

AIR-INDIA INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

Chronological Diary of Events

1.4.1955 to 31.3.1956

1. The year opened with 4 Lockheed Constellations, 3 Super Constellations and 1 DC-3 Dakota aircraft with 4 services a week on the India/U.K. route, 2 services a week on the India/East Africa route, one service on the India/Malaya route and one service a week on the India/Hong Kong route.
2. 3rd April Fleet  
Lockheed Super-Constellation L1049E arrived at Santa Cruz  
Name of aircraft: "Rani of Ajanta".  
Registration Marks: VT-DHL.
3. 11th April Fleet  
Lockheed Constellation aircraft VT-DEP "Kashmir Princess" Sabotaged near Great Natuna Island, Indonesia.
4. 29th April Fleet  
Lockheed Super-Constellation L1049E arrived at Santa Cruz  
Name of aircraft: "Rani of Ellora".  
Registration Marks: VT-DHM.
5. 7th May India/Japan Route  
Bombay/Calcutta/Hong Kong service extended to Tokyo.
6. 11th May India/U.K. Route  
Frequency increased to 5 per week.
7. 29th May India/U.K. route  
Dusseldorf served twice per week.
8. 29th May Off-line Sales Offices  
Sales Office opened at Birmingham.
9. 24th June Off-line Sales Offices  
Sales office opened at Manchester.
10. 1st July Off-line Sales Offices  
Sales offices opened at Stuttgart and Milan.
11. 1st July India/U.K. Route  
Frequency increased to 6 per week.
12. 2nd July India/U.K. Route  
First class Express Service - "Flying Rani" - introduced to London with a halt at Cairo.
13. 4th July India/U.K. Route  
Beirut established as a scheduled halt.  
Zurich established as a scheduled halt.



14. 6th July Domestic Extension  
Round-Robbin Bombay/Calcutta/Delhi and Bombay/Delhi/Calcutta services introduced once per week.
15. 27th July Domestic Extension  
Round-Robbin introduced on 6th July discontinued.
16. 1st October India/U.K. Route  
All flights operated with Super-Constellations.
17. 1st November Off-line Sales Office  
Sales Offices opened at Hamburg and Osaka.
18. 2nd November Domestic Extension  
Round-Robbin Bombay/Calcutta/Delhi/Bombay re-introduced on a frequency of once per week.
19. 14th November Off-line Sales Office  
Sales Office opened at Alexandria.
20. 15th November India/U.K. Route  
Slumberettes introduced on L1049 aircraft in the first class service.
21. 5th January India/Japan Route  
Frequency of service increased to 2 per week.
22. 6th January India/East Africa Route  
Lockheed L1049 Super-constellation aircraft introduced once per week to Nairobi.
23. 31st March Summary  

Miles flown	51,63,261
Passengers carried	62,079
Total Revenue	6,86,21,000
Total Expenditure	6,82,43,000
No. of staff employed	3,395

Fleet of aircraft

3 Constellations (Lockheed Model L749).

<u>Regn. Marks</u>	<u>Name</u>
VT-DAR	"Maharatta Princess".
VT-DAS	"Himalayan Princess".
VT-DEO	"Bengal Princess".

5 Super-Constellations (Lockheed Model 1049)

VT-DGL	"Rani of Jhansi" -L1049C.
VT-DGM	"Rani of Ind" -L1049C.
VT-DHN	"Rani of Chitoor"-L1049E.
VT-DHL	"Rani of Ajanta" -L1049E.
VT-DHM	"Rani of Ellora" -L1049E.

1 DC-3 Dakota - VT-CGP.