

ODYSSEY AI – 80 with Shariar Karim's “MILESTONES AND MEMORIES”

LAST FLIGHT : AI -79 on 23rd June 2021 “The Crash OF Kanishka”

FLIGHT :THIS FLIGHT: AI -80 on 30th June 2021 “V.V.I.P. Flight of former P.M. A.B.Vajpayee”

NEXT FLIGHT: The next post on Sunday the 11th July 2021 Will Be ‘THE LAST POST ’ marking



“ MILESTONES AND MEMORIES - 80 ”

NAMASKAAR, WELCOME ABOARD FLIGHT AI - 80,
ON WEDNESDAY 30TH JUNE, 2021

Turning back the pages of history,
Today we have reached the 30TH of JUNE, 2000

THIS DAY, THAT YEAR WE returned from our 6 day -

“ V.V.I.P. FLIGHT OF THE P.M. OF INDIA SHRI A.B.VAJPAYEE ”

Today we returned from the V.V.I.P. Flight of Prime Minister A. B. Vajpayee after his 6 day 2 nation visit to Italy, and Portugal. It was a successful flight for us and we were pleased to receive a special note of appreciation from the Hon'ble P.M. in his own handwriting. Air-India printed his message in the June-July 2000 issue of the Magic Carpet. I have the pleasure of re-producing an extract of my 'Flight Information' Briefing sheet' as well, which I have carefully preserved all these years. It shows details of the Flight Schedule, Meal Schedule, Crew List, Working Positions etc. I hope my efficient Crew will view this and recall pleasant memories of that flight exactly twenty one years ago.

With this I come to the end of my 'ODYSSEY AI- Milestones and Memories.'

On Sunday the 11th of July, 2021, I will be sharing 'THE LAST POST' to bid you all GOOD BYE !

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JUNE - JULY 2000

Kudos from the Prime Minister

Mr A. B. Vajpayee, Prime Minister of India, who flew to Rome and Lisbon by Air-India during June 25-30, 2000, penned his impressions of the high standard of service provided to him and his entourage which we reproduce below:

*It has been a pleasure to fly
 Air India on my two nation visit
 to Italy & Portugal.*

*The crew was efficient and
 arrangements were in keeping
 with Air India's mascot - the Maharaja.*

*A B Vajpayee
 30.6.00*

Magic Carpet congratulates the cockpit and cabin crew who operated the VVIP flight:

Cockpit Crew:

Capt. D. Joseph, General Manager-Operations; Capt. H.P.S. Kahlon and Capt. N. Seshadri, Jt. General Managers-Operations; Capt. P. Parmar and Capt. N.S. Jadhav, Co-pilots; Mr N.K. Duggal, Dy. General Manager-Flight Engineering; Mr A.M. Gadre, Flight Engineer.

Cabin Crew:

Messrs S. Karim and R.M. Shukla, Inflight Supervisors; Messrs F. E. Vakil, T.V. Gopinath, A.G. Shedde and S.F. Lepcha, Flight Purser; Messrs M.M. Gunaji, J.J. Dalal, S.R. Nalk and S.H. Gondane, Asst Flight Purser; and Ms M. Ramswamy, Ms G.D'Souza, Ms T.Shah, Ms N. Ullal, Ms A. Krishna, Ms S. Mane, Ms A. Virk and Ms S. Gurung, Air Hostesses.

| FLIGHT INFORMATION | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------|----------|-----------------|------|---------------------------|------|
| DAY | DATE | FLT. NO. | SECTOR | | ACFT. | REG. | NAME | | | GATE |
| SUN | 25 | 06 00 | AI-1 | DEL-ROM-LIS-DEL | 747-200 | VT-EGC | HARSHA VARDHANA | | | |
| FRI | 30 | 06 00 | | | | | | | | |
| COCKPIT CREW | | DESIG. | PAX. | VVIP | F/C | UID | D | E | TOTAL | |
| Capt. D. Joseph | | Capt. H.P.S. Kahlon | DEL-ROM | | | | | | | |
| Capt. N. Seshadri | | " | ROM-LIS | | | | | | | |
| Capt. N.S. Jadhav | | Capt. P. Parmar | LIS-DEL | | | | | | | |
| Mr. N.K. Duggal | | Mr. A.M. Gadre | | | | | | | | |
| CABIN CREW | | GREET POS | T/O LAND | WORK POS. | DAY/DT | STATION | UTC | L.T. | MEAL SCHEDULE | |
| S. Karim | | L-1 | L-1 | FWD | | DELHI | | | | |
| R. M. Shukla | | L-5 | R-2 | AFT | SUN 25 | | 0330 | 0900 | | |
| A.G. Shedde | | U/D | U/D JUMP | P-4 | | 8.30 | | | BREAKFAST | |
| M. Ramswamy | | U/D | CREW REST | H-9 | | 6523 Km. | | | BEV. SERVICE LUNCH. | |
| Y. R. Grace | | F/C | L-1 | P-1 | SUN 25 | ROME | 1200 | 1400 | | |
| J. J. Dalal | | | R-1 | A-1 | TUE 27 | | 0800 | 1000 | | |
| S. D'Souza | | L-1 | R-1 | H-1 | | 3.05 | | | BEV. SERVICE LUNCH | |
| N. Ullal | | F/C | CREW REST | H-1 | | 1935 Km | | | | |
| F. E. Vakil | | C | L-2 | P-2 | TUE 27 | LISBON | 1105 | 1205 | | |
| M. M. Gunaji | | | R-2 | A-2 | THU 29 | | 1600 | 1700 | | |
| S. Mane | | C | L-3 | H- | | 9.25 | | | A/T BEV. SERVICE. DINNER. | |
| T. V. Gopinath | | LHS | L-5 | P-3 | | 8315 Km | | | | |
| S. R. Nalk | | | R-4 | A-3 | FRI 30 | DELHI | 0125 | 0655 | | |
| T. Shah | | D | L-3 | H-5 | | | | | | |
| A. Krishna | | LHS | L-5 | H-7 | | | | | | |
| S. H. Gondane | | | R-5 | A-4 | | | | | | |
| A. Virk | | E | RHS | L-4 | H-8 | | | | | |
| S. Gurung | | D | RHS | 35H | H-6 | | | | | |



