

# ODYSSEY AI - End of Orbit 6 with Shariar Karim's “MILESTONES AND MEMORIES”

## **END OF ORBIT 6**

## **ODYSSEY AI – MILESTONES AND MEMORIES ORBIT 6: DECEMBER 1 – 31 2020**

*I wish to thank all those who embarked on this Odyssey with me 6 months ago, all those who boarded subsequently, all those who are still with me on it and all those who will continue with me till the final landing on 30.6.2021. We have now completed 6 Orbits, which is half way in our ODYSSEY and I look forward to sharing the remaining 6 orbits with you. I would like to convey my deepest thanks to all those who left 'Comments' on my posts and to all those who expressed their 'Likes'. If I miss out on acknowledging anyone, please pardon me. Your invaluable appreciation has been a great source of motivation for me to continue . . . . .*

*A special word of Thanks to the owners of the splendid Website [www.airindiacollector.com](http://www.airindiacollector.com) who have very kindly created a Blog for me on their site <https://www.airindiacollector.com/blog/shariar-karim-we-are-air-indians-we-are-the-best> In case you've missed out on some posts, you may kindly visit this blog where you will find them all.*

*I have many more miles to go and many more memories to share with you dear friends. Please stay on board. Orbit-7 commenced with Flight AI-47, on, 1.1.2021 with "The Crash of Emperor Ashoka" Wishing us all "Bon Voyage" on the journey ahead.*

