

**ODYSSEY AI – 57**  
**with Shariar Karim's**  
**“MILESTONES AND MEMORIES”**

LAST FLIGHT : AI -56 on 28th February 2021 “My 38th Year with Air-India”  
THIS FLIGHT : AI - 57 on 1st March 2021 " A Silver Lining "  
NEXT FLIGHT: AI -58 on 10th March 2021 “Flight of Fancy -7 ,Watan ki Sair”

**“ MILESTONES AND MEMORIES - 57”**

**NAMASKAAR, WELCOME ABOARD FLIGHT AI-57,  
ON MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup>MARCH 2021**

**Turning back the pages of history,  
Today we have reached the 1<sup>ST</sup> OF MARCH,1993.**

**THIS DAY, THAT YEAR, We Celebrated -**

**“ A SILVER LINING ”**

This poem was written to mark 25 years of our batch’s completion of service with Air-India. On this occasion I presented each of my batchmates with this poem to Congratulate them on the Milestone we had reached in our flying career. The poem traces the growth of our airline over the years along with our ascent up the corporate ladder. The Memories that this Milestone carried, definitely had a ‘Silver Lining’.

Also attached is a memento presented to us by Air-India on our 35<sup>th</sup> year in 2003

The DAY March 1, 2018, though it came after our retirement, will also be remembered for another Milestone – our 50 Years of Friendship as Air-Indians. On this Day 7 of us went back at 9.30 a.m. to the place where we first met half a century ago at the Training Centre. A nostalgic journey it was, down memory lane. We presented tokens of Gratitude to all whom we met. Attached are some pictures of that day.

AND THEN - a memento of our 53<sup>rd</sup> year – TODAY, MARCH 1, 2021



THANK U ALL

# *A Silver Lining*

## *Time has flown - since Yesterday*

It seems it was just yesterday,  
When in training school we met,  
As A.F.P.s we aspired then,  
With hopes of high prospects.  
After training was over, we spread our wings,  
And soared up in the sky,  
Thus we started a service career,  
That took us, way up 'high'.  
As time went by larger aircraft came,  
We too grew up in stature,  
For we got promoted as FLIGHT PURSERS,  
And took one step up the ladder.  
In the years that followed then,  
Our airline grew much bigger,  
And our status was upgraded to,  
A SENIOR CHECK FLIGHT PURSER.  
Some more time, then passed us by,  
As we grew grey and wiser,  
Then the management took us in their fold,  
And made us INFLIGHT SUPERVISOR.  
From this milestone which we have reached,  
As we look back and reflect,  
Whatever has come our way in life,  
We must gratefully accept.  
Let's bear no grudges, nor have regrets,  
For TODAY we've come a long long way,  
So let's be thankful to Dear GOD,  
For the 25 Years since Yesterday.

*- Shariat Karim*

*Presented to all my batch mates on the completion of 25 years of service with AIR INDIA - 1.3.1993*



## *Time Flies*

*March 1, 1968 - March 1, 2003*

*35 Years*

Commemorative Plaque received from **AIR-INDIA** on completing 35 years

To all my dear Batchmates,  
Good Morning!

It is the 1<sup>st</sup> of March ! 2020 !!

We met for the first time on this day 50 years ago. A lifetime of memories has filled our lives and it feels so great to know that we are still together TODAY as FRIENDS.

Today is a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God for having given us so much through all these years through the one common benefactor that brought us and kept us together, our airline, **AIR-INDIA.**

It has been a very fulfilling flight through all the turbulence of life and now as the descent has started towards our final destination, I feel it is a good time to say Thank You to each and every one of you for making this journey so beautiful with your friendship.

My heartiest Congratulations to all of us for reaching this amazing landmark in our lives.

My warm regards to you and your families for their support over all these years that has made this landmark possible.

Wishing you all, good health and miles of happiness ahead.

My very best to you always,

- Shariar Karim.

**THEN CAME THIS GOLDEN MILESTONE**  
**MARCH 1, 2018 – 50 YEARS**

“ The Magnificent 7”



**THE MAGNIFICENT 7**

01.03.1968 – 01.03.2018 – 50 YEARS



## A GOLDEN LANDMARK

**A**n entire lifetime, has passed us by,  
**I**n what seems to be, the blinking of an eye,  
**R**esplendent pleasures, along the way we earned.

**I**nspiring lessons, of life we learned,  
**N**ow it's time, to look back with gratitude,  
**D**o and move on with, a positive attitude,  
**I**t's been a wonderful flight, on which we embarked,  
**A**nd have arrived this day, at this **GOLDEN LANDMARK**.

- Shariar Karim



March 1, 1968 - March 1, 2018

**AIR - INDIA**

This Memento is presented to

To commemorate 50 Years since you joined  
**AIR - INDIA**  
 And as a Token of Our Friendship.  
 From your batchmate of 50 Golden years.  
 Shariar Karim.



It was 50 Years ago to this day, that  
 We,

|                      |                    |                   |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Adrian D'Souza       | Mohan Bir Singh    | Robin Anderson    |
| Dinshaw Zaveri       | Moazam Wakil       | Sam F Patell      |
| Harpreet Singh Monga | Noshir Sanjana     | Shariar Karim     |
| Kuldeep Langar       | Om Prakash Kataria | Tehmul B.Khambata |
| Vivek Ajinkya        | B.Barooah          | W. Lennard        |
|                      |                    | F. S. Gadekar     |

Joined **AIR-NDIA** as Cabin Crew.

Today, to commemorate half a century of our association with our great airline, we the undersigned have come here, back to where we started, re-tracing our steps in a nostalgic journey down memory lane to relive some golden memories of an unforgettable chapter in our lives.

We come here with humility and a deep sense of gratitude to God for everything this Airline has given us.

We also come to thank You and all Air-Indians, past and present, wherever you may be, for your priceless contributions that have enriched our careers with treasures which we will cherish for ever.

Mumbai



March 1, 2018

*Time has flown since Yesterday*



50 YEARS

March 1, 1968 – March 1, 2018

*Back to where it all started - half a Century ago.*



The **AIR-INDIA** CABIN CREW TRAINING MOCK-UP  
March 1, 2018



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