




ODYSSEY AI – 69 with Shariar Karim's “MILESTONES AND MEMORIES”

LAST FLIGHT : AI -68A on 7thMay, 2021 “ PAST IS PRESENT ”
FLIGHT :THIS FLIGHT: AI - 69 ON 11TH MAY 2021 “ THE GAME OF THE NAME”
NEXT FLIGHT: AI -70 on 15th May 2021 “Practicing Productive Principles”



“ MILESTONES AND MEMORIES - 69 ”


NAMASKAAR, WELCOME ABOARD FLIGHT AI - 69,
ON TUESDAY 11TH MAY, 2021

Turning back the pages of history, Today we have reached
the 11TH OF MAY, 1999

THIS DAY, THAT YEAR WE PLAYED –

“THE GAME OF THE NAME”

“THE ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP – ENGLAND 1999



A world wide sporting spectacle is always a much looked forward to, event and when it comes to Cricket, then it creates great excitement in the air, specially amongst lovers of the game the world over. Air-India ‘pitched’ in with a special advertisement inviting passengers on their flights for the duration of the tournament from May 11 – June 30, 1999. To generate interest, I too penned a poem titled “Game of the Name” which was printed in *AIR-INDIA*'s monthly magazine - the Magic Carpet, in which the Names of Players from each country were fused into the text of the poem and the Game was to Guess the Name. Of course it's enjoyed better if someone reads out the poem whilst others try to guess the Names. So come on Cricket enthusiasts let's see how much you remember of Cricket's World Cup of 22 years ago. Let's play “ The Game of the Name”. How's That !!

There's cricket in the air!



Welcome to the “Cricket Fiesta”
on our flights to London,
From 11 May to 20 June '99.

Mr Shariar Karim, Sr. Manager-Inflight Service Department, Mumbai is a talented poet who can compose poems on practically any subject in a matter of minutes. We reproduce below this poem conceived by Mr Karim just before the Indian team flew to England to participate in the World Cup. As you will notice, he has drawn inspiration from the names of well known cricketers.

The GAME of the NAME

AUSTRALIA	Take guard be WARNED , the WAUGH is on, A pitched battle rages, between bat and ball.
BANGLADESH	Though meek as A LAMB , the ball I SLAM ,
ENGLAND	A FAIRBROTHER to all, nevertheless I am, Playing by day, or by KNIGHT .
INDIA	A hAZHAR times over, I will fight, With SACH IN tensity, will I compete, As each team in the world, I'll try to beat.
KENYA	Whether a SHEIKH , or SHAH -en-shah, On the field, all are at par,
NEW ZEALAND	In every match, that I take part, I'll play the game, with AL LOT of HART ,
PAKISTAN	AFRID I'm not, but I WAS IMP ressed, With love for this sport, the world expressed.
SCOTLAND	No STRANGER I am, to this game, BUTT in awe of it, I'm all the same.
SOUTH AFRICA	I want to fe EL , WORTHY of praise, Will do ALL ANd more, for my game to raise,
SRI LANKA	It VAAS not for DE SILVA , nor for the gold, But for the thrill of cricket, and the World Cup to hold.
WEST INDIES	In this game I'll strive, to be the KING , And proudly not CURTLEY , its song I'll sing.
ZIMBABWE	On the field may this duel, between bat and ball Be a GOOD WIN for cricket and ever popular WHITTALL .



MAGIC CARPET

Cricket World Cup 99

ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP- ENGLAND 1999



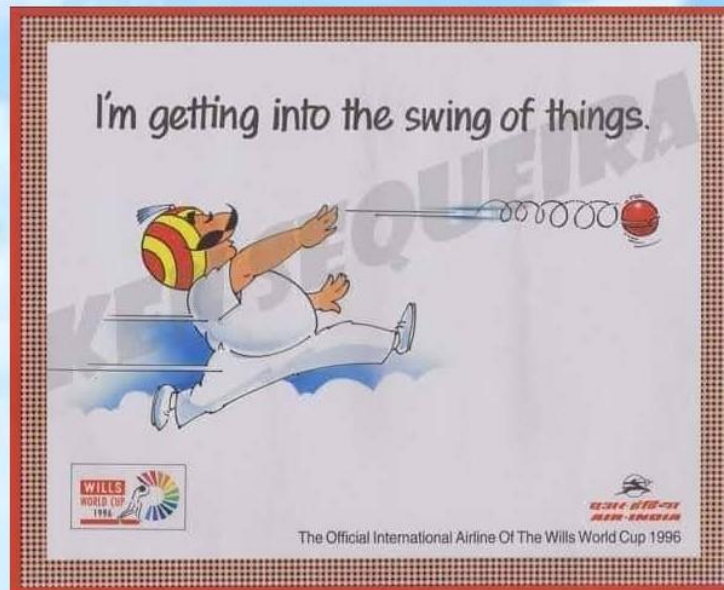
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THE GAME OF THE NAME - Can you Guess the Name of the Cricketer from each country , which is hidden in the text of the Poem?

There's Cricket in the Air



*Recalling AIR- INDIA's Ad. For the Wills World Cup Cricket in 1996
This ad. Is from the personal archives of my good friend F/P Ken Sequeira – an avid Air-Indian for life.*