*AI – 45 "Millennium Announcement" 31.12.2020*

*AI- 44A "In Loving Memory" 29.12.2020*

*AI -44 " Farewell My Friend" 29.12.2020*

*AI-43 "One Day" 27.12.2020*

*AI -42A "Meri Kurisumasu" 25.12.2020*

*AI -42 "Midnight on the Menam" 22.12.2020*

*AI - 41 " My 700<sup>th</sup> Flight as an I.F.S." 5.12.2020*

*AI- 40 "Flight to Eternity" 3.12.2020*

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<b>SHENAZ KARIM LYNCH</b>	<b>IRENE FERNANDEZ</b>	<b>DEEPAK ROW</b>	<b>BEVERLEY CHRISTOPHER</b>	<b>SUNIL GHANSHYAM PAL</b>	<b>PRAFUL-JYOTI SAVLA</b>
<b>HASHMAT HAIDAR</b>	<b>PARESH PATIL</b>	<b>CHANDRAKANT DOSHI</b>	<b>ZULEIKHA MERCHANT</b>	<b>YESHWANT TUCKER</b>	<b>ZULKI WOHRRA</b>
<b>HUTOXI P. DRIVER</b>	<b>ALEXANDRE TRINDADE</b>	<b>VINIT MISTRY</b>	<b>ALYSON B. PEREIRA</b>	<b>VINAY KAMAT</b>	<b>HARSHA PAREKH</b>
<b>M.FAROOQ ALVI</b>	<b>DINSHAW IRANI</b>	<b>VIJAY NADAR</b>	<b>DEVENDER BHARADWAJ</b>	<b>VAIBHAV PARAB</b>	<b>RUPESH MISHRA</b>
<b>UNNATI DHURANDHAR</b>	<b>ATUL SHARMA</b>	<b>ANKIT JOSHI</b>	<b>SUDHA INDURAJ</b>	<b>AWAIS QURESHI</b>	<b>ASFAQ SHAIKH</b>
<b>OLDREN PATEL</b>	<b>SHEELA DHOPTTE</b>	<b>KOSHY THOMAS</b>	<b>BEHRAM COLAH</b>	<b>RENU KHANNA MENON</b>	<b>KHUSH KHAJOTIA</b>
<b>NORMA SMITH</b>	<b>ROGER D'SOUZA</b>	<b>SANDHYA SHINDE</b>	<b>RAVI SHENOY</b>	<b>RISHI SINGH</b>	<b>HARISH KRANTI</b>
<b>ACHYUT TALAVADEKAR</b>	<b>RITA LOBO</b>	<b>SAFIYYAH KARIM</b>	<b>UJALA THAM</b>	<b>RENGA SAMY</b>	<b>A. Rz</b>
<b>ANIL DESHPANDE</b>	<b>OM RANJAN SHARMA</b>	<b>SUCHITRA RANE</b>	<b>SALMA REHMANI</b>	<b>ASHISH JAISWAL</b>	<b>VIJAY KHADE</b>
<b>HARIRAJ BHATNAGAR</b>	<b>RAJU TALUKDAR</b>	<b>NAZNEEN N. DABDI</b>	<b>GIRIJA SHANKAR</b>	<b>NIQUITA MONDAL</b>	<b>HARINDER RANA</b>
<b>NITIN JOSHI</b>	<b>RAJPUT NIKHLESH</b>	<b>RIMJHIM NAKRA</b>	<b>ANTOINETTE DE MELLO</b>	<b>JAMSHED GHADIALI</b>	<b>MURLIDHAR PRABHU</b>
<b>SANJAY LAZAR</b>	<b>PRABHA ERANEE</b>	<b>AVINASH SARANG</b>	<b>SANYA SETHI</b>	<b>RAVI KRISHNAN</b>	<b>VIJU S. KALLIANPUR</b>
<b>VISHWANATH HEGDE</b>	<b>SURESH KUMAR</b>	<b>SHIVANANDA KAMATH</b>	<b>GERARD C. VALLADARES</b>	<b>MANUEL DABREW</b>	<b>PREM RAGHAVAN</b>
<b>CECILE DUGGAL</b>	<b>OM RAJORA</b>	<b>JOSEPH XALXO</b>	<b>SUE RAO</b>	<b>MADHU ROHATGI</b>	<b>SUREKAH BAROT</b>
<b>NITIN BHATJIWALE</b>	<b>KUPPUSWAMY RAVI</b>	<b>SUDHIR KADAM</b>	<b>SAMAREN BKSHI</b>	<b>ASHOK NAGPAL</b>	<b>SARIKA NAGWANSHI</b>
<b>INDERJEET S. MEHRA</b>	<b>VEENA MILWANI SINGH</b>	<b>NEVILLE N. BHAJIWALLA</b>	<b>VINAY CHOUBEY</b>	<b>SUDHIR KADAM</b>	<b>RAJJINDER S. TOOR</b>
<b>PRAKASH PRABHU</b>	<b>PRANAV PARAB</b>	<b>DONNA CURRY</b>	<b>VIJAY KUMAR VARMA</b>	<b>REETA BHATIA</b>	<b>UMESH DIPIKAR</b>
<b>SUHITA SINHA KHOSLA</b>	<b>ANJALI KOCHHAR</b>	<b>SUJATA NAIK</b>	<b>SUBRATA MAJUMDAR</b>	<b>ABHISHEK YADAV</b>	<b>SUNIL ANGOLKAR</b>

