

ODYSSEY AI - 34
with Shariar Karim's
“MILESTONES AND MEMORIES”

LAST FLIGHT : AI- 33 on 24th October 2020, “Odyssey AI ”

THIS FLIGHT : AI- 34 on 1st November 2020, “VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK ”

NEXT FLIGHT: AI -35 on 11th November 2020 “ My 400th Flight as an I.F.S.”

“ MILESTONES AND MEMORIES –34 ”

**NAMASKAAR, WELCOME ABOARD FLIGHT AI-34,
ON SUNDAY THE 1ST OF NOVEMBER, 2020**

**Turning back the pages of history, Today we have reached
the 1ST OF NOVEMBER 2002.**

**THIS DAY, THAT YEAR, We observed the Valedictory Function of
“THE VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK”**

Under the Central Vigilance Commission, a Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW) is observed every year and coincides with October 31, the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, known to be a man of high integrity. The purpose of Vigilance Awareness Week is to generate awareness in the public at large, about the ill effects of corruption. AIR-INDIA observes the VAW every year during this week and organizes functions to mark the opening and closing of the week.

On November 1, 2002 the Valedictory Function was held at the AIR-INDIA auditorium at which the Chief Guest was Mr. Julius Ribeiro, the former Police Commissioner of Mumbai. My poem was part of the agenda on the programme and I had the privilege of reciting it.

Essays and Slogan Competitions are also held as part of the Week's activities.

Pleased to recall here that my slogan submitted for the competition in 2001 “On the Ground or in the Air, Be Vigilant Everywhere” won the 1st Prize that year.

It was a matter of great pride to see my quote displayed on a premier hoarding site of the city.



VIGILANCE AWARENESS WEEK

**Valiant and virtuous, we must be,
In all that we think and do,
Give of our best unstintingly,
In our work be honest and true,
Leading by setting examples,
And a life of purity,
Never falling from high standards,
Continuously performing with integrity,
Each of us collectively.**

**Acting without fear or favour,
We must all uphold,
A high order of morality,
Right throughout our fold,
Eradicating the menace of corruption,
Nefarious though be its ways,
Educating people of its dangers,
Showing how dishonesty never pays,
So let's abide with truth always.**

**We must work conscientiously,
Each and every day,
Eliminating the evils of corruption,
Keeping vigilant in every way.**

- Shariar Karim

Composed for and recited at the Valedictory Function of The Vigilance Awareness Week at the Air India auditorium in the presence of Chief Guest Mr. Julius Ribeiro and other dignitaries on November 1, 2002

