

**ODYSSEY AI - 12**  
**with Shariar Karim's**  
**"MILESTONES AND MEMORIES"**

LAST FLIGHT : AI-11 on Saturday 1st August,2020 " Pillars of Pride" (2.8.2020)

THIS FLIGHT : AI-12 on Saturday 1st August, 2020 " India My India" (3.8.2020)

NEXT FLIGHT : AI-13 on Monday 10th August, 2020 "Goodwill Flows, Friendship Soars"

**" MILESTONES AND MEMORIES – 12 "**

**NAMASKAAR, WELCOME ABOARD FLIGHT AI-12,**

**ON SATURDAY THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF AUGUST, 2020**

**Turning back the pages of history,**

**Today we have reached the 1<sup>ST</sup> of August, 2001**

**This Day, that Year, I presented my Millennium Diary -**

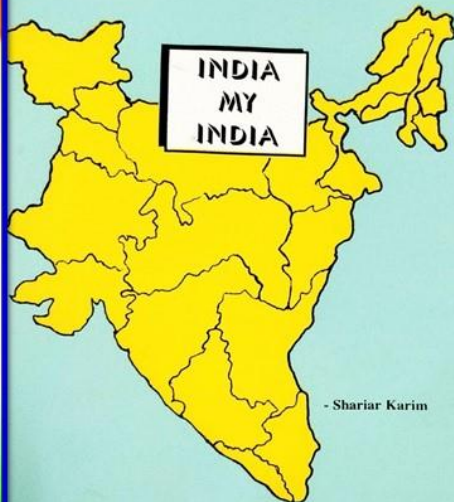
**" INDIA MY INDIA"**

It is another AIR-INDIA ANNUAL DAY being celebrated at the AIR-INDIA Auditorium at Nariman Point. On this day, it was my pride and pleasure to present my Millennium Diary "Dates of Destiny" to AIR-INDIA. It is a novel concept of a 200 year Diary that covers the highlights of India's history year by year during the last 100 years of the last millennium and has provision to enter 100 Dates of Destiny in the history of India in the next millennium. Similar provision is also made to enter the important dates in the personal life of the recipient of this Diary in their own handwriting and pass it on to their heir in the next generation. It thus becomes a unique heirloom that transcends across generations.

The picture attached shows the M.D. of AIR-INDIA, Shri J. N. Gogoi releasing my Diary at the Function. Printed on Page 1 of the Diary is my poem, "INDIA MY INDIA" and on the last page is "The Millennium Mantra" both of which I am pleased to share with you today along with a unique photo.



Shri J.N.Gogoi , M.D. Air-india releasing my Millennium Diary "Dates Of Destiny "  
At The Air-india Annual Day Function, August 1, 2001



