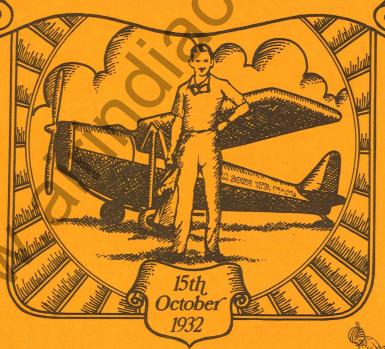
years!

40 years ago a Puss Moth took off from Drigh Road, Karachi and landed on a strip at Juhu, Bombay. That eventful day was October 15,1932. The pilot of the plane was J. R. D. Tata.



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Four decades



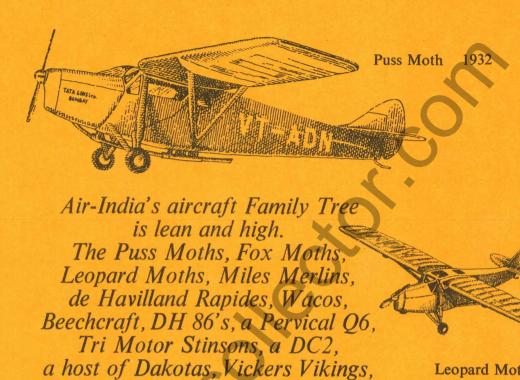
That Puss Moth was India's first take-off.

40 long, rewarding years lie between that tiny Moth and the giant Boeing 747, Emperor Vikramaditya, when it touched down at Santa Cruz on June 4, 1972.

The pioneering years of building roadways in the Indian skies.
The lean years, the bright years, the war years.
We saw birth with the Aviation Department of Tata Sons Limited.

on to Tata Airlines, Air-India Limited, Air-India International, and back to Air-India, our country's flag carrier. And this name will never change.

1948. The year
we crossed the seas
over oceans and deserts—
a free people.
That year we stood
on our own two feet
against the world's
finest competition and
made a profit
and continued to do so,
year after year.

