


**ODYSSEY AI – 06**  
**with Shariar Karim's**  
**“MILESTONES AND MEMORIES”**

LAST FLIGHT : AI – 05 on Saturday 18th July, 2020 “ Olympic Contingent on Board”

THIS FLIGHT : AI – 06 on Sunday 26th July, 2020 “Martyr of Kargil”

NEXT FLIGHT : AI – 07 on Monday 27th July, 2020 “ Gems on the String of Time”



**“ MILESTONES AND MEMORIES - 6 ”**

NAMASKAAR, WELCOME ABOARD FLIGHT AI-06  
ON SUNDAY THE 26<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY, 2020

Turning back the pages of history,  
Today we have reached the 26<sup>th</sup> of JULY, 2000  
This Day, that Year, the Nation remembered the -

**“ MARTYR OF KARGIL ”**

The whole nation was observing the first anniversary of ‘Operation Vijay’ during the Kargil War as ‘Vijay Divas’.

This poem was written as a mark of respect to the 586 Jawans who laid down their lives for the country. Air-India honoured our Martyrs by printing this tribute in its International Magazine “ Magic Carpet”.

Please note the first letter of each line in the poem.



**MARTYR OF KARGIL**

Man of valour, O brave sentinel,  
A nation's son, a guardian angel,  
Rose from the masses, with gun in hand,  
To defend his precious, Motherland,  
Yearning for peace, yet gallant in war,  
Raised our flag, then fell to the floor.

One cruel bullet, found its mark,  
For that brave soldier, the world became dark,

Kissing the earth, he lay there - still,  
At the foot of some, distant hill,  
Resting in peace, he had no more to give,  
Gave his life, so that we may live,  
In our hearts, he always will,  
Live eternally as – The Martyr of Kargil.

A tribute to the 586 such martyrs who laid down their lives at Kargil  
– Shariar Karim  
July, 26, 2019

**MAGIC CARPET**  
JUNE - JULY 2000

July 26, 2000, the first anniversary of “Operation Vijay” was observed as Kargil Vijay Divas throughout India. As the nation paid tribute to the 586 Indian soldiers who laid down their lives during the Kargil War to defend our country's honour and pride, Mr Shariar Karim, Inflight Supervisor, Inflight Service Department, Mumbai, penned the following poem which he dedicated to the Amar Jawan:

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