Pune to Dubai are affected. On the return leg, the flight from Dubai will operate directly to Pune.

Special Flights to Barbados

Air India operated two special flights from Mumbai to Barbados (Georgetown) via Paris - one on April 22 and the other on April 30, 2007 - to enable cricket enthusiasts to watch the semi-finals at St. Lucia and the finals of the ICC Cricket World Cup at Barbados in the West Indies. Those who travelled on these flights, operated ferry one-way, also had an opportunity to enjoy the scenic beauty of the Caribbean. Special thanks for the success of the flights go to Barbados Tourism Authority.



10th Air India Invitational Golf Tournament

An unprecedented 380 avid golfers from the corporate world/ Consulates/Central and

State Government officials, and other cross sections of the society participated in the 10th Air India Invitational Golf Tournament held at the US Club, Mumbai, on March 31-April 1, 2007. The event evoked tremendous interest on Air India's future plans amongst the corporate world.

The tournament was followed by an impressive prize distribution function. The guests were also treated to a sumptuous dinner, accompanied by lively jazz and melodious solo songs rendered in the sonorous voice of Mr Kim Cardoz, at the mesmerising seaside of the US Club.

Amongst those who graced the gala dinner were

Mr Pankaj Udhas, well known ghazal singer, and his wife, Ms Farida Udhas; Mr R.K. Krishna Kumar and Mr Prasad Menon, Managing Directors of Indian Hotels Ltd. and Tata Powers Ltd. respectively, and their wives; Mr Tito Baptista, Consul General of Indonesia; Ms Busi Kuzwayo, Consul General of South Africa; Mr Gary Luton, Consul General of Canada; Mr Dong Yern

Kim, Consul General of Korea; Mr Zhang Weiguo, Consul General of China; Mr Sharad Kachalia, Director-Marketing, Roit's Royce, and his wife; and Mr K.V. Abdul Nazar, Chairman & Managing Director, Akbar Travels of India Pvt Ltd.

Ms V. Deshpande, Dy. Manager-Sales, co-ordinated the tournament successfully.



The first to tee off (L to R): Mr Kailash Singh, Passenger Sales Manager-WI, and Mr D. Kishore, Commercial Manager-WI, AI; Vice Admiral Kaul, Mr Ratan Bali, the then Commercial Manager-Karnataka, AI; Vice Admiral Sangram Singh Byce, Commanding Officer in Chief, Western Naval Command; Vice Admiral Krishnan, Commodore Khanna, Golf Captain, US Club.



Mr R.K. Krishna Kumar and Mr Prasad Menon, Managing Directors of Indian Hotels Ltd. and Tata Powers Ltd respectively, and their wives, with Mr V. K. Verma, Commercial Director; Mr D. Kishore, Commercial Manager-WI, and his wife; and Ms Z. Bulsara, Sales Officer.

News from Singapore

'Food Fiesta 2007'

Air India sponsored 'Food Fiesta 2007'. Mr S. Iswaran, Minister of State for Trade and Industry, Singapore, is seen in our pavilion set up on the occasion with **Mr K.E. Baskaradoss**, Manager-Singapore; **Ms Vasanthi Manian**, Accounts Supervisor, and **Ms Jayanthi Pillai** of Sales, amongst others.



Youth Expedition to Chennai

Forty students and teachers travelled on an Air India Express flight to Chennai to participate in the 'Youth Expedition Project' during March 23-April 5, 2007. The teachers and students of



Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Singapore, who were part of the group, are seen with **Mr Sunil Deshmukh**, Manager-South East Asia, and **Mr K. E. Baskaradoss**, Manager-Singapore.

'Corporate' Magazine Launched

Air India has, effective May 2007, begun publishing a new magazine titled, 'Corporate', exclusively for our First and Executive Class passengers, and members of The Maharajah Club. The new magazine, a bi-monthly round-up of India Inc. and its movers and shakers, has been launched at a time when the Indian economy is experiencing momentous changes.

With 'Corporate', launched to coincide with the commencement of our non-stop flights to the USA effective August 2007, passengers can have their finger on the pulse of the Indian business environment, and where it is heading while flying in the comfort of our aircraft. The magazine, featuring the growing profile of Indian entrepreneurs on the global stage, reflects the changing dynamics in the world of Indian business, and our rapidly growing and evolving economy.

Besides highlighting the amazing transformation, which is occurring in the world of Indian business, the magazine will also focus on corporate lifestyles and changing trends, chat with professional and business leaders about their extra-curricular activities, and track technological upheavals, both at the workplace and at the leisure getaways.



AIE Derives Enormous Publicity at 'Gandharva Sandhya'

Air India Express sponsored the mega event, 'Gandharva Sandhya' organised recently by Swarayala in association with Kairali Television at the Suryakanthi Auditorium, Kanakakunnu Palace, Thiruvananthapuram.

Reputed singers like Dr K.J. Yesudas, Ms K.S. Chitra, Ms Manjari, Mr Unni Menon, Mr M. Sreenivas and Ms Sadhana Sargam, enthralled the audience with their performances. At the request of the audience, Mr Rahman sang a hit song from the recent Hindi movie 'Guru'.

Air India drew enormous publicity at the event. Apart from several banners displayed at the entrance and in the auditorium, which was packed to capacity, Air India Express had a pavilion where all our publicity banners were exhibited. Specially designed brochures were also distributed to the guests. The programme was later branded as 'Air India Express - Gandharva Sandhya' and telecast continuously by Kairali Television for three hours on Easter day.



Mr A.R. Rahman, renowned musician, receiving the Dr. K.J. Yesudas Award from Dr. K.J. Yesudas. Looking on are Mr M.A. Baby, Minister for Education, Government of Kerala; Mr H.A. Munaff, Manager-Thiruvananthapuram, AI; and Mr Rajmohan, President, Swarayala.

New B777s to be Named After Indian States

Air India's 50 new aircraft - 23 Boeing 777s, including eight B777-200LR (Long Range) Worldliners and 15 B777-300ERs (Extended Range), and 27 B787-8 Dreamliners, which will join our fleet commencing July 2007, will be named after the States of India. As and when the aircraft are delivered, they will be christened in alphabetical order, i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, etc.

Once all the States are covered, this will be followed by names of cities.

While the Boeing 747-400s currently in our fleet have been named after places of tourist interest in India, the B747-300s have been christened after Emperors of India, the leased B777-200s have been named after Indian Ragas and the Airbus 310-300s have been named after Indian rivers.

GSD Commended by JAL

Air India's Ground Services Department has been presented a special commendation certificate from Mr Kimio Hiroike, Senior Vice President, Chairman of Airport Safety Committee, M/s Japan Airlines International Co. Ltd, for providing outstanding ramp handling services to JAL at IGI Airport during the last 10 years. "This," he wrote,

"was a result of the ceaseless efforts and efficient teamwork of all staff concerned."

The Ground Services Department has been providing ramp handling services to M/s Japan Airlines for more than 25 years to their entire satisfaction. JAL had earlier commended Air India for providing incident free and excellent services for two years and three years respectively.

Kudos to the GSD team at Delhi !



Mr V.K. Gupta, Regional Manager-Ground Services Department, IGI Airport, receiving the commendation certificate on behalf of Air India from Mr Hiromi Taniuchi, Station Manager, JAL, Delhi.

International Women's Day Celebrated by AIEG

The Women's Cell of the Aviation Industry Employees' Guild (AIEG) organised a function on March 13, 2007 in the Air India Building Auditorium, Nariman Point, Mumbai, to commemorate International Women's Day, celebrated every year on March 8, 2007. The function was attended by approximately 250 women employees of various departments, including those from the Old Airport and Sahar Airport.

Ms Jaya Rao, founder of the Vedanta Trust, who was the chief guest on the occasion, spoke about self-management techniques, which would help women employees to harness their potential, master their mind and equip them to deal with life's challenges. She urged the participants to excel in their chosen field of activity and build meaningful relationships. She also stressed the need for positive thinking.

Ms Manjari Kacker, Chief Vigilance Officer & Executive Director-Security, called upon the women employees to make a difference in both their home and work environment by turning their weaknesses into strengths.

Mr George Abraham, General Secretary, AIEG, remarked that the contribution of women to society is immeasurable and assured women employees of Air India that AIEG's Women's Cell would help them should the need arise.

Ms Leora Sanker of Commercial Cargo (Mails) and **Cassey**, her daughter, enthralled the gathering with their dance performance.



Ms Jaya Rao, founder of the Vedanta Trust, addressing the women employees.



A section of the audience.

A skit titled 'Yug Yug Ki Naari', which described the trials and tribulations of women over the years, was enacted by employees of various departments. It evoked tremendous response from the audience.