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A B Vajpayee

30.6.00

Comments of the Hon'ble former Prime Minister Shri A.B Vajpayee about his flight to Rome and Lisbon
June 25-30, 2000

THE PM FEELS LIKE A KING!



Here's a note that
Prime Minister
A B VAJPAYEE
wrote to Air India after
his recent trip. Way to
go AI, he says. And so
do we.

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The Maharaja
takes a bow

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12 DELHI MID DAY, Saturday, July 1, 2000

'You are
excellent,' one
maharaja tells
another

DMD SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, July 1

Our own political maharaja
Atal Behari Vajpayee was de-
lighted when he stepped out of
Air India flight in New Delhi
after his two nation tour to Italy
and Portugal on Thursday.

Back in the flight, he left a
note for the other maharaja
praising the service and high
standards of arrangement.

Vajpayee wrote in his note
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MID-DAY, Tuesday, July 4, 2000

New high for A-I

WHILE one national carrier
seems to be troubling some
travellers, it seems ours -
Air-India - has a reason to be proud.
Prime Minister Atal Behari
Vajpayee has given the Maharaja
and his band of air-borne men and
women a thumbs up. His message
says: "It has been a pleasure to fly
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Signed AB Vajpayee, 30.6.00

We aren't sure how many non-
Prime Ministers would agree. Our
guess, most vote for a privatised A-I.



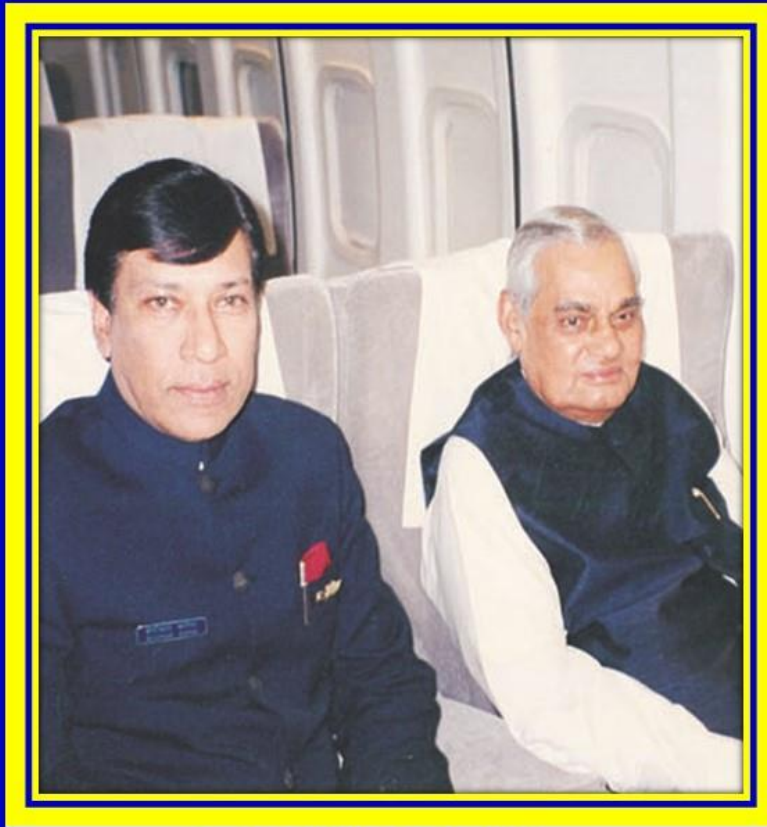
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The Late Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee
Hon'ble Former Prime Minister of India
and Shariar Karim