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PANKAJ MEHTA	O.P.KATARIA	SHAHNAWAZ KARIM	VIVEK MATTHAI	AJAY THAKUR	VASANT MANE
EDNA D'MELLO PILLAI	VARADACHARI CHARI	RIWO NORBHU	RENU K. MENON	RANBIR SINGH	HARINDER RANA
VINAY KAMAT	VINOD J. KAKARIA	ANNIE THOMAS	SAPNA DHAWAN ARORA	SUMAN CHOUDHARY	MANPREET BHALERAO
DR.A.VAIDYANATHAN	PRADNESH SAWANT	SABINA KARIM	KRIKKA PANDEY	MAHESH KASAR	MANAN PARMAR
MOHAN UPRETI	LUCY VAZ	SUNIL MENEZES	RAVI KRISHNAN	MUKESH KUMAR SONI	NIMMI D. KANAGALI
VANLATA K. ASWANI	SUBHASH PEWEKAR	JAYANTILAL PATIDAR	AMIT KARMALKAR	SUDESII MEHTA	SUBASH SHAHANI
SUZANA WEBSTER	VASUMATHIJAYARAMAN	SADANAND BAIKANE	MEGHA KAMPLI	JAVED HUSSAIN	GANGADHARAN UB
SHIVANANDA KAMATH	RODNEY GONSALVES	VINEY KIRAN	VYAS DHAVAL	EDNA D'MELLO PILLAI	VYAS DHAVAL
BINITA ATIT	MOHANDAS THELAKKAT	RUPESH MISHRA	ANITA COELHO	R.NARAYANAMOORTHY	RAJAN IYENGAR
KIRAN SANKHE	NINA VIJAYKUMAR	RIYAZALI MERCHANTT	SAURABH BHAVAR	MINAKSHI MASALI	AMU KADAM
UMA BASNET-GURUNG	MOHINI SINGH	SARJERAO RITE	RENU SAINI MOHAN	DHARMENDRA DAMOR	MANUEL DABREW
NEHA T.SHANDILIYA	SUBHASH KANHERE	ESA KHAN	MALLIKA GHOSH	MOHIDDIN SHAIKH	NILOUFER MEHERWANJEE
NAFEESA P.SHERMAN	ANANTHA KRISHNAN	SYED ZAKIR ALI	VIJAYA KANAGASABAI	BALU ISHWAR	Subramanian Srinivasan
AMLAN ROYCHOWDHURY	EKBAL SHAIK	ANIL DESHPANDE	VISHVA SRIVASTAVA	ASHISH JAISWAL	SHARAD SAWANT
MAHMOOD SHAH	PRAMOD SHINGE	UMA VARDHINI	SHIV SHAKTI	RONY KAPADIA	DEEPAK KHAMBADKONE
TARLOCHAN ANAND	SANJAY CHURY	DORJI WANGDI	ASHOK BUNGAY	ARCHANA MALHOTRA	SAGAR GUPTA
EVARISTO MENDIS	SAJITA BOGA	MAHESH AJINKYA	RANA SEN	PIOUS GONSALVES	PRITAM SANDHU KUMAR
ABID H. SIDDIQUI	MUKUL BANERJEE	NIRMALA CASTELLINO	VISHWANATH HEGDE	KESHAV JAGTAP	SUCHITA GANAPATHY
RAY HARRISON	HEMA DAVE	PANKAJ DAVID	MEHERNOSH BURJORJEE	PARTHO CHAKRABORTY	SHARAD SAWANT

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## **A few Echoes from STARSHIP ODYSSEY AI . . .COMMENTS that have left me STARSTRUCK. .**