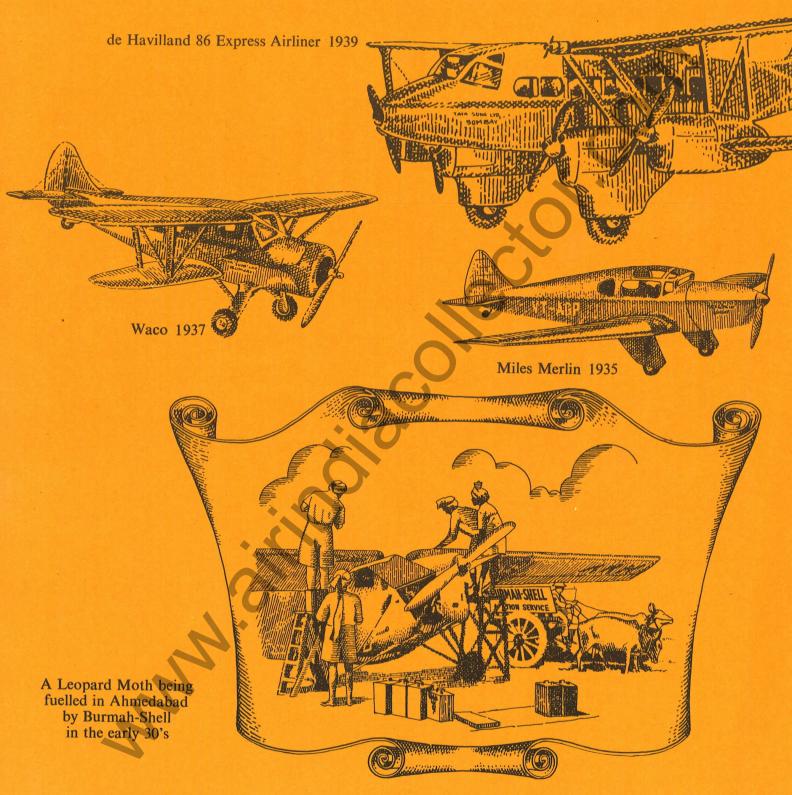


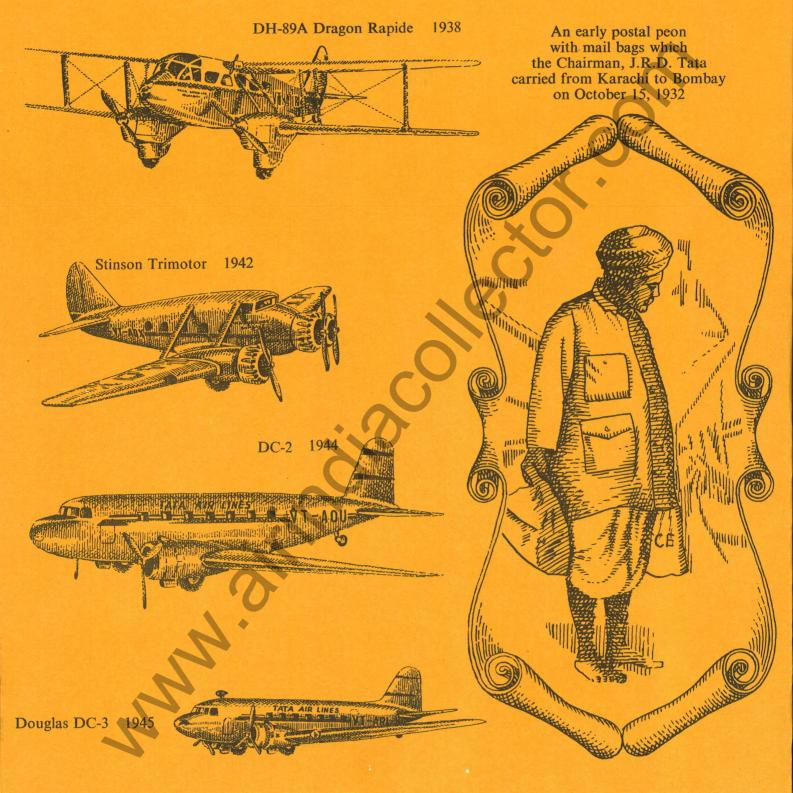
a DC4, Lockheed Constellations

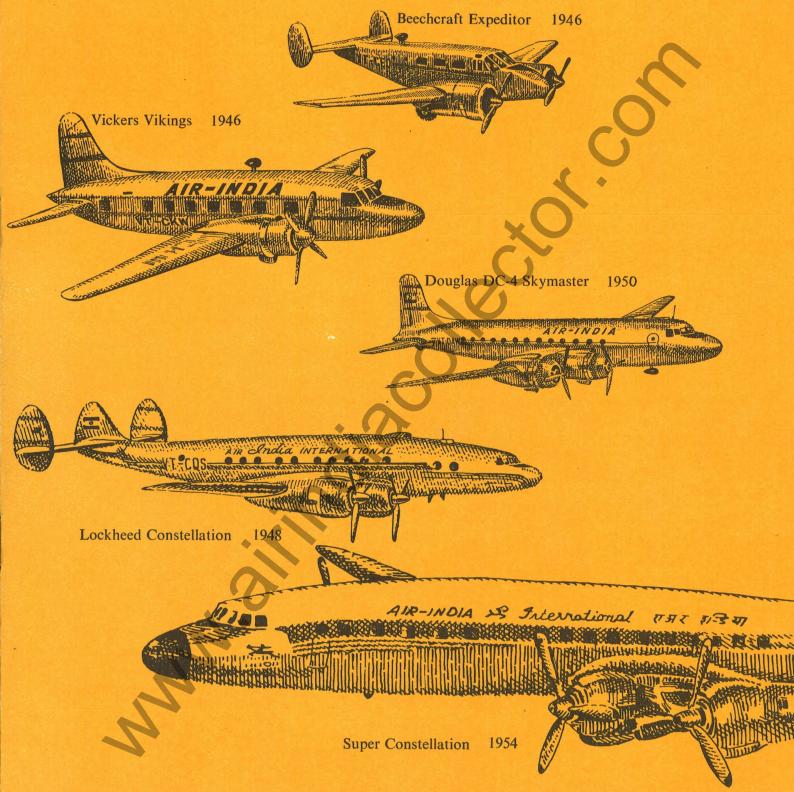
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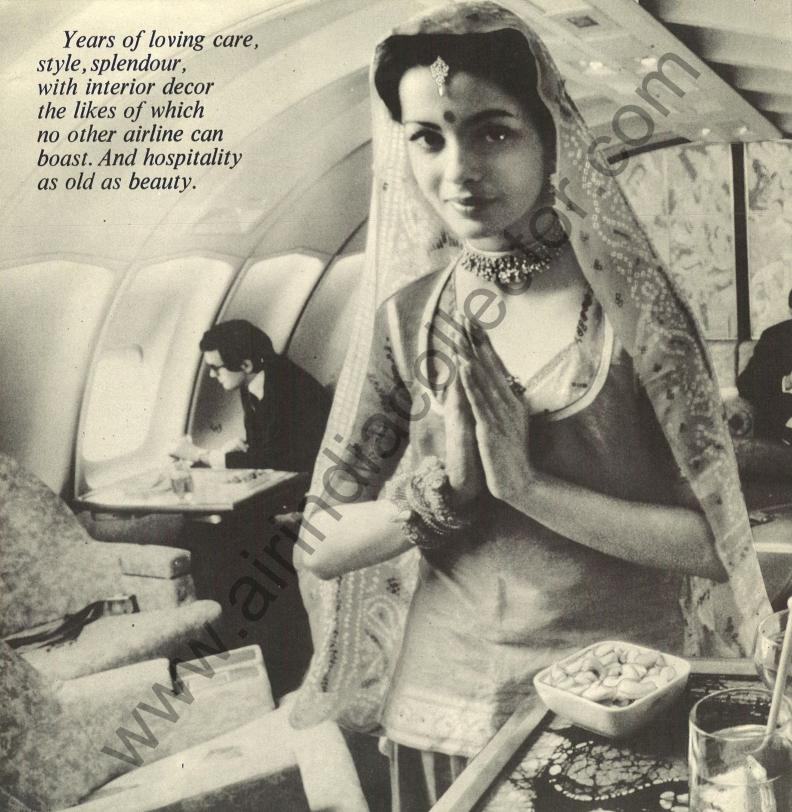