On the Move

The following officers of the Commercial Department, on transfer, have taken up new assignments :

Name	From	To
Mr P. Ashok Kumar	Manager, Jeddah.	Commercial Manager-Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
Capt. A. K. Sharma	Regional Director - UK, London	General Manager-IGI Airport New Delhi.
Ms R. Jaidka	General Manager-IGI Airport, New Delhi.	General Manager-Northern India, New Delhi.
Mr P. Vaidyanathan	Passenger Sales Manager, Hyderabad.	Manager-Nigeria, Lagos.
Ms B. Rao	Manager-Abu Dhabi & Al Ain.	Asst. General Manager, Industry Affairs, Mumbai.
Ms Rodha Krishna	Asst. Airport Manager, Chennai.	Airport Manager, Chennai.
Mr R. S. Babu Rao	Airport Manager, Chennai.	Manager-Indonesia, Jakarta.
Ms C. Prasad	Cargo Sales & Operations Manager, UK.	Manager, Mangalore.
Ms O. Raikhan	Asst. General Manager-Northern India, New Delhi.	Manager-Thailand, Bangkok.
Mr D. Golder	Manager-Qatar, Doha.	Manager - Karnataka, Bangalore.

Two Air Indians Participate in "Blind Man's Car Rally"

Ms Varsha Pise of Finance Department and **Ms Parimala Bhat** of Medical Services Department, participated in the "Blind Man's Car Rally" held recently in Mumbai. The Rally was organised by Round Table India (RTI), part of the NGO Round Table International, in



Ms Varsha Pise (left) and Ms Parimala Bhat with Ad Guru Prahalad Kakkad and Rajeev Mehra of Round Table India.

partnership with National Association for the Blind (NAB).

The duo guided a sighted driver through a series of checkpoints, highlighting their skill and ability. The 70-kilometre long journey was flagged off from Worli Seaface by Ajay Devgan, Bollywood star, and ended at Nariman Point. The uniqueness about the event was that the route was made known to the drivers only during the course of the rally.

The Rally – an endeavour to raise funds for RTI's projects under the aegis of the national theme 'Freedom Through Education' – was aimed at creating awareness about illiteracy, in addition to highlighting the initiatives of RTI to eradicate illiteracy and the challenges faced by the visually impaired. The funds raised from the Rally will be used to build a school, which will provide primary education to under-privileged children.

Family Pride

Swapna, d/o Mr Uday Joshi, Manager, Inflight Service Department, topped her college Padmashree Dr. D.Y. Patil College of Occupational Therapy, Navi Mumbai, in the third year curriculum of Bachelor of Occupational Therapy, and was ranked 12th in Maharashtra University of Human Sciences, Nashik.



Swapna Joshi



Himanshu Shikhare

Himanshu, s/o Mr P.S. Shikhare, Superintendent Service Engineering, Components Overhaul Division, Engineering Department, Mumbai, who studies in the Maharashtra Military School, Thane District, stood first in the District Level Science Project Competition organised recently by the Education Department of Zila Parishad Thane. Himanshu was also part of the cricket team, which achieved first position in the Maharashtra Military School Inter-School Sports this year.

Well Done, Children!

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FAREWELL



श्री के. एल. बरुआ,
उप प्रबंधक, वाणिज्य,
नई दिल्ली.
सेवा : 38 वर्ष 6 माह
Mr K. L. Barua,
Dy Manager, Commercial,
New Delhi.
Ser: 38 yrs. 6 mths.



सुश्री जरीन चिनॉय,
वाणिज्य प्रबंधक-विपणन सेवाएं,
वाणिज्य, मुंबई.
सेवा : 36 वर्ष 11 माह
Ms Zarine Chinoy,
Commercial Manager-
Marketing Services,
Commercial, Mumbai.
Ser: 36 yrs. 11 mths.



श्री एच. एस. चौहान,
मुख्य तकनीशियन का सहायक,
भू सेवा, नई दिल्ली.
सेवा : 33 वर्ष 6 माह
Mr H. S. Chauhan,
Chief Technician's Asst.,
Ground Services,
New Delhi.
Ser: 33 yrs. 6 mths.



श्री आर. सी. तिवारी,
मुख्य विमान उपस्कर प्रचालक,
भू सेवा, नई दिल्ली.
सेवा : 33 वर्ष 4 माह
Mr R. C. Tiwari,
Chief Aircraft Equipment
Operator, Ground Services,
New Delhi.
Ser: 33 yrs. 4 mths.



श्री पी. उल्हास,
प्रबंधक, वाणिज्य,
बैंगलूर.
सेवा 33 वर्ष
Mr P. Ulhas,
Manager, Commercial,
Bangalore.
Ser: 33 yrs.



कैप्टन एम. के. हाथी,
कार्यपालक निदेशक, वायु सुरक्षा,
मुंबई.
सेवा : 31 वर्ष 1 माह
Capt. M. K. Hathi,
Executive Director,
Air Safety, Mumbai.
Ser: 31 yrs. 1 mth.



श्री एम. आई. तराजीया,
प्रबंधक, उड़ानगत सेवा,
मुंबई.
सेवा : 27 वर्ष 9 माह
Mr M. I. Tarajia,
Manager, Inflight Service,
Mumbai.
Ser: 27 yrs. 9 mths.



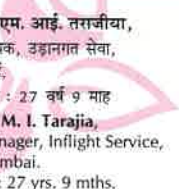
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प्रबंधक, उड़ानगत सेवा,
मुंबई.
सेवा : 29 वर्ष 7 माह
Mr A. P. Phanse,
Manager, Inflight Service,
Mumbai.
Ser: 29 yrs. 7 mths.



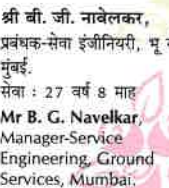
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उप प्रबंधक-रैम्प, भू सेवा,
नई दिल्ली.
सेवा : 29 वर्ष 2 माह
Mr A. K. Sinha,
Dy Manager-Ramp,
Ground Services, New Delhi.
Ser: 29 yrs. 2 mths.



श्री एक्स. जे. डिसिल्वा,
प्रबंधक- सेवा इंजीनियरी,
इंजीनियरी, मुंबई.
सेवा : 27 वर्ष 4 माह
Mr X. J. D'Silva,
Manager-Service Engineering,
Engineering, Mumbai.
Ser: 27 yrs. 4 mths.



श्री एम. आई. तराजीया,
प्रबंधक, उड़ानगत सेवा,
मुंबई.
सेवा : 27 वर्ष 9 माह
Mr M. I. Tarajia,
Manager, Inflight Service,
Mumbai.
Ser: 27 yrs. 9 mths.



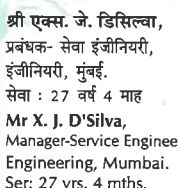
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प्रबंधक-सेवा इंजीनियरी, भू सेवा,
मुंबई.
सेवा : 27 वर्ष 8 माह
Mr B. G. Navelkar,
Manager-Service
Engineering, Ground
Services, Mumbai.



श्री बी. के. परब,
मुख्य तकनीशियन का सहायक
इंजीनियरी, मुंबई.
सेवा : 27 वर्ष 6 माह
Mr B. K. Parab,
Chief Technician's Asst.,
Engineering, Mumbai.
Ser: 27 yrs. 6 mths.



श्री एस. वाई. भोई,
पर्यवेक्षक सेवा इंजीनियरी,
इंजीनियरी, मुंबई.
सेवा : 26 वर्ष 8 माह
Mr S. Y. Bhoi,
Superintendent Service
Engineering,
Engineering, Mumbai.
Ser: 26 yrs. 8 mths.



श्री वाई. एस. जाधव,
क्लीनर, जन संपर्क, मुख्यालय,
मुंबई.
सेवा : 17 वर्ष 5 माह
Mr Y. S. Jadhav,
Cleaner, Public Relations,
Headquarters, Mumbai.
Ser: 17 yrs. 5 mths.



श्री अम्मासी,
क्लीनर, भू सेवा,
नई दिल्ली.
सेवा : 10 वर्ष 4 माह
Mr Ammasi,
Cleaner, Ground Services,
New Delhi.
Ser: 10 yrs. 4 mths.



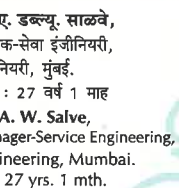
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प्रबंधक-सेवा इंजीनियरी,
इंजीनियरी, मुंबई.
सेवा : 27 वर्ष 1 माह
Mr A. W. Salve,
Manager-Service Engineering,
Engineering, Mumbai.
Ser: 27 yrs. 1 mth.



श्री एस. एस. वेदक,
वरिष्ठ सुरक्षा निरीक्षक, सुरक्षा,
मुंबई.
सेवा : 13 वर्ष 6 माह
Mr S. S. Vedak,
Sr. Security Inspector,
Security, Mumbai.
Ser: 13 yrs. 6 mths.



श्री वी. एस. मोहिते,
क्लीनर, वाणिज्य,
मुंबई.
सेवा : 17 वर्ष
Mr V. S. Mohite,
Cleaner, Commercial,
Mumbai.
Ser: 17 yrs.



श्री वी. एस. मोहिते,
क्लीनर, वाणिज्य,
मुंबई.
सेवा : 17 वर्ष
Mr V. S. Mohite,
Cleaner, Commercial,
Mumbai.
Ser: 17 yrs.



Retired Air Indians Get-Together

The 14th annual get-together of retired Air Indians held recently in New Delhi attracted a record number of 123 members from all over the world. As in the past, **Mr Ajit Singh** gave his valuable support; and **Capt. M.S. Kohli** and his wife, Ms Pushpa Kohli, provided the sprawling lawns of their farm house for the get-together.