### **★ END OF ORBIT 5 – COMMENTS**

**H.SOLANKI** – WOW ★ **ASHOK NAGPAL** – GRT ★ **ANIL RAJKOTIA** - Sometimes I wonder, how meticulous and organised you would have been in your earlier years, that you have all information and milestones noted down to share the same with us. Your periodical mails put me in state of imagination and dream. My suggestion is that, why don't you write a book titled 'MY JOURNEY OF LIFE WITH AIR INDIA'. You have seen and experienced so many things which all can be collated in a book for wider readership. Anyways I am enjoying my journey with you fully by stepping in your shoes. One thing I have learned from you is to always remain in state of gratitude, in spite of so much opposition and brickbats from outside world. May God bless you. **ZULEIKHA MERCANT** – Thank you so much ★ **SADANAND BAISANE** – Like it. ★ **AI-40 "FLIGHT TO ETERNITY" 3.12.2020** ★ **O.P. KATARIA**- JRD was a colossal figure, he defied all odds, no sobriquet could be sufficiently attached to his name. His reaction on being conferred with the Bharat Ratna and Tony Jannus Award was humbling. Your tribute "Flight to Eternity" eulogises his personae magnificently, the heart touching lines will stay immersed with his remains and bring smiles to his soul. You were so fortunate to be present during his funeral or perhaps God willed it so. The thought of placing his picture on the tree foliage above his resting place catches your eye....unique thought. His hand written note to you in 1978, which you will reflect in your May 2021 Odyssey, is certainly a treasured piece, like no other. A very likeable Odyssey. ★ **CECILE DUGGAL** Great man, thanks for sharing. AI's amazing years under his leadership. Am so sad of what happened to this great airline ★ **SHAHNAWAZ KARIM** - A most respected industrialist the Late J.R.D. Tata who is no more...may his soul RIP...a befitting poem....it is high time you compiled all your poems into one book ★ **ZULEIKHA MERCHANT** - Thank you for sharing this. Beautiful poem for a great soul RIP JRD Tata the father of aviation. What a great man I had the privilege of flying on the Bom Del sector years ago ★ **UNNATI DHURANDHAR** – Beautiful poem ★ **SUREKHA BAROT** – Beautiful Memories ★ **REETA BHATIA** - Tribute to our Mr JRD Tata, in such beautiful words. **AI-41 " MY 700 th FLIGHT AS AN I.F.S." 5.12.2020** – ★ **SHAHNAWAZ KARIM** - A rare accomplishment indeed ★ **UNNATI DHURANDHAR** - Wow... had you just counted them in terms of take offs and landings, I wonder how many they would be ★ **CECILE DUGGAL** - Beautifully done. That's a lot of mileage as a Supervisor ★ **ZULEIKHA MERCHANT** - That's awesome! **Congratulations VINOD JAVAHIRLAL KAKARIA** - A great way to Celebrate- Awesome, Awesome, Awesome ! ★ **O.P.KATARIA** - Clogging 700 flights as an IFS is an epic landmark .The wind doesn't seem to get out of your sails. I don't know whether anybody would be able to cross that but it won't be as epoch-making as yours. Presenting a memento to the crew is like a king doing it for his subjects at any grand occasion . You have certainly engaged me by looking at your intriguing creation. How such dazzling ideas fallout from your mind is simply killing. I literally went through it minutely and all complied to your mathematical wizardry....not missing the one with half petals too .This memento is like a relic for safe keeping. ★ **HARINDER RANA** – Beautiful ★ **ARUN DUBEY** – Amazing **AI – 42 " MIDNIGHT ON THE MENAM" 22.12.2020** ★ **UMA BASNET-GURUNG** – That's Awesome ★ **H.SOLANKI** – Wonderful ★ **RIMJHIM NAKRA** – Such a lovely gesture ! **SHENAZ KARIM LYNCH** – Beautiful. ★ **M.F.ALVI** - It is not only the thought but turning it into reality is yr merit Keep sharing ★ **DR. MUDASSIR KHWAJA** – Super Story ★ **SHAHNAWAZ KARIM** - What a wonderful surprise birthday party...the venue and time was great...the poem added the topping to the celebration...good job Sherry ★ **KUPPUSWAMY RAVI** – A Wonderful Idea. ★ **EDNA D'MELLO PILLAI** - So nice and thoughtful ★ **ZULEIKHA MERCHANT** - God bless you for remembering and taking such pains to celebrate the birthday ★ **REETA BHATIA** - Wow that's awesome, great way to celebrate some occasion with added charm. ★ **O.P.KATARIA** - What a novel treat for Noel on his birthday !! Who could be the brain-trust behind this .... none other than the talented Shariar Karim. He has given a true to life presentation....the moon sparkling over the river Chao Phyo and your noble wishes of camaraderie, peace and joy making a perfect 'Sangam' with the waves; it's vibrations would be felt by all sailing over it. They must have nearly rocked the boat rip-roaring over it. A lifetime memory for Noel. Memories come unbounded when I read the names of the crew of bygone days. Memories of Menam are manifold . We used to get the best suite over there, particularly the ones facing the river Chao Phyo . I saw Graham Gooch scoring a triple century against India on TV at Menam. I have never had better Veg Cutlets than the ones at Menam . There is so much more.

