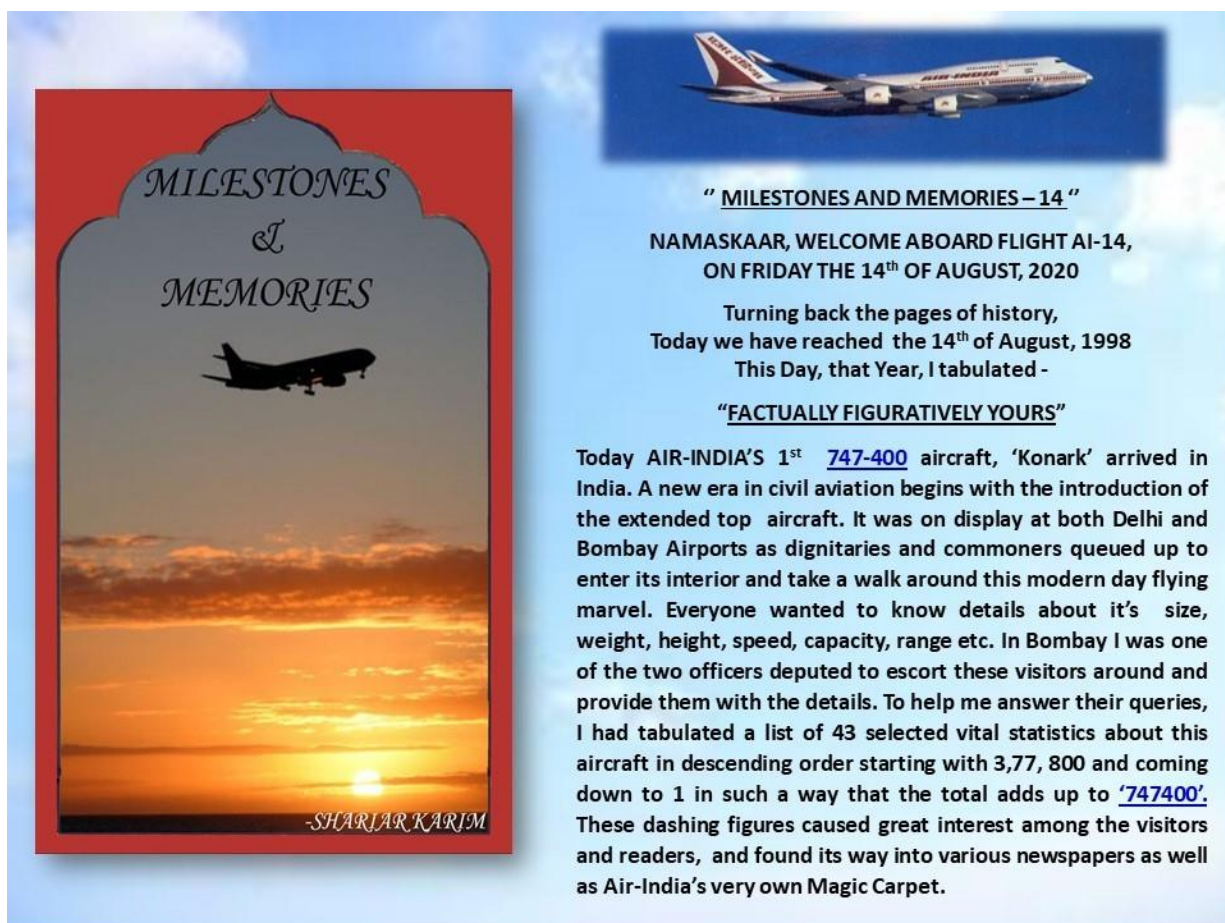


**ODYSSEY AI - 14**  
**with Shariar Karim's**  
**“MILESTONES AND MEMORIES”**

LAST FLIGHT : AI-13 on Monday 10th August, 2020 “Goodwill Flows, Friendship Soars”

THIS FLIGHT : AI-14 on Friday 14th August, 2020 “Factually, Figuratively Yours”

NEXT FLIGHT: AI-15 on Saturday, 15th August, 2020 “God Bless Our Country” Flig



*MILESTONES  
&  
MEMORIES*

*SHARIAR KARIM*

**“ MILESTONES AND MEMORIES – 14 ”**

**NAMASKAAR, WELCOME ABOARD FLIGHT AI-14,  
ON FRIDAY THE 14<sup>th</sup> OF AUGUST, 2020**

Turning back the pages of history,  
Today we have reached the 14<sup>th</sup> of August, 1998  
This Day, that Year, I tabulated -