The idea for retired Air Indians to meet annually was mooted by Mr Singh in 1994. Air Indians



(L to R): Mr Subhash Gupte, former Managing Director; Mr Ajit Singh, former Dy Commercial Director-Special Projects; Capt. D.S. Mathur and Mr K. G. Appusamy, former Managing Directors; Capt. M.S. Kohli, former Regional Director-Far East and Australasia; and Mr B.P. Baliga, former Director of Engineering.

from any department are invited to attend the get-togethers, which are based on a go-dutch basis at Rs 350/- per head. There is no host or guest. All that anyone, who wishes to attend, has to do is to register his/her name with one of the following members:

Mr Lalit Khosla : telephone No. 011-24350092
Mr Shomo Mukherjee : telephone No. 011-26895722
Mr Ajit Singh : telephone No. 011-24116638

Regulars who were absent this year and greatly missed were **Mr B.S. Das** and **Capt. D. Bose**, former Managing Directors, and their wives.

Achievers



Ms Harpreet Singh

Ms Harpreet A De. Singh, Dy. Geneneral Manager-Training (Operations), was honoured by the Aeronautical Society of India with the prestigious 'Swarna Jayanti Award' at a function held recently at Kochi in recognition of her contribution in the field of Flying Training and Air Safety. Along with a certificate, Ms Singh received a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/-.

Swarna Jayanti Award is presented for outstanding contribution by a young achiever in the field of aviation, aeronautics or aerospace by the Aeronautical Society of India, a professional body devoted to the advancement of

Aeronautical Science and Engineering in India. The selection was made by a distinguished and high level Committee of professionals in the field of aeronautical sciences.

Capt. Jacob Selvaraj, who joined Air India Express as a co-pilot in 2005, has been appointed as Chairman of the Madras Flying Club established at Chennai Airport in October 1929.

Capt. Selvaraj, who was earlier Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Administrative-In-Charge of the Flying Club, is a Structural Engineer with a Master of Engineering degree from Anna University and MBA from Madras University. Prior to joining Air India Express, as a Civil Engineer in the Airports Authority of India (AAI) Capt. Selvaraj was instrumental in constructing both the buildings of AAI, and re-carpeting the second runway at Chennai and making it functional. Thereafter, he joined Indian as Flight Despatcher and First Officer in Alliance Air. As a Member of the Rotary Club of Nanganallur, Capt. Selvaraj was also responsible for planting trees along the one-kilometre route leading to the subway of Nanganallur.



Capt. Jacob Selvaraj



Ms G. R. Namdas

Ms G.R. Namdas, Typist Clerk, Sports Division, was one of the six finalists chosen for her cookery skills, from amongst 1,600 contestants, to participate in the grand finale of the Bharat Gas Kitchen Queen Contest 2007 held recently in Mumbai. Ms Namdas cooked Stuffed Karela, a delicacy which earned her encomiums.

The contest was part of a campaign organised by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd and Petroleum Conservation Research Association to promote safety and spread conservation messages amongst consumers of Bharat Gas. Ms Namdas' recipe has also been published in a cookery book produced by Bharat Gas.

Sports

Table Tennis and Cricket Teams have brought laurels to AI.

Table Tennis

Air India Table Tennis team displayed fabulous performances at the State and National Championships.

Ms Pooja Sahastradudhe was winner of the Junior Girls Group in the Maharashtra State Championship held at Pune.

Our players dominated the Nationals held at Cuttack in both Junior and Youth Championships. Sixteen-year-old **Mast. Aniket Koparkar**, who defeated Rajat Kamal, 4-1, became the youngest player to bag the Youth National title. Pooja, who was Junior Girls winner, also won the Junior Girls Doubles along with **Ms Divya Deshpande**. In the team event, our players, Pooja, Divya and **Ms Priti Mokashi**, who represented Maharashtra, beat Karnataka, 3-2.

While Pooja was declared winner and Aniket emerged runner-up in the Youth and Men's events of the East Zone Championship at Kolkata, **Sanil Shetty** and **Pathik Mehta** were winner and runner-up respectively in the South Zone Championship at Vijaywada.

Pooja bagged the Double crown in the Youth as well as Junior Girls events, and Aniket won the Youth event in the West Zone Championship at Auran-gabad.

Pathik bagged a bronze medal in the Men's Singles event and the AI team was also the recipient of a bronze at the 33rd National Games held at Guwahati.



Pathik Mehta, who won a bronze in the National Games held at Guwahati.



Cuttack : Ms Pooja Sahastradudhe and Mast. Aniket Koparkar, Jr. National Champion and Youth National Champion respectively, proudly displaying their trophies.

Women's Cricket

Ms Jhulan Goswami,

Sr. Customer Service Supervisor, Commercial, Kolkata, did Air India proud by bagging the prestigious Castrol Indian Cricketer of the Year Award for being the Outstanding Bowler in the country during 2006-07. The award was presented to her by cricket legend Mr Sunil Gavaskar at the ceremony held recently in Mumbai.

Jhulan was Vice Captain of the national team, which played against teams like England, Australia and New Zealand, in the Quadrangular series held in Chennai during February-March 2007. She was also the Vice Captain for the Asia Cup 2006 held at Jaipur where the Indian Women's cricket team lifted the Asia Cup for the third consecutive year. Jhulan, pace bowler of India, excelled



Ms Jhulan Goswami with the Castrol Indian Cricketer of the Year Award.

in all matches against Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Three other women cricketers of Air India – **Ms Anjum Chopra**, Manager, Commercial, Delhi; **Ms Karuna Jain**, Customer Service Supervisor, Commercial, Bangalore, and **Ms Deveika Palshikaar**,

Contract Player – were also part of the Indian squad at the Quadrangular series and Asia Cup 2006.

Men's Cricket

Air India Men's Cricket Team had a remarkable victory over Hong Kong Cricket Association XI in the three-match series played at Hong Kong during March 30-April 4, 2007. While the AI team won two matches, they remained unbeaten in the third match, which was washed out due to rains. **Neeraj Patel** was declared Man of the Match in the



(Right to Left) Ms Jhulan Goswami, Ms Anjum Chopra, Ms Karuna Jain and Ms Deveika Palshikaar.

first game and **Parag Madkaikar** emerged Man of the Match in the second tournament.

The star studded Air India team was trained by **Sameer Dighe**, former Test Cricketer, and other leading players like **Narendra Hirwani**, former Test bowler; and **Hrishikesh Kanitkar** and **Dheeraj Jadhav**, former Test Cricketers. Hong Kong Cricket Association XI, comprising players in the training squad for the ICC World Cricket Leagues Division Three Tournament held in Darwin, Australia, in May 2007, were trained by Robin Singh, former Indian Test star.



Standing (L to R): Moondeep Mangela, D. Kulkarni, Ankit Chavan, Paul Valthaty, Sangram Bagul, Sarvesh Damle, Niraj Patel, Parag Madkaikar, Naman Ojha and Siddharth Trivedi. Seated (L to R): Satish Samant, Hrishikesh Kanitkar, S.M. Varadkar (Manager), Sameer Dighe (Coach), Narendra Hirwani and Dheeraj Jadhav.



Global Tender for Overhaul/ Repair of Bangladesh Biman Airlines' P&W Engines Bagged by AI

Air India has bagged the global tender for carrying out overhaul/repair for aero engines belonging to Bangladesh Biman Airlines. The terms of contract also include providing on-wing support to Biman's engine fleet at Dhaka and at other stations. The period of contract is three years and the approximate value of the contract is US\$20 million.

Biman's Airbus fleet is powered by Pratt & Whitney 4000 engines. The first engine, which had been successfully overhauled, has met the stringent turnaround time and repair cost requirements.



Seen in front of Bangladesh Biman Airlines' PW4000 engine are (L to R): Mr S.H. Awaskar and Mr M.G. Varghese, Asst. General Managers, and Mr S. Rotkar, General Manager, Engine Overhaul Department.

Engine Overhaul Department

Air India's Engine Overhaul Department, which is approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), the Indian regulatory authority, performs third party repair/overhaul of jet engines belonging to customers located across the globe. The current list of our customers include :

- ❑ Chromalloy Gas Turbine Corporation, USA
- ❑ Chromalloy Engine Management Services, USA
- ❑ Kellstrom Industries, USA
- ❑ Aviation Trading & Leasing Inc, USA
- ❑ Star Aviation FZC, UAE and
- ❑ Israel Aircraft Industries, Israel.

In addition, besides overhauling and repairing engines installed on our own aircraft, the Engine Overhaul Department carries out overhaul and repair of all PW4000 and CF6-80C2 engines installed on the leased aircraft operated by Air India. The engines are owned by various lessors, viz. Korean Air, Singapore Airlines, Boeing Aircraft Holding Co. Aviation Lease and Finance Company (ALAFCO), Constitution Aircraft Leasing limited, Guggenheim Aviation Partners, etc.

