

AIR-INDIA INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

Chronological Diary of Events

1.4.54 to 31.3.55

1. The year opened with a fleet of 4 Constellations with 4 services a week on the India/U.K. route and two services a week on the India/East Africa route.
2. 6th June Fleet
Lockheed Super-Constellation Model L1049C arrived at Santa Cruz.
Name of aircraft : "Rani of Jhansi".
Registration Marks: VT-DGL.
3. 19th June India/U.K. Route
Inaugural flight of Super-Constellation "Rani of Jhansi".
4. 4th July India/Malaya Route
Proving Flight operated to Singapore.
5. 16th July India/Malaya Route
Inaugural flight with L749 Constellation aircraft to Singapore via Madras.
Madras office opened for operation.
Singapore office opened for operation.
6. 25th July India/Japan Route
Proving flight operated to Bangkok/Hongkong/Tokyo
7. 30th July Fleet
Second Super-Constellation L1049C arrived at Santa Cruz.
Name of aircraft: "Rani of Ind".
Registration Marks: VT-DGM.
8. 14th August India/Japan route
Inaugural flight operated with L749 aircraft to Hong Kong via Calcutta and Bangkok.
Calcutta Office opened for operation.
Bangkok office opened for operation.
Hong Kong office opened for operation.
9. 16th November Fleet
DC-3 Dakota aircraft purchased from IAC.
Registration Marks: VT-CGP.
Aircraft intended for carriage of freight.
10. 8th March Domestic extension
Extension to Delhi increased to 3 frequency per week.

11. 20th March

Fleet

Lockheed Super-Constellation L1049-E arrived Santa Cruz.
Name of aircraft : "Rani of Chittoor".
Registration Marks: VT-DHN

12. 31st March 1955

Summary

Miles flown	38,15,000
Passengers carried	44,362
Total Revenue	4,83,66,000
Total Expenditure	4,69,71,000
No. of staff employed	2,666

Fleet

4 Lockheed Constellations Model L749.

Regn. Marks

Name

VT-DAR	"Mahzatha Princess".
VT-DAS	"Himalayan Princess".
VT-DEO	"Bengal Princess".
VT-DET	"Kashmir Princess".

3 Lockheed Super-Constellations Model L1049C & E

Regn. Marks

Name

VT-DGL	"Rani of Jhansi" -	L1049C.
VT-DGM	"Rani of Ind" -	L1949C.
VT-DHN	"Rani of Chittoor"-	L1049E.

1 VI-CGP DC-3 Dakota.