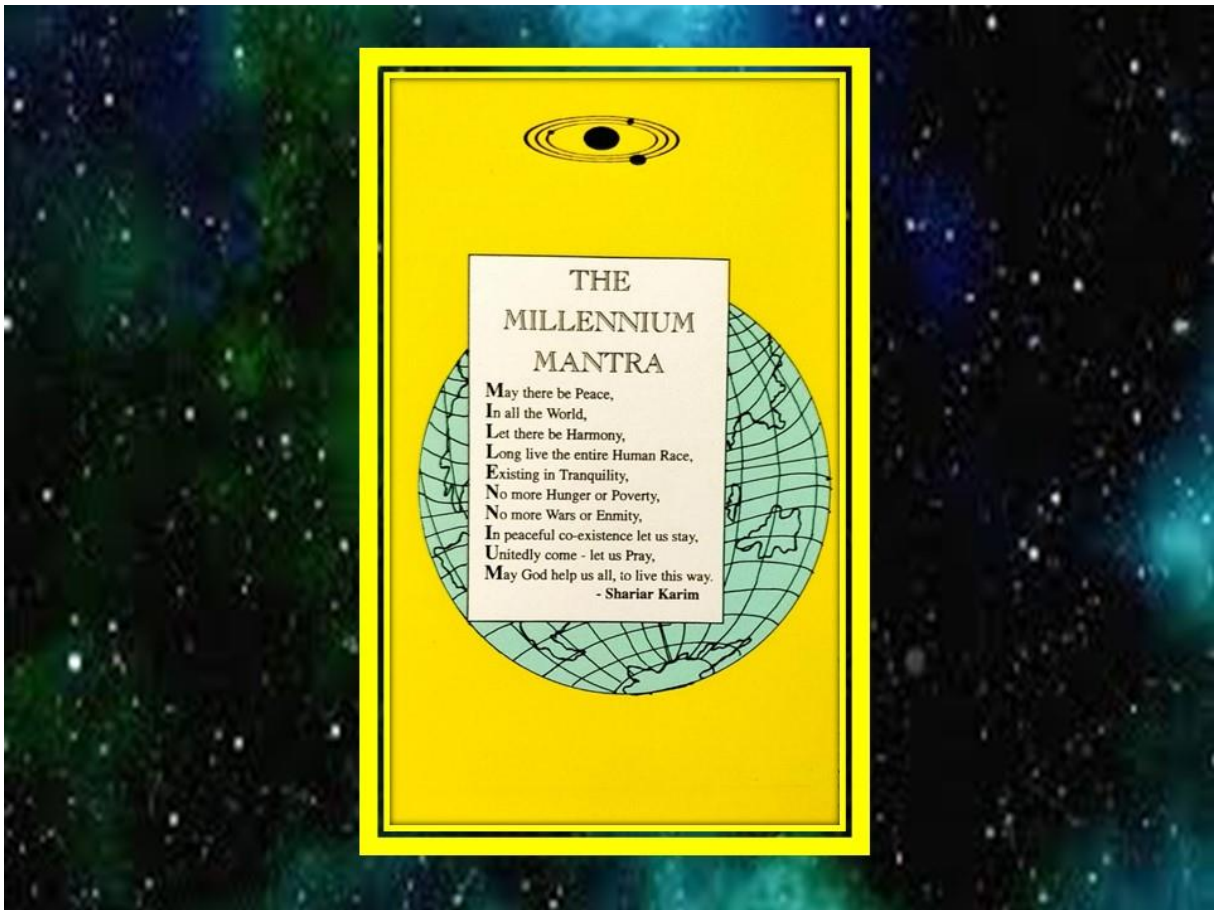
DATES of DESTINY from the DIARY of a NATION  
TWO CENTURIES of HISTORY  
SPANNING TWO MILLENNIUMS : 1901 - 3000

### INDIA, MY INDIA

Where there are freezing snows and blazing sands,  
Where there are mountains, valleys and plateau lands,  
Where ocean and seas one half surround,  
Where lakes and rivers the land abound,  
Where plenty and poverty both abide,  
Where there's harvest and famine side by side,  
Where wars have been fought and freedom won,  
Where languages are many but people are one,  
Where Science and Technology have led to progress,  
Where illiteracy and differences have brought regress,  
Where Arts and Literature have earned much fame,  
Where apathy and corruption have tarnished the name,  
Where there are Parties and Elections and Five Year Plans,  
Where there are beauties and brains and bandhs and bans,  
Where there is Freedom and Rights and Secularities,  
Where there are strikes and riots and atrocities,  
Whatever be its failings and its faults may be many,  
I'm proud of that Country and wouldn't change it for any,  
For it is the land of my birth and I hold it dear,  
It is my homeland, my motherland - MY INDIA.

*"Spreading the Spirit of  
Freedom thru Friendship"* - Shariar Karim

Introductory poem of my MILLENNIUM DIARY-"DATES OF DESTINY" Released by Shri J.N Gogoi - M.D. **AIR INDIA**  
And presented to all Directors at the Air India Annual Day Function  
August 01 2001



**One Millennium Diary, One Global Airline (*AIR-INDIA*),  
 One International Organization (LIONS), One premiere Institute (SP JAIN),  
 3 Lion Governors - One District, 3 BABLAS - One Family,  
 One Indelible 'MILESTONE', One Unforgettable 'MEMORY' of One - Shariar Karim.**

My 'MILLENNIUM DIARY' being presented to 3 Generations of the BABLA Family at the GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM SEMINAR at S.P.JAIN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES AND RESEARCH in 2019 in the presence of 3 LION DISTRICT GOVERNORS OF DISTRICT 3231A3. This photograph encompasses the 2 Innings of my Life – A Diary of 200 Years written in my 1<sup>st</sup> Innings - *AIR-INDIA* being presented to - LIONS in my 2<sup>nd</sup> Innings