Air India has, during the financial year 2006-2007, overhauled or repaired eight PW4000 engines and five CF6-80C2 engines, and thus earned revenue of over US \$2.5 million by way of labour and handling charges.

Air India Express Receives Seventh B737-800 Aircraft

The seventh Boeing 737-800 aircraft owned by Air India Express, VT-AXQ, which was delivered in Seattle on May 14, 2007, arrived in Mumbai on May 21, 2007.

Like the earlier Air India Express aircraft, its tail designs are a novel feature. The new aircraft showcases landmarks of Delhi – Kutub Minar on one side and Jantar Mantar on the other side.

Kutub Minar, the tallest brick minaret in the world, is made of fluted red sandstone covered with intricate carvings and verses from the Koran, the holy book of Islam. A remarkable example of Indo-Islamic Architecture, the monument is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Qutb-ud-din-Aybak, the first Muslim ruler of Delhi, started

to build it in 1200 AD. Later Iltutmish, his successor took over and finally it was completed in 1368 by Firuz Shah Tughlak.

Jantar Mantar, a unique structure, raised in 1724, now lies near Connaught Place in the heart of Delhi's commercial centre. Jantar Mantar is actually pronounced as 'Yantra Mantra' –

Yantra for instruments and Mantra for formula. The various abstract structures and a sun dial are instruments which were used for keeping track of celestial bodies like the sun, moon and planets. Jantar Mantar tells a lot about the technological achievements under the Rajput kings and their

attempt to resolve the mysteries regarding astronomy. It is one of the astronomical observatories raised by Maharaja Jai Singh of Jaipur, others being located at Jaipur, Varanasi, Ujjain and Mathura.

Following the induction of this aircraft, the fleet size of AI Express has been enhanced to 14 – seven owned and seven on lease.

E-Ticketing Through Travel Agents

Passengers can now purchase e-tickets in India through travel agents using the Amadeus Global Distribution System (GDS). The facility is available for travel between Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Chennai, Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram in India; London in the UK; and New York, Newark, Chicago and Los Angeles in the USA.

This is a significant step for Air India in its endeavour to make 100 per cent E-ticketing a reality by the IATA deadline of December 2007.

Travel agents will benefit greatly in terms of improved efficiency in passenger servicing and reduced costs, thereby enhancing their productivity. Passengers will be able to enjoy easier and more convenient travel experience with no hassle of carrying tickets and hence no possibility of lost or misplaced

tickets as the electronic image of the passenger's ticket is stored in the computer system of the airline which obviates the need for a paper ticket. This also streamlines and simplifies the airline's sales and accounting processes apart from providing significant cost-savings over paper tickets.

The first e-ticket through Amadeus on Air India was issued for Mr Ramchandra Singh. He had purchased his ticket from Akbar Travels at 12 noon on March 10, 2007 for travel from Mumbai to London by AI-111 of March 18, 2007.

Passengers will shortly be able to book their seats through travel agents using Sabre, Abacus, and other GDSs.

Air India will also, in the ensuing few months, implement the e-ticketing facility for interline / code share partners.

बोलते चित्र

Picturespeak



चेन्नई स्टेशन पर आयोजित वार्षिक खेल दिवस में कर्मचारी और उनके परिवार-गणों ने भिन्न-भिन्न खेलों में उत्साह से भाग लेकर संपन्न किया।

The Annual Sports Day organised recently at Chennai was a big hit with staff and their families participating with zest in various indoor and outdoor games, including chess, carrom, javelin throw, tug of war, etc.

कोलकाता में हाल ही में वार्षिक खेल दिवस मनाया गया जिसमें कर्मचारी और उनके परिवार के सदस्यों ने भाग लिया। प्रसिद्ध फुटबाल खिलाड़ी श्री भास्कर गांगुली, मुख्य अतिथि चित्र में दायीं ओर हैं। श्री आर पी भट्टाचार्य, प्रबंधक-कर्मिक, कोलकाता चित्र में उद्घोषणा करते हुए दिख रहे हैं।

Employees and their families participated with great enthusiasm in various events during the Annual Sports Day organised recently in Kolkata. Mr Bhaskar Ganguly, an eminent football player, the chief guest, is seated on the right. Mr R.P. Bhattacharya, Manager-Personnel, Kolkata, is seen making announcements.



ERP System Implemented in Finance Department

The Oracle Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software system has been implemented in the Finance Department effective April 1, 2007. While currently being used in Mumbai, over the next few months it will be deployed at all our 59 online stations in India and abroad. The information generated through the system will be used by top Management for speedy decision-making.

The state-of-the-art ERP system will help bring about transparency and greater financial accountability in Air India. When fully implemented, Air India will be in a position to close its books of accounts and publish financial results within a week after the closure of each month, as against a gap of several weeks at present.

The implementation of the system will also benefit the entity created by the merger of Air India and Indian. There are plans to have five profit centres following the merger. The ERP system will allow direct costs to be debited to each centre and profits to be shared in a manner decided by the Board. Satyam Computer Systems, based in Hyderabad, has been selected by the Department of Information Technology as implementation partner for the project. ERP has earlier successfully been deployed in the Materials Management Department.

<p>दसवीं एअर इंडिया गोल्फ प्रतियोगिता</p> <p>पृष्ठ 2</p>	<p>एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस का सातवां बोइंग 737-800 विमान बेड़े में शामिल</p> <p>पृष्ठ 3</p>	<p>हिन्दी कार्यशाला</p> <p>पृष्ठ 4</p>	
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मंत्रीजी द्वारा विलयीत एअरलाइन के नाम, चिह्न, मुख्यालय, लोगो व लीवरी की घोषणा

केन्द्रीय नागर विमानन राज्यमंत्री श्री प्रफुल पटेल ने औपचारिक रूप से एअर इंडिया और के विलयन के बाद की नई एअरलाइन का नाम 'एअर इंडिया' होने की घोषणा की. नई कंपनी का रजिस्टर्ड कार्यालय दिल्ली तथा निगमित कार्यालय मुंबई में होगा तथा उसके अंतर्देशीय प्रचालन का कार्यालय दिल्ली में होगा. नई एअरलाइन का मेस्काट 'महाराजा' ही होगा. नई लीवरी और लोगो का भी अनावरण माननीय मंत्री जी ने इस मौके पर किया.

'एअर इंडिया' पूरे विश्वभर में जाना-पहचाना नाम है तथा कई अंतरराष्ट्रीय समझौतों में 'एआई' यह कोड एअर इंडिया के नाम से इस्तेमाल हो रहा है, इसलिए यही नाम



नई एअरलाइन के लिए कायम किया गया. हालांकि, नए लोगो और लीवरी में वर्तमान एअर इंडिया और इंडियन के लोगो को इस्तेमाल किया गया है.

नई एअरलाइन का लोगो उड़ते हंस और कोणार्क चक्र के जोड़ से तैयार किया गया है. एअर इंडिया के 'सेंटॉर' से उड़ते हंस की रेखा और इंडियन के कोणार्क चक्र का संगम नया लोगो दर्शाता है.

नया लोगो सारे विमानों की पूंछ पर विराजमान होगा. सारे विमानों के इंजनों पर भी कोणार्क चक्र का चित्र होगा. 'उड़ते हंस' का लाल रंग और 'कोणार्क चक्र' का नारंगी रंग क्रमशः बलशालिता और सक्रियता के निदर्शक है. ये दोनों रंग दोनों ही एअरलाइनों के लोगो में विराजमान थे और परंपरागत आतिथ्य और सेवा के द्योतक हैं.

विमानों के रंग आइवरी होंगे और एअर इंडिया की लाल रंग की धारी भी बरकरार रहेगी. विमान के अगले दरवाजे से पिछले दरवाजे तक नारंगी और लाल रंग की धारियां समानांतर होंगी. 'एअर इंडिया' नाम पूंछ पर तिरछी दिशा में होगा.

नेशनल एविएशन कंपनी ऑफ इंडिया लि. का गठन

एअर इंडिया और इंडियन के सुविधाजनक विलयन के लिए 'कंपनी अधिनियम 1956' के अंतर्गत भारत सरकार ने 30 मार्च 2007 को 'नेशनल एविएशन कंपनी ऑफ इंडिया लि.' का गठन किया. कंपनी का अधिकृत शेयर कैपिटल पांच लाख रुपए है और इसका पंजीकृत कार्यालय: एअरलाइन्स हाऊस, 113 गुरुद्वारा रकाबगंज रोड, नई दिल्ली-110 001 पर स्थित है.

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय के तीन अधिकारियों को इस कंपनी के निदेशक के तौर पर नामित किया गया है, जिनके नाम हैं :

- ❑ श्री रघू मेनन, अतिरिक्त सचिव एवं वित्तीय सलाहकार,
- ❑ श्री राजेश कुमार सिंह, संयुक्त सचिव, एवं
- ❑ श्री राजीव बंसल, निदेशक.

कार्यपालक निदेशक-जन संपर्क, वित्त और कंपनी सचिव इन अपनी वर्तमान जिम्मेदारियों के साथ-साथ श्री एस. वेंकट को नई कंपनी के कंपनी सचिव का पदभार भी सौंपा गया है. इस कंपनी की पहली बैठक 18 अप्रैल 2007 को आयोजित की गई थी.