**“FACTUALLY FIGURATIVELY YOURS”**

Today AIR-INDIA'S 1<sup>st</sup> [747-400](#) aircraft, 'Konark' arrived in India. A new era in civil aviation begins with the introduction of the extended top aircraft. It was on display at both Delhi and Bombay Airports as dignitaries and commoners queued up to enter its interior and take a walk around this modern day flying marvel. Everyone wanted to know details about its size, weight, height, speed, capacity, range etc. In Bombay I was one of the two officers deputed to escort these visitors around and provide them with the details. To help me answer their queries, I had tabulated a list of 43 selected vital statistics about this aircraft in descending order starting with 3,77, 800 and coming down to 1 in such a way that the total adds up to '[747400](#)'. These dashing figures caused great interest among the visitors and readers, and found its way into various newspapers as well as Air-India's very own Magic Carpet.



FACTUALLY – FIGURATIVELY

*Yours*

747-400

**FACTS & FIGURES**

TAKE OFF WEIGHT	<i>My maximum take off weight is</i>	3 7 7 8 0 0	KGS.
FUEL	<i>I can take in upto</i>	2 1 6 0 0 0	LIT. of Fuel
PAYLOAD	<i>and can carry a max payload of</i>	5 9 9 0 0	KGS.
THRUST	<i>My engines generate a thrust of</i>	5 6 7 5 0	LEBS
ALTITUDE	<i>and can carry me upto a height of</i>	1 3 7 4 5	M.
RANGE	<i>over a distance of</i>	1 3 8 4 0	KMS.
BAGGAGE	<i>My cargo hold can accommodate upto</i>	3 4 0 0	Pcs of Baggage.
SEAT BELT SIGN.	<i>The seat belt sign comes on from</i>	3 1 4 0	M.
WATER	<i>I have four tanks and can hold</i>	1 6 0 0	LIT. of Water
SPEED	<i>I can travel at a speed of</i>	5 7 5	MPH.
SEATS	<i>In the Cabins there are seats for</i>	4 1 7	Passengers
COCKPIT SWITCHES	<i>and in the cockpit there are</i>	3 6 5	SWITCHES
VOLTAGE	<i>My electric supply runs on</i>	1 1 5	VOLT.
OXYGEN BOTTLES	<i>Throughout the Cabins I carry</i>	3 5	O <sub>2</sub> Bottles
CREW SEATS	<i>For the Cabin Crew there are</i>	2 3	JUMP Seats
AUDIO CHANNELS	<i>Audio entertainment is through</i>	1 8	CHANNELS.
PERSONAL T.V.	<i>In the First Class there are</i>	1 6	PERSONAL T.V.s.
INTERPHONES	<i>For in-flight communication I have</i>	1 5	INTERPHONES
TOILETS	<i>Located throughout the Cabins are</i>	1 5	TOILETS
GALLEYS	<i>Catering requirements are met by</i>	1 3	GALLEYS
DOORS	<i>There are a total of</i>	1 2	DOORS
SLIDES	<i>and for emergency evacuation</i>	1 2	ESCAPE SLIDES.
VIDEO MONITORS	<i>To view the video programmes</i>	1 1	MONITORS
BASSINETS	<i>and to carry infants there are</i>	1 1	BASSINETS
FIRE EXT.	<i>To extinguish fires I carry</i>	1 0	FIRE Extinguishers
SLIDE RAFT	<i>and for flotation on water there are</i>	8	SLIDE RAFTS.
SKY TELEPHONE	<i>To call anywhere in the world I have</i>	7	SKY TELEPHONES
V.T.R.s.	<i>For video programmes there are</i>	6	V.T.R.s.
COAT CLOSETS	<i>To store coats and hats I have</i>	5	CLOSETS.
FIRST AID KIT	<i>For minor ailments I carry</i>	5	FIRST AID KITS.
ENGINES	<i>To power me up Enway I have</i>	4	ENGINES
RADIO BEACON	<i>and to send out location signals there are</i>	4	RADIO BEACONS.
WATER FOUNTAIN	<i>For those who are thirsty I have</i>	4	WATER Fountains
CREW REST	<i>and for my crew to rest there are</i>	4	CREW REST Seats.
HANDICAP TOILETS	<i>For the old and infirm I'm prepared</i>	3	TOILETS.
CREW BUNKS	<i>On long haul flights for Pilots there are</i>	2	CREW BUNKS.
WINGLETS	<i>To improve aerodynamics I have</i>	2	WINGLETS.
LIFE RAFTS	<i>and for additional flotation</i>	2	LIFE RAFTS.
MEGAPHONES	<i>When there is a power failure there are</i>	2	MEGAPHONES.
PHYSICIANS KIT	<i>For medical needs I carry</i>	1	PHYSICIANS KIT.
CART LIFT	<i>To lift meal carts to the 100 I have</i>	1	CART LIFT
WHEELCHAIR	<i>For the aged or injured I carry</i>	1	WHEELCHAIR.
I. F. S.	<i>All Cabin Crew by</i>	1	I. F. S. are LED

