

**ODYSSEY AI - 27 AND AI-28
with Shariar Karim's
“MILESTONES AND MEMORIES”**

LAST FLIGHT : AI- 26 on 12th October 2020, “We Lived This Day Twice”
THIS FLIGHT : AI- 27 on 15th October 2020, “60 TODAY”
THIS FLIGHT: AI- 28 on 15th October 2020, “70 TODAY”
LATER TODAY -AI -29 on 15th October 2020 “ On the Wings of a Dream”
AI- 29A on 15th October 2020 “ 88 Today”



15.10.2020, is the 88th year that India's national carrier Air-India has been carrying the National Flag proudly and high across the globe. Covered in my Memoirs are three Milestones, the 60th, 70th and 71st years of it's cruise through the history of our country, which I am pleased to share with you here today, along with a special tribute on its 88th Anniversary – Today.



“ MILESTONES AND MEMORIES –27 ”

**NAMASKAAR, WELCOME ABOARD FLIGHT AI-27,
On Thursday 15THOctober,2020**

**Turning back the pages of history, Today we have
reached the 15TH OF OCTOBER 1992.**

THIS DAY, THAT YEAR, We celebrated -

“SIXTY TODAY”

**A glorious landmark in the history of our great
Airline – Today, we have completed sixty years as
the National Flag Carrier of our country. Glowing
tributes were paid by many on this day, here are
some special ones from eminent personalities
which appeared in the Magic Carpet.**

**Privileged to have my poem ‘ Sixty Today’ appear
alongside, on the same page.**

MAGIC CARPET

I congratulate Air-India on the occasion of its Diamond Jubilee. In the last 60 years Air-India has acquired a distinct image and carved a niche for itself in international civil aviation. It has flown India's culture in all its fascinating colour to distant lands. It has maintained its national character and acquired a reputation for efficiency and hospitality across the world.

I convey my best wishes to all the personnel of Air-India on this happy occasion.

P.V. Narasimha Rao
*Prime Minister,
New Delhi*

It gives me great pleasure to be associated with the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of Air-India.

I am happy to be reminded that a modest effort launched by me in a spirit of adventure sixty years ago to create a new chapter in India's history grew in a few years into an enterprise which attained international repute and prestige.

I wish the airline continued growth and success, and every member of the family of Air-Indians prosperity and happiness in the years to come.

J.R.D. Tata
Bombay

On behalf of British Airways I would like to congratulate you and the Air-India team on the attainment of 60 years service to Indian and International Aviation.

Over the years, we have admired Air-India's achievements as a progressive company in an increasingly competitive global environment.

This decade has brought with it more challenges for all of us in the aviation business and I am sure the Indian Aviation Congress on 15th and 16th October 1992, in Bombay, will provide an opportunity to focus on specific issues that concern us all in a fast-changing environment.

Sir Colin Marshall
Deputy Chairman & Chief Executive, British Airways, London

I am proud to have the privilege of being the Minister of Civil Aviation when Air-India celebrates its Diamond Jubilee this year.

October 15 has immense significance for Civil Aviation in India. It was on this day, six decades ago, that the Indian civil aviation took birth as a result of the undying love and devotion for flying of one individual, Mr J.R.D. Tata.

Air-India, as the airline later got to be known, has since then grown in stature, expanded its fleet and network and contributed enormously to the growth of tourism and air transportation. Air-India has been a true ambassador of the country worldwide.

Air-India has, in today's competitive environment, to build further on the solid foundations of the past. The recent policy decisions regarding fleet renewal and growth programme should enable the 17,400 Air-Indians to make the airline as one of the best through upgraded service standards. This, in my opinion, would be the best resolve that all of us associated with civil aviation in India can take on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee.

I send my best wishes to all Air-Indians.

Madhavrao Scindia
*Minister, Civil Aviation and Tourism, Government of India,
New Delhi*

On behalf of the members of the Executive Board and all staff of Lufthansa German Airlines I wish to convey our most sincere congratulations on the Diamond Jubilee of Air-India on October 15, 1992.

Over six decades your airlines has built up a reputation for service and loyal support to trade and commerce of an important Asian Partner of the world's economy.

I would hope that the next "Diamond" will be equally bright as the first one.

J. Weber
*Chairman
Lufthansa German Airlines,
Frankfurt*

SIXTY TODAY

Let's pause a moment.
And give a thought
Of where we've reached Today.
The time is good to look ahead,
And embark on our future way.

Let's do our bit-however small,
And together let us take,
Our airline forward step by step,
Till we soar above one and all.

Let's face the task and do our best,
Come whatever may,
It's time to "waken AIR-INDIANS
For we are SIXTY TODAY.

Sharjari Karim
*Inflight Supervisor, Air-India,
Bombay.*

I would like to take this memorable occasion to congratulate Air-India on the very important contribution to our industry over the years. And to wish you success in the many opportunities and challenges that no doubt lie ahead.

Günter O. Esler
*Director-General,
International Air Transport Association, Hamburg*

" MILESTONES AND MEMORIES - 28

**NAMASKAAR, WELCOME ABOARD FLIGHT AI-28,
ON THURSDAY THE 15TH OF OCTOBER, 2020**

**Turning back the pages of history,
Today we have reached the
15TH OF OCTOBER 2002.**

THIS DAY, THAT YEAR, We celebrated –

"SEVENTY TODAY"

Today we've reached another glorious landmark in the triumphant cruise of our great Airline across the skies. Proudly, we complete seventy years in the service of civil aviation as we leave behind a distinctive trail of achievements. But the journey has not been without great effort and much sacrifice. There has also been much grief, many lives lost and many tears shed along the way. As we look back, we see both Smiles and Tears as we transcended the Miles and Years. This is my unique tribute to that voyage in a poem made up of limericks to express our Joys and Sorrows over Seven Decades.



70 TODAY AIR INDIA **OCT 15, 2002**

*Limericks of Tribute. for Smiles & Tears
Across the Miles - over the Years.*

*Air Indians - Rejoice everywhere,
Today we have a lot to share,
Whether thru Smiles and Tears,
Or across Miles and Years,
We've reached a landmark rare.*

*SMILES of pride, light up our face,
With memories of missions, in a far off place,
Whether bringing countrymen, home from Amman,
Or gifting our aircraft to Afghanistan,
We've performed with honour and grace.*

*TEARS have also, filled our days,
We remember our losses, in many ways,
Whether at home - the tragedy of Ashoka,
Or the disaster, abroad of Kanishka,
Their memory forever stays.*

*MILES of skies, we have flown,
Our network has both, shrunk and grown,
Whether we fly, to the East or West,
Or encounter challenges, from the best,
Against all competition, we've held our own.*

*YEARS have passed, along the way,
Many have served, and gone away,
Whether they are, part of the present,
Or from our midst, are now absent,
Congratulations, our AIR-INDIA is 70 TODAY.
- Shariar Karim.*

70 TODAY – OCTOBER 15, 2002

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SMILES and TEARS, across the MILES over the YEARS**

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* A LIMERICK is a 5 line verse in which the 1st, 2nd, & 5th lines rhyme & 3rd & 4th lines rhyme