नए बेंगलुरु एअरपोर्ट पर भू सेवा के लिए सैट्स के साथ समझौता

नए बेंगलुरु अंतरराष्ट्रीय एअरपोर्ट पर भू सेवा के एक समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए गए.

समझौते पर चेन्नई में 02 मई 2007 को सिंगापुर सरकार के परिवहन मंत्री श्री रेमण्ड लीम, की उपस्थिति में एअर इंडिया के कार्यपालक निदेशक-भू सेवा श्री एस. रंगनाथन और सैट्स के मुख्य प्रचालन अधिकारी श्री करमजीत सिंह ने हस्ताक्षर किए. मौके पर एअर इंडिया के अध्यक्ष एवं प्रबंध निदेशक श्री वी. तुलसीदास और सैट्स के अध्यक्ष एवं मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी श्री अंग चीन वी भी उपस्थित थे.

श्री तुलसी-दास ने अपने भाषण में कहा कि भारतीय एअरपोर्ट पर भू सेवा के लिए किसी विदेशी कंपनी के साथ यह पहला समझौता है और भारतीय विमानन क्षेत्र में विकास की एअर इंडिया की योजना के अनुसार यह महत्वपूर्ण भी है. इस समझौते से नए बेंगलुरु एअरपोर्ट के अनुभव का अन्य एअरपोर्टों पर भी भविष्य में उपयोग किया जाएगा. श्री तुलसीदास ने आगे कहा कि वर्तमान में एअर इंडिया तेरह एअरपोर्टों पर भू सेवा प्रदान कर रही है जो भारतीय भू सेवा मार्केट का 65 प्रतिशत है.

श्री वी ने कहा कि संयुक्त सहभागियों की क्षमता से बेंगलुरु एअरपोर्ट की जरूरत को पूरा किया जा सकेगा.



एअर इंडिया के कार्यपालक निदेशक - भू सेवा श्री एस. रंगनाथन और सैट्स के मुख्य प्रचालन अधिकारी श्री करमजीत सिंह हस्ताक्षर के बाद दस्तावेजों का आदान-प्रदान करते हुए. चित्र में एअर इंडिया के अध्यक्ष एवं प्रबंध निदेशक श्री वी. तुलसीदास और सैट्स के अध्यक्ष एवं मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी श्री अंग चीन वी भी उपस्थित हैं.

नए बोइंग 787 ड्रीमलायनर्स विमानों के लिए आधुनिक सीटों का चुनाव

एअर इंडिया ने नए 27 बोइंग 787 ड्रीमलायनर्स विमानों के लिए आधुनिक आरामदेह सीटों के लिए अमरीकी डालर 50 मिलियन (205 करोड़ रुपए) की ऑर्डर दी है. इन विमानों में से पहला सितंबर 2008 में हमारे बेड़े में दाखिल होगा.

किफ़ायति श्रेणी के लिए वेबर और एकजीक्यूटिव श्रेणी के लिए काँटूर सीटों का चयन किया गया है. ये दोनों सीट बनाने वाले इस उद्योग के जाने-माने आपूर्तिकर्ता हैं. एकजीक्यूटिव श्रेणी की सीटें आरामदायक और उत्कृष्ट दर्जे की हैं तथा इलेक्ट्रॉनिक माध्यम से नियंत्रित की जा सकती हैं. इन सीटों के साथ-साथ अति उत्कृष्ट मनोरंजन प्रणाली भी लगवाई जाएगी

29-30 जनवरी 2007 और 07 फरवरी 2007 को अमरीका में बसे भारतीय मूल के फ्रिक्वेंट फ्लायर, महत्वपूर्ण व्यक्तियों के एक दल को सिएटल में इन ड्रीमलायनर्स के सीटों के चुनाव प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने के लिए आमंत्रित किया गया था. इन आमंत्रितों में आईसीआईसीआई लि. के अध्यक्ष एवं एअर इंडिया बोर्ड सदस्य श्री एन. वाघुल भी चुनाव में शामिल हुए थे.

गिल्ड ने अंतरराष्ट्रीय महिला दिवस मनाया

एविएशन इंडस्ट्री एम्प्लॉइज गिल्ड (गिल्ड) की महिला ईकाई ने एअर इंडिया बिल्डिंग सभागृह, नरीमन पॉइंट, मुंबई में 13 मार्च 2007 को 'महिला दिवस' मनाया. 8 मार्च 2007 को प्रतिवर्ष की तरह अंतरराष्ट्रीय महिला दिवस



श्री जॉर्ज अब्राहम, महासचिव, गिल्ड भाषण देते हुए.

विश्वभर में मनाया जाता है और इसी उपलक्ष्य में यह कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया था जिसमें ओल्ड एअरपोर्ट, सहार एअरपोर्ट के विभिन्न विभागों से लगभग 250 महिला कर्मचारियों ने भाग लिया.

वेदांत ट्रस्ट की संस्थापक सुश्री जया राव कार्यक्रम की मुख्य अतिथि थी. सुश्री राव ने अपने भाषण में महिला कर्मचारियों की अंतःशक्ति का उपयोग कर जीवन की चुनौतियों का सामना करने के लिए अपने आपको तैयार करने की सलाह दी. उन्होंने सभी महिलाओं से आह्वान किया कि वे अपने-अपने क्षेत्र में आगे बढ़ें और महत्वपूर्ण रिश्ते कायम करें. सुश्री राव ने सकारात्मक सोच की जरूरत पर भी चर्चा की.

मुख्य सतर्कता अधिकारी एवं कार्यपालक निदेशक-सुरक्षा सुश्री मंजरी कक्कड़ ने सभी महिला कर्मचारियों से अपनी कमियों को दूर कर अपने कार्य को मजबूती प्रदान करने की सलाह दी.

गिल्ड के महासचिव श्री जॉर्ज अब्राहम ने समाज के लिए महिलाओं के योगदान को असीमित बताते हुए कहा कि जरूरत के समय गिल्ड की महिला ईकाई महिला कर्मचारियों को हर संभव मदद प्रदान करेगी.

ट्रैवल एजेंटों द्वारा ई-टिकटिंग

अमेडियस ग्लोबल डिस्ट्रीब्यूशन सिस्टम का उपयोग कर यात्री अब ट्रैवल एजेंटों से भारत में ई-टिकट खरीद सकेंगे. यह सुविधा भारत में मुंबई, दिल्ली, हैदराबाद, बेंगलुरु, कोलकाता, अहमदाबाद, चेन्नई, कोच्चि और तिरुवनंतपुरम के बीच, यूके में लंदन, यूएसए में न्यूयार्क, नेवार्क, शिकागो और लॉस एंजेलिस के बीच यात्रा करने के लिए उपलब्ध होगी.

यह एअर इंडिया के लिए संपूर्ण 100 प्रतिशत ई-टिकटिंग करने की दिशा में यह एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम होगा और आयाता ने भी दिसंबर 2007 तक संपूर्ण ई-टिकटिंग करने के लिए समय सीमा निर्धारण किया है.

यात्रियों को अच्छी सेवा दे पाने की क्षमता और कम खर्च की वजह से ट्रैवल एजेंटों के निष्पादन पर अच्छा परिणाम होगा जिससे उन्हें और यात्री, दोनों को लाभ होगा. अब यात्री भी टिकट खो जाने के डर से मुक्त हो कर सुविधा के साथ यात्रा कर पाएंगे क्योंकि टिकट की एक प्रति एअरलाइन के कम्प्यूटर में भी होगी. पेपर टिकट के खर्च से मुक्ति मिलने के साथ-साथ एअरलाइन के विक्रय और लेखा प्रक्रिया में भी सुलभता आ जाएगी.

एअर इंडिया का पहला ई-टिकट अमेडियस प्रणाली से श्री रामचंद्र सिंह के नाम जारी किया गया. श्री सिंह ने उनका टिकट 10 मार्च 2007 को 12 बजे दोपहर को अकबर ट्रैवल्स से 18 मार्च 2007 को मुंबई से लंदन यात्रा करने के लिए उड़ान क्र. एआई-111 के लिए खरीदा था.

कुछ ही समय में यात्री ट्रैवल एजेंटों से सेबर, अबाकस और अन्य प्रणालियों के माध्यम से टिकट खरीद पाएंगे. इस दौरान यात्री आर्टिका डिपार्चर कंट्रोल प्रणाली उपलब्ध शहरों से ई-टिकट खरीद पाएंगे.

आने वाले समय में एअर इंडिया ई-टिकटिंग की सुविधा अपने इंटरलाइन/कोड शेयर सहयोगियों के लिए भी उपलब्ध कराएगी.