*& that makes it a TOTAL of **747400***

*To that's who I am,  
AIR-INDIA's newest Flag Carrier.*

*May ALL be safe,  
Who travel with her.*

*— Shriani Narain.*

## Warm Welcome For "KONARK"

## Some dashing figures

**M**y maximum take off weight is 3,77,800 kg. I can take in up to 2,16,000 lit. of fuel and can carry a max. payload of 59,900 kg. My engines generate a thrust of 56,750 lb. and can carry me up to a height of 13,745 m. over a distance of 13,340 km. My cargo hold can accommodate upto 3,400 pieces of baggage.

The seat belt sign comes on from 3,140m. I have four tanks and can hold 1,600 lit. of water I can travel at a speed of 575 mph. There are seats for 417 passengers and in the cockpit there are 365 switches. My electric supply runs on 115 volt. I carry 35 oxygen bottles. For the cabin crew there are 23 jump seats. Audio entertainment is through 18 channels. In the first class there are 16 personal TVs. For inflight communication I have 15 interphones. Located throughout the cabin are 15 toilets. Catering requirements are met by 13 galleys. There are a total of 12 doors. And for emergency evacuation 12 escape slides. To view the video programmes 11 monitors, and to carry infants there are 11 bassinets.

To extinguish fires I carry 10 fire extinguishers and for floatation on water there are 8 slide rafts. To call anywhere in the world I have 7 sky telephones. For video programmes there are 6 VTRs. To store coats and hats I have 5 closets. For minor ailments I carry 5 first aid kits. To power me up I have 4 engines and to send out locator signals there are 4 radio beacons. For those who are thirsty I have 4 water fountains. And for my crew to rest there are 4 crew rest seats. For the old and infirm I've prepared 3 toilets. On long haul flights for pilots there are 2 crew bunks. To improve aerodynamics I have 2 winglets and for additional floatation 2 life rafts. When there's a power failure there are 2 megaphones. For medical needs I carry 1 physician's kit. To lift meal carts to the U/D I have 1 cart lift. For the aged or injured I carry 1 wheel chair. The cabin crew by 1 IFS are led. **AND THAT MAKES IT A TOTAL OF 747400** So that's who I am. Air-India's newest flag carrier, May all be safe, who travel with her.

(Statistics compiled by Sharfar Karim, Inflight Supervisor.)

## Air-India's new Boeing 747-400

## Some dashing figures

**M**y maximum take off weight is 377800 kg. I can take in up to 216000 lit. of fuel and can carry a max. payload of 59900 kg. My engines generate a thrust of 56750 lb. and can carry me up to a height of 13745 m. over a distance of 13340 km. My cargo hold can accommodate upto 3400 pieces of baggage. The seat belt sign comes on from 3140 m. I have four tanks and can hold 1600 lit. of water I can travel at a speed of 575 mph. There are seats for 417 passengers and in the cockpit there are 365 switches. My electric supply runs on 115 volt. I carry 35 oxygen bottles. For the cabin crew there are 23 jump seats. Audio entertainment is through 18 channels. In the first class there are 16 personal TVs. For inflight communication I have 15 interphones. Located throughout the cabin are 15 toilets. Catering requirements are met by 13 galleys. There are a total of 12 doors. And for emergency evacuation 12 escape slides. To view the video programmes 11 monitors. And to carry infants there are 11 bassinets.

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## DIARY

Monday, August 23, 1993

## Vital statistics

**SHARFAR KARIM**, an in-flight supervisor with Air-India, sends us this interesting note about the national carrier's newest acquisition, the Boeing 747-400. He has listed the statistics of the various components that go into making up the plane, including its take-off weight (3,778,000 kg), payload (59,900 kg), wings (117), fuselage (116), tail (115), engines (4), and so on. The total of the various figures works out to a magic figure 747,400. This stands for Boeing 747-400.

