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-DHE.

3. 11th April

**Fleet**


4. 29th April

**Fleet**

Lockheed Super-Constellation L1049E arrived at Santa Cruz.
Name of aircraft: "Rani of Ellora".
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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**

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**Fleet of aircraft**

3 Constellations (Lockheed Model L749).

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5 Super-Constellations (Lockheed Model L1049)

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1 DC-3 Dakota - VT-CGP.