नए विमानों को भारतीय राज्यों के नाम

एअर इंडिया के 50 नए विमान - 23 बोइंग 777 जिनमें आठ बोइंग 777-200 एलआर वर्ल्डलायनर्स तथा 15 बोइंग 777-300 ईआर और 27 बोइंग 787-8 ड्रीमलायनर्स - जुलाई 2007 से बेड़े में शामिल होने जा रहे हैं और उनके नाम भारतीय राज्यों के नाम से रखे जाएंगे. जैसे-जैसे विमान बेड़े में शामिल होते जाएंगे उनके नाम अंग्रेजी वर्णमाला के अनुसार आंध्र प्रदेश, अरुणाचल प्रदेश, आसाम, बिहार ... इस प्रकार होंगे तथा बाद में शहरों के नाम भी उन्हें दिए जाएंगे.

जैसा कि आप सब जानते ही हैं, हमारे वर्तमान बेड़े के बोइंग 747-400 के नाम भारतीय पर्यटन स्थलों के नाम से, बोइंग 747-300 के नाम भारतीय महाराजाओं के नाम से, बोइंग 777-200 के नाम भारतीय संगीत के रागों के नामों से और एअरबस 310-300 के नाम भारतीय नदियों के नामों से दिए गए हैं.

जाल ने भू सेवा की प्रशंसा की

जापान एअरलाइन्स इंटरनेशनल कंपनी लिमिटेड (जाल) के एअरपोर्ट सेफ्टी समिति के अध्यक्ष और वरिष्ठ उपाध्यक्ष श्री किमीओ हिरोईके ने एअर इंडिया के भू सेवा विभाग को एक प्रशंसा प्रमाण-पत्र प्रदान किया. पिछले दस वर्षों से दिल्ली के आईजीआई एअरपोर्ट पर जाल की उड़ानों की रैम्प हैंडलिंग सेवाओं के लिए यह प्रशंसा प्रमाण-पत्र दिया गया है. पत्र में लिखा था, 'यह अथक प्रयासों और कार्यक्षम संघर्ष का परिणाम है.'

एअर इंडिया का भू सेवा विभाग जापान एअरलाइन को पिछले 25 वर्षों से रैम्प हैंडलिंग सेवा उनकी आवश्यकता एवं संतुष्टि के अनुरूप प्रदान करता आ रहा है.

भू सेवा विभाग की सेवा के लिए जापान एअरलाइन समय-समय पर अपनी प्रशंसा प्रकट करती रही है.

भू सेवा विभाग, दिल्ली का हार्दिक अभिनंदन!

दसवीं एअर इंडिया गोल्फ प्रतियोगिता

दसवीं एअर इंडिया गोल्फ प्रतियोगिता में निगमित क्षेत्र/दूतावासों/केन्द्रीय एवं राज्य सरकार के अधिकारी-गण उपस्थित थे. यह प्रतियोगिता 31 मार्च-1 अप्रैल 2007 को यूएस क्लब मुंबई में आयोजित की गई थी. इस कार्यक्रम ने निगमित जगत में एअर इंडिया के भविष्यकालीन योजनाओं संबंधी काफ़ी उत्सुकता जगाई.

प्रतियोगिता के बाद पुरस्कार वितरण समारोह और रात्रि-भोज भी आयोजित किया गया था. यूएस क्लब के समुद्रसान्निध्य के माहौल में श्री किम कार्डोझ ने जैज़ संगीत और गीत प्रस्तुत किए.

सुश्री वी. देशपांडे, उप प्रबंधक-विक्रय ने कार्यक्रम का योग्य समन्वयन किया.



चित्र में विजेताओं के साथ वाणिज्य निदेशक श्री वी. के. चर्मा, एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी कैप्टन पी. पी. सिंह (बाएं से पांचवें) और श्री डी. किशोर वाणिज्य प्रबंधक-पश्चिमी भारत (बाएं से दूसरे) दिख रहे हैं.

दो एअरबस 310 विमान भारवाही में रूपांतरित

अगस्त 1990 में बेड़े में शामिल हुए 'कृष्णा' (वीटी-ईक्यूएस) और 'नर्मदा' (वीटी-ईक्यूटी) एअरबस 310-300 विमानों को भारवाहक विमानों में रूपांतरित किया गया है. रूपांतरण कार्य सर्वश्री युरोपीयन एरोनाटिक डिफेन्स एवं स्पेस कंपनी को दिया गया है, जो एअरबस इंडस्ट्री की नियंत्रित कंपनी है.

चार महीनों की रूपांतरण प्रक्रिया के बाद 'कृष्णा' विमान 24 अप्रैल 2007 को जर्मनी के ड्रेस्डेन में संपूर्ण किया गया और 25 अप्रैल को बेड़े में शामिल हुआ. 'नर्मदा' 25 मई 2007 को प्राप्त होने की संभावना है.

एअर इंडिया का कार्गो हैंडलिंग

एअर इंडिया सभी प्रकार का कार्गो दुनिया के किसी भी स्थान के लिए वहन करता है. हमारे कुशल और अनुभवी कर्मचारी किसी प्रकार के सामान को विश्व में कहीं भी बिना अवरोध ले जाने में सक्षम हैं. हमारी कार्गो उड़ानों पर ले जाए जाने वाली वस्तुओं में भारी मशीनें, कम्प्यूटर हार्डवेयर, खतरनाक सामान (जोखिमवाला सामान), केमिकल, जीवित प्राणी, नाशवान सामान, हीरे-जवाहरात आदि शामिल हैं.

ऑरबिस फ्लाईंग नेत्र अस्पताल के लिए एअर इंडिया की ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग

अपनी सामाजिक जिम्मेदारियों के प्रति जागरूक एअर इंडिया ने ऑरबिस फ्लाईंग नेत्र अस्पताल को 50 प्रतिशत खर्च तत्वों पर उनके मुंबई में छत्रपति शिवाजी अंतरराष्ट्रीय एअरपोर्ट पर 28 मार्च 2007 को उतरे डीसी-10 विमान को ग्राउंड हैंडलिंग सुविधा उपलब्ध करायी.

ऑरबिस फ्लाईंग नेत्र अस्पताल में प्रसिद्ध लोटस नेत्र अस्पताल के 150 से ज्यादा डाक्टर, 20 नर्स और कई तकनीशियनों को प्रशिक्षण दिया गया. ऑरबिस और लोटस के टीम सदस्यों ने शल्यचिकित्सा, लेज़र आदि क्षेत्रों में ज्ञान और जानकारी का आदान-प्रदान किया.

फ्लाईंग नेत्र अस्पताल में शल्यचिकित्सा करते हुए वीडियो द्वारा प्रशिक्षण सत्र भी लिया गया जिसमें चर्चा के साथ शल्यचिकित्सा की गतिविधि की जानकारी भी दी गई. दो सप्ताह का चिकित्सा प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम भारत के हजारों मरीजों की चिकित्सा में मददगार साबित होगा.

विश्व की एकमात्र नेत्र शल्यचिकित्सा और प्रशिक्षण सुविधा देने वाला यह अस्पताल ऑरबिस इंटरनेशनल का एक हिस्सा है, जो विश्वभर के जरूरतमंद मानवतावादी संगठनों द्वारा दृष्टि संबंधी कार्य बगैर लाभ के करता है.

भारत में दृष्टिहीन और नेत्र संबंधी दौर्बल्य से ग्रस्त बच्चों की संख्या विश्व में सबसे अधिक है. ऑरबिस, फेडेक्स और अन्य सामाजिक संगठनों की मदद से इन बच्चों की सहायता के लिए भारत भर में वर्ष 2010 तक 50 नेत्र सुविधा केन्द्र बनवाना चाहती है. प्रत्येक केन्द्र लगभग दो करोड़ लोगों की सहायता करने में सक्षम होगा. ऑरबिस अपने इस कार्यक्रम के तहत महाराष्ट्र में चार सहायता केन्द्रों की स्थापना कर चुकी है.



एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की पांच नई उड़ानें

ग्रीष्म ऋतु समय सारणी के 25 मार्च 2007 के लागू होने से एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस पांच नई उड़ानें शुरू कर रही है, जो इस प्रकार हैं:

- मुंबई-दोहा/बाहरिन
- मैंगलोर-दोहा/बाहरिन
- त्रिची-दुबई
- त्रिची-सिंगापुर और
- चेन्नई-कोलंबो

दोहा-बाहरिन-मैंगलोर

कतार के भारतीय राजदूत डा. जॉर्ज जोसेफ ने आमंत्रितों की उपस्थिति में दोहा अंतरराष्ट्रीय एअरपोर्ट से एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की प्रथम उड़ान संख्या आईएक्स-814 को हरी झंडी

दिखाई. एअरलाइन के नए बोइंग 737-800 वीटी-एचएक्स विमान से कैप्टन अविनाश चिकटे ने उड़ान की कमान संभाली.

चेन्नई-कोलंबो

एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की प्रथम चेन्नई-कोलंबो (सीएमबी) उड़ान 26 मार्च 2007 को लगभग पूर्ण क्षमता के साथ प्रचालित की गई. इस उड़ान का कोलंबो में भारतीय दूतावास के अर्थशास्त्रीय तथा वाणिज्यिक काउन्सिलर श्री संजय सुधीर तथा श्रीलंकाई नागरिक विमानन अधिकारियों ने स्वागत किया.