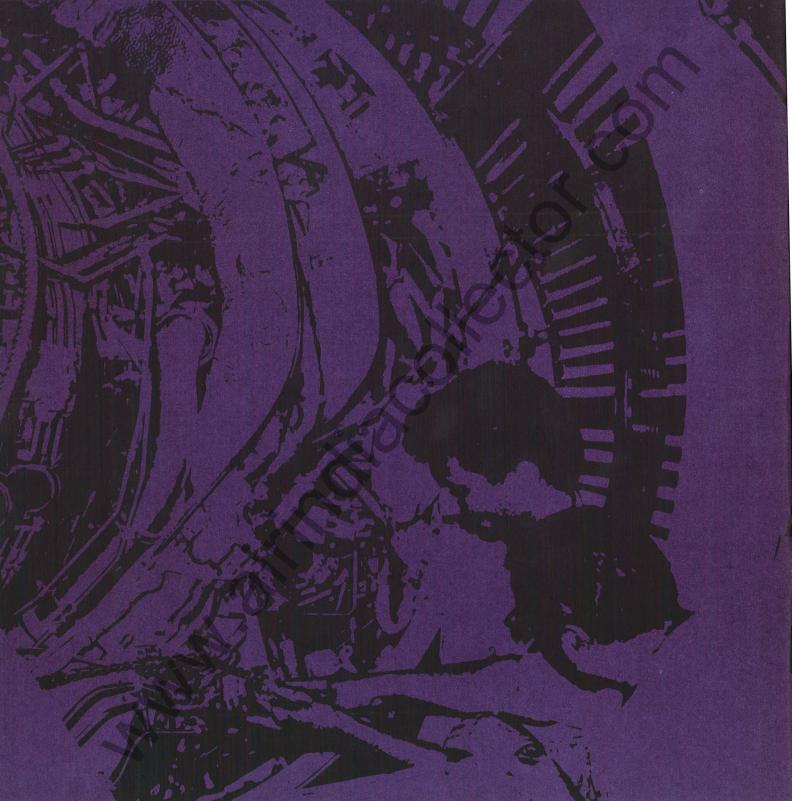


And then the jet era with
the Boeing 707's.
Finally, more than a decade later
the great big silver ship of the air,
the largest commercial plane in the world:
the Boeing 747.
Truly, your palace in the sky.

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From jewelled handmaidens to gleaming turbine blades, perfection at every turn.

A block overhaul every 10,000 hours.

A major check at multiple of 1,200 hours.

The latest techniques in training for Air-India's flight crew and ground

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Multi-million dollar flight simulators pass pilots through the toughest occupational hazards.

A mock-up of the galley and aircraft interior prepares hostesses and pursers for their career in the air.
Refresher courses

for engineers, mechanics, traffic and administrative staff.

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Management training however is on a system-wide basis.