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★ **AI 42A “MERI KURISUMASU” 25.12.2020** ★ **MAHMOOD SHAH** - Lovely thought to have a celebrative evening with your crew ★ **O.P.KATARIA** Meri Kurisumasu Shariar. What a brilliant thought and dazzling presentation for the crew ! You are the Santa that has a repertoire of ideas in his cells . Besides your suave and elegant mannerisms has a compelling effect on the people. As can be seen on several occasions, all readily comply to your suggestion. God knows how many cards adorned with your trademark handwriting have been gifted by you. You surely must be surfacing in their lives ..... and I dare say adoringly. ★ **AI – 43 “ ONE DAY “ 27.12.2020** ★ **SUBHASISH CHOWDHURY** – Excellent! Brilliant! ★ **REETA BHATIA** - Ur poem is so apt, u have described everything so beautifully what God has gifted us with and in return instead of being thankful and preserving it we have really soiled it with our selfish nature. .we still have time to improve and make our planet a beautiful world for our coming generations. ★ **SHENAZ KARIM LYNCH** - Consider getting a book published Uncle “Memoirs of Shariar Karim” ★ **SHAHNAWAZ KARIM** - What a pertinent poem of the past and present and the two sets of pictures... good work bro ★ **DONNA CURRY** – One Day – beautiful ★ **FAROOQ ALVI** – Ultimate Creativity ★ **O.P.KATARIA** - Are you sure Shariar, you have not composed it yesterday or is it that you can foretell the coming events ? I am awestruck as it is so relevant not only for the present hard times but your composition’s every line with the corresponding picture is nothing but clairvoyance. The mayhem in the world today portrayed on the right side testifies to it. It is well said that prayer has the power to make a difference. So let us do so with all solemnity for a better world . May we all imbibe the attributes that would lead our intellect to the noble path. We can thus witness back it’s beauty in full splendour as the pictures on the left. ★ **ZULEIKHA MERCHANT** - You have said it all We still have the time to make our world a beautiful place not only for us but the future generations ★ **AI -44 “FAREWELL FRIEND” and AI – 44A “ IN FOND MEMORY” 29.12.2020** ★ **SHAHNAWAZ KARIM** - May their soul RIP... Amen. Very befitting poem. ★ **H. SOLANKI** - Very heart touching message, RIP to all Friends ★ **VIJAY SAVOOR KALLIANPUR** – Om Shanti ★ **VINAY KAMAT** – My respects to all of them ★ **JIT SINGH**- May God bless their departed souls and rest in peace ★ **AMITAVA DASGUPTA** – Commendable Gesture. My salute to these noble souls! Wonderful compilation! ★ **HARMINDER BAJAJ** - Pray for sadgati for their souls ★ **DEEPAK KHAMBADKONE** - Sad,let us All pray for them and for the welfare of their families ★ **UMAMESHWARA NISSANKARA RAO** - Very nice gesture of remembering our colleagues. Om Shanti Om. ★ **VINAYAK AHIRE** - God bless their souls. Amen Thanks for sharing this information, Dear. Sheriar. ★ **RAJIV JOHRI** - Man is mortal, and that's the truth. One fine day, one has to depart. Only thing matters, how your colleagues (not the family members) remember you. And that matters. Though it's an 'ash to ash' kind of matter, but finally it lies with the remembrance of the soul. ★ **CAPT. RUSSI BUNSHA** - Lest we forget. RIP. (Good job Sheriar) ★ **VASDEV BHAGIA** - So nice of you, Shariar, to have compiled and posted colleagues who left us recently. Many have been snatched by cruel hands of Corona virus. ★ **CAPT.RAJA SURI** - Dear Shariar thank you for compiling this list .. my heart and deepest condolences go out to all my ex colleagues and their families who we lost . I left Air India in 1995 for Singapore but always cherished my 17 years with Air India that taught me all I know . With my best regards to you all and best wishes for the coming year .. Capt. Raja Suri , Australia ★ **O.P.KATARIA** - The Odysseys 44 and 44A are very well received. It is indeed a noble thought emanating from none other than you. The passing away of our friends and colleagues is an inexorable pain that at times difficult to come to terms with. Many of them have had such a lonely death ! We place our wreaths too on all those who have left us. Losing 9 of