वापसी की उड़ान को श्री सुधीर, एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के मुख्य प्रचालन अधिकारी

कैप्टन

पी.पी.सिंह

और

एअरलाइन के कोलंबो के जीएसए ग्रुप के उपाध्यक्ष श्री मोहन पंडिथागे ने हरी झंडी दिखाई.

चेन्नई और कोलंबो के बीच उड़ान क्र. आईएक्स-



एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की कोलंबो-चेन्नई प्रथम उड़ान के उपलक्ष्य में आयोजित एक कार्यक्रम के दौरान चित्र में एअरलाइन के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी कैप्टन पी. पी. सिंह, प्रबंधक-तमिलनाडु श्री सी. एस. सुबैय्या, श्रीलंका के भारतीय राजदूत श्री आलोक प्रसाद, कोलंबो में हमारे जीएसए हेलीज ग्रुप के अध्यक्ष एवं मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी श्री अंग विक्रमरत्ने तथा एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की बर्दी में कोलंबो के कर्मचारी-गण दिख रहे हैं.

671/आईएक्स-672 प्रतिदिन प्रचालित की जा रही है और शुरुआती दरों के तौर पर कर्ों सहित वापसी किराया रु. 6,350/- रखा गया है.

त्रिची-दुबई/सिंगापुर

मंदिरों के शहर त्रिची से दुबई और सिंगापुर के लिए उड़ानें प्रचालित करने से एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के लिए 26 मार्च 2007 को त्रिची (टीआरझेड) दसवां भारतीय ऑनलाइन स्टेशन बना. यह उड़ान त्रिची-दुबई-त्रिची-सिंगापुर-त्रिची मार्ग पर सप्ताह में तीन बार चलायी जाएगी. एक्सप्रेस के लिए 26 मार्च 2007 को त्रिची (टीआरझेड) दसवां भारतीय ऑनलाइन स्टेशन

बना. यह उड़ान त्रिची-दुबई-त्रिची-सिंगापुर-त्रिची मार्ग पर सप्ताह में तीन बार चलायी जाएगी.

नई उड़ानों के शुरू होने से अब एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस कुल दस अंतरराष्ट्रीय शहरों जैसे दुबई, शारजाह, अबू धाबी, अल ऐन, मस्कत, सालालाह, बाहरिन, दोहा, सिंगापुर और कोलम्बो के लिए उड़ानें प्रचालित कर रही है. यह उड़ानें भारत से भी कोजिकोड, कोच्चि, तिरुवनंतपुरम, मुंबई, दिल्ली, पुणे, अमृतसर, चेन्नई, मैंगलोर और त्रिची इन दस शहरों से प्रचालित की जा रही हैं.



नई उड़ान के उद्घाटन समारोह के लिए विशेष रूप से बनाए केक को काटते हुए भारतीय राजदूत डॉ. जॉर्ज जोसेफ. उपस्थितों में तत्कालीन प्रबंधक-कतार श्री देवाशीष गोल्डर, यात्री संपर्क एवं एअरपोर्ट प्रबंधक सुश्री विजया सागलगिले और विक्रय प्रबंधक-दोहा श्री जोसेफ सेबास्टियन भी शामिल थे.

एअरबस 310 की बिक्री और पुनः लीज का सौदा

एअर इंडिया ने अपने इतिहास में पहली बार भावी ठेकेदारों/बैंकों से अपनी छह एअरबस 310-300 विमानों की बिक्री और पुनः लीज पर लेने के लिए प्रस्ताव मंगवाए हैं.

एअर इंडिया इस प्रस्ताव से युरोपीय बैंक को विमान बेच कर उन्हें पुनः लीज पर लेकर अपना प्रचालन जारी रखेगी. इससे एअर इंडिया को लगभग 350 करोड़ रुपए प्राप्त होंगे और कैपिटल रीइनवेस्टमेंट करने की सहूलियत उपलब्ध होगी.

नए जीएमआर हैदराबाद अंतरराष्ट्रीय एअरपोर्ट लि. की भू सेवा का अनुबंध एअर इंडिया को प्राप्त

एअर इंडिया ने इंडियन और सिंगापुर एअरपोर्ट टर्मिनल सर्विसेज (सैट्स) के सहयोग से हैदराबाद के शमसाबाद में नए उभरते जीएमआर हैदराबाद अंतरराष्ट्रीय एअरपोर्ट लि. की भू सेवा का ठेका प्राप्त किया है. चुने गए दो अनुबंधकों में से एअर इंडिया के अलावा दूसरी कंपनी है सर्वश्री मेनेजिस बूबा ग्रुप.

नए एअरपोर्ट ने भू सेवा के लिए निविदाएं मंगवाई थी और यह एअरपोर्ट 01 मार्च 2008 से प्रचालन के लिए शुरू होने की अपेक्षा है.

एअर इंडिया और इंडियन इस सम्मिलित (जॉइंट वेंचर) के 51 प्रति शत के भागी हैं (एअर

सहचर मुफ्त योजना की अवधि बढ़ायी

सहचर मुफ्त योजना की अवधि 31 मार्च 2008 तक बढ़ायी गयी है. यह योजना एअर इंडिया की उड़ानों पर आयटा के संपूर्ण टिकट दरों के टिकट तीनों श्रेणियों - प्रथम, एक्जीक्यूटिव एवं किफायती - में एक दिशा या वापसी टिकटों पर यात्रा करने वाले यात्रियों के लिए भारत और यूके/यूरोप/अमरीका/कनाडा या अमरीका/कनाडा और यूके/यूरोप मार्ग पर यात्रा के लिए उपलब्ध होगी.

एअर इंडिया के कोड शेयर उड़ानों के लिए यह योजना उपलब्ध नहीं होगी. एअर इंडिया की मुंबई-अमरीका मार्ग पर इस वर्ष शुरू की जाने वाली नई अविराम उड़ानों पर भी यह योजना वैध नहीं होगी.

सहचर मुफ्त योजना के अंतर्गत दोनों यात्रियों को अंतरराष्ट्रीय यात्रा के प्रथम चरण में एक साथ यात्रा करनी होगी परंतु वापसी में वे अलग-अलग यात्रा कर सकते हैं. अगर यात्रा में इंटरलाइन यात्रा का भी समावेश हो तो सहचर के टिकट पर सरचार्ज भी लागू होगा.

इंडिया 26 प्रति शत और इंडियन 25 प्रति शत) तथा सैट्स के पास 49 प्रति शत की भागीदारी होगी.

वर्तमान हैदराबाद एअरपोर्ट पर इंडियन की अवसंरचना प्रणाली उपलब्ध होने के कारण एअर इंडिया, इंडियन तथा सैट्स के दल को इस नए एअरपोर्ट के अन्य एअरलाइनों की भू सेवा का लगभग 60 प्रतिशत भाग मिलने की आशा है.

एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस का सातवां बोइंग 737-800 विमान बेड़े में शामिल

एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस का सातवां बोइंग 737-800 विमान वीटी-एचएक्सयू सिएटल से 14 मई 2007 को खाना होकर 21 मई 2007 को मुंबई में दाखिल हुआ.

एअरलाइन के पहले अन्य विमानों की ही तरह इस विमान की पूंछ पर भी एक तरफ दिल्ली के कुतुब मिनार और दूसरी तरफ जंतर मंतर का चित्र है.

कुतुब मिनार, विश्व की सबसे ऊंचा इटों से बना मिनार है जो लाल रंग के रेतपत्थरों से बनवाया गया है तथा इस पर इस्लाम के पवित्र ग्रंथ 'कुरान' की आयतें खोदी गई हैं. यह मिनार भारतीय-इस्लाम निर्माण के प्रतीक का एक उत्कृष्ट नमूना तथा युनेस्को की विश्व धरोहर स्थान की सूची में शामिल है. दिल्ली के प्रथम शासक कुतुबुद्दीन ऐबक ने इस मिनार का निर्माण कार्य सन 1200 में शुरू किया था जिसे 1368 में फिरोज शाह तुगलक ने पूरा किया.

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साज/औजार और मंत्र-फार्मूला, है. भिन्न-भिन्न ग्रहों को दर्शाते यंत्र, जैसे सूर्य घड़ी आदि यहां बनाए हैं. जयपुर के महाराजा जयसिंह ने कई वेधशालाओं का निर्माण जयपुर, वाराणसी, उज्जैन और मथुरा आदि शहरों में किया है और जंतर मंतर उन्हीं में से एक है.

नए विमान के आने से एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस के बेड़े में विमान संख्या कुल 14 - सात एअरलाइन के अपने और सात लीज पर लिए गए - हो गई है.



मंतर, एक अनूठी इमारत है जो सन 1724 में दिल्ली में थी. वास्तव नाम 'यंत्र-अर्थ, यंत्र -

वायुसेना के पायलट एअर इंडिया में

एअर इंडिया और भारतीय वायुसेना ने अप्रैल 2007 को एक समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए जिसके अनुसार वायुसेना नियमित रूप से अपने पायलटों को एअर इंडिया में सेवा के लिए मुक्त करती रहेगी. वायुसेना के पायलट उच्च कौशल प्राप्त और कई वर्षों के अनुभवी भी हैं. समझौते के चलते एअर इंडिया पायलट अनुपलब्धि की समस्या पर मात कर एक मजबूत एअरलाइन बनके उभर सकेगी.

वायुसेना के तेरह पायलटों - छह एअर वाइस मार्शल, छह एअर कोमोडोर और एक ग्रुप कैप्टन - का एक दल जल्द ही एअर इंडिया में शामिल होगा. ये सभी हमारी बोइंग 737-800 विमानों पर प्रशिक्षित किए जाने पर एअर इंडिया एक्सप्रेस की उड़ानों के प्रचालन का भार ग्रहण करेंगे.

हिन्दी कार्यशाला

मुंबई

सेवाकालीन हिन्दी प्राज्ञ प्रशिक्षण पूरा करने वाले अधिकारियों/कर्मचारियों के लिए 27 मार्च, 2007 को ओल्ड एअरपोर्ट, सांताक्रुज़ स्थित



अतिथि वक्ता श्री राजेन्द्र सिंह रावत जी के साथ है सहायक महाप्रबंधक-राजभाषा, सुश्री कमल भोजवानी तथा हिन्दी कार्यशाला के सभी प्रतिभागी और हिन्दी अनुभाग के अन्य अधिकारी गण.

हिन्दी प्रशिक्षण केन्द्र, टीएचक्यू बिल्डिंग, दूसरी मंजिल में एक दिवसीय हिन्दी कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया, जिसमें विभिन्न विभागों के

राजभाषा अधिकारी, न्यू इंडिया एश्युरेंस कंपनी लि., मुंबई ने “हिन्दी पत्राचार” तथा श्री राम विचार यादव, उप प्रबंधक-राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन, हिन्दुस्तान पेट्रोलियम कॉर्पोरेशन लि., मुंबई ने

“पारिभाषिक शब्दावली” नामक विषयों पर व्याख्यान दिए, जिसे सभी प्रतिभागियों ने सराहा.

कार्यशाला के अंत में प्रतिभागियों ने आमंत्रित वक्ताओं द्वारा दिए गए अमूल्य मार्गदर्शन के लिए उनका धन्यवाद व्यक्त किया और सभी ने आश्वासन दिया कि वे अपने-अपने कार्यालयों में अधिक से अधिक काम हिन्दी में करेंगे.

कोलकाता

राजभाषा विभाग, गृह मंत्रालय के वार्षिक कार्यक्रम के अनुपालन में 24 जनवरी, 2007



अतिथि वक्ता श्री राजेन्द्र सिंह रावत जी का पुष्पगुच्छ से स्वागत करते हुए हिन्दी अनुभाग की अधिकारी-हिन्दी, सुश्री सुनीता पुजारे.

24 अधिकारियों/कर्मचारियों ने भाग लिया.

कार्यशाला का संचालन हिन्दी अनुभाग के उप प्रबंधक-राजभाषा, श्री आर. वी. सामंत ने किया. सुश्री कमल भोजवानी, सहायक

महाप्रबंधक-राजभाषा ने कार्यक्रम के अतिथि वक्ता श्री राजेन्द्र सिंह रावत, सहायक निदेशक एवं प्रभारी, क्षेत्रीय कार्यान्वयन कार्यालय,

राजभाषा विभाग, नवी मुंबई तथा सभी प्रतिभागियों का स्वागत किया और अतिथि वक्ता का परिचय करते हुए हिन्दी कार्यशाला के

उद्देश्य के बारे में प्रतिभागियों को जानकारी दी. इसके पश्चात् “राजभाषा नीति” विषय पर

अपना व्याख्यान आरंभ करने से पहले श्री रावत ने विषय की पृष्ठभूमि को बड़ी सरल भाषा में

विशद करते हुए कहा कि सरकार ने राजभाषा हिन्दी के कार्यान्वयन के लिए अधिनियम/नियम

बनाए हैं और ये अधिनियम/नियम सभी केन्द्र सरकार के कार्यालयों, सरकारी उपक्रमों पर लागू

होते हैं और इनका अनुपालन करना हमारे लिए आवश्यक है.

इस कार्यशाला के अन्य आमंत्रित वक्ताओं श्री कलीम खान, सहायक निदेशक-राजभाषा,

महानगर टेलीफोन निगम लिमिटेड, मुंबई ने “हिन्दी व्याकरण”, श्री विद्याभूषण तिवारी,

को कोलकाता स्थित एअर इंडिया के नगर कार्यालय में हिन्दी कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया. इस कार्यशाला में नगर कार्यालय तथा एअरपोर्ट के 12 अधिकारियों / कर्मचारियों ने भाग लिया.

श्री बी. मुखर्जी, ग्राहक संपर्क प्रबंधक-पूर्वी भारत ने हिन्दी कार्यशाला का उद्घाटन किया. इस अवसर पर उन्होंने अतिथि वक्ता श्रीमती सुशिमता भट्टाचार्य, अनुसंधान अधिकारी, क्षेत्रीय कार्यान्वयन कार्यालय का स्वागत किया. अपने स्वागत भाषण में श्री मुखर्जी ने कहा कि एअर इंडिया कोलकाता को हमेशा से ही राजभाषा विभाग का सहयोग प्राप्त होता रहा है.

कार्यशाला के प्रथम सत्र में श्रीमती सुशिमता भट्टाचार्य ने राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन तथा तत्संबंधी जांच-बिंदुओं के बारे में अवगत कराया और सभी अनुभागाध्यक्षों द्वारा इसका सुनिश्चय करने की आवश्यकता के बारे में बताया.

भोजनोपरांत द्वितीय सत्र में श्रीमती पूनम दीक्षित, सहायक निदेशक, हिन्दी शिक्षण योजना (पूर्व) ने “सरल एवं व्यावहारिक हिन्दी का प्रयोग, व्याकरणिक भूलों से बचने के उपाय” से संबंधित जानकारी प्रतिभागियों को दी. उन्होंने कहा कि किसी भी भाषा का मूल उद्देश्य होता है संप्रेषण. सरल, सहज संप्रेषण ही भाषा को जीवंत बनाता है व भाषा के उद्देश्य को मुकम्मल



हिन्दी कार्यशाला में सम्मिलित एअर इंडिया के अधिकारी/कर्मचारी गण.

करता है. कार्यालयीन हिन्दी सहज, सरल और भाषाई तौर पर उपयोगी होनी चाहिए.

तत्पश्चात् श्री एन. के. प्रसाद, वरिष्ठ प्रबंधक-राजभाषा ने हिन्दी में लीव कार्ड भरना, रजिस्ट्रों में हिन्दी में एंट्री करना, फॉर्मों को हिन्दी में भरना सिखाया. इस कक्षा में हिन्दी नोटिंग लिखने का भी अभ्यास कराया गया.

कार्यशाला के अंत में कार्यशाला का मूल्यांकन किया गया, ताकि कार्यशाला की सफलता व उपयोगिता के संबंध में जानकारी प्राप्त की जा सके.

श्री एन.के. प्रसाद के धन्यवाद ज्ञापन के साथ हिन्दी कार्यशाला का समापन हुआ.

बैंगलुरु

बैंगलुरु स्टेशन के नगर तथा एअरपोर्ट

कार्यालय के अधिकारियों/कर्मचारियों के लिए युनिटी बिल्डिंग के सी.एस.आई हॉल में 9 मार्च 2007 को हिन्दी कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया, जिसमें 23 अधिकारियों/कर्मचारियों ने भाग लिया.

इस कार्यशाला का उद्घाटन करते हुए श्री रतन बाली, तत्कालीन प्रबंधक-कर्नाटक ने कार्यशाला के अतिथि वक्ता श्री विश्वनाथ झा, उप निदेशक (कार्यान्वयन), राजभाषा विभाग, बैंगलुरु का पुष्पगुच्छ से स्वागत किया तथा उनका परिचय दिया.

श्री विश्वनाथ झा ने दोनों कार्यशालाओं के प्रतिभागियों को राजभाषा ‘हिन्दी के प्रयोग के लिए सरकार के महत्वपूर्ण निर्देश और उनके प्रति हमारा दायित्व’ नामक विषय पर जानकारी दी तथा रोजमर्रा के कामकाज में हिन्दी का प्रयोग करने के लिए आवश्यक मार्गदर्शन दिया.

दोनों हिन्दी कार्यशालाओं का संचालन श्रीमती मीरा तंत्री, सहायक अधिकारी-प्रशासन एवं हिन्दी प्रभारी ने किया.



नगर कार्यालय के स्टाफ सदस्यों के लिए आयोजित हिन्दी कार्यशाला में सम्मिलित प्रतिभागी सबसे बीच बैठे हुए श्री विश्वनाथ झा, उप निदेशक (कार्यान्वयन), राजभाषा विभाग, बैंगलुरु.



बैंगलुरु एअरपोर्ट पर कार्यरत स्टाफ-सदस्यों के लिए आयोजित हिन्दी कार्यशाला में सम्मिलित प्रतिभागी. सबसे बीच बैठे हुए श्री विश्वनाथ झा, उप निदेशक (कार्यान्वयन), राजभाषा विभाग, बैंगलुरु.