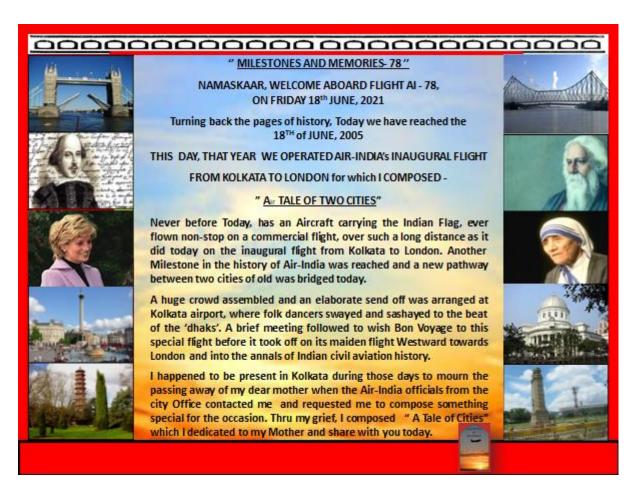
## ODYSSEY AI – 78 with Shariar Karim's "MILESTONES AND MEMORIES"

LAST FLIGHT: AI -77 on 16th June 2021 "V.V.I.P. of former P.M. P.V Narasimha Rao" FLIGHT: THIS FLIGHT: AI -78 on 18th June 2021 "A Tale of Two Cities" NEXT FLIGHT: AI -79 on 23rd June 2021 "The Crash OF Kanishka"



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## Air TALE OF TWO CITIES

## **OLD TIES - NEW CONNECTIONS**

Let the "dhaks" beat and the "shanks" blow From the east coast of INDIA to the east coast of U.K - today we go, A new chapter in our saga today unfolds, Connecting directly by air, two cities of old. Across the Hooghly, over the Howrah Bridge, On to Thames and over the Tower Bridge. From Rabindranath Tagore and Shantineketan, To William Shakespeare and Stratford on Avon. From the "Angel Of Mercy" to the "Queen Of Hearts" Mother Teresa and Princess Diana both played their parts. From the lush green lawns of Eden Gardens, To the flower bedecked bed of Kew Gardens. From the hustle and the bustle of Dalhousie Square, To the tourist attraction of Trafalgar Square. From "Eeleesh Maach" with "Sorse-baata" To "Fish and Chips" with sauce "Tartar." From the beauty of the Lotus to the fragrance of the Rose, Thru mud statues and wax figures, devis and divas arose. A new Tale of two Cities thus begins today, As old ties are strengthened and new connections are in the air,

- Shariar Karim

So Westward Ho!to London on AIR INDIA's "Palace in the Sky" With greetings from KOLKATA - The City of Joy.

Memento which I read out and presented, to the Minister of Civil Aviation, Chief Minister and other Dignitaries, on the dais on the occasion of AIR INDIA'S Inaugural Flight from KOLKATA - TO - LONDON ON JUNE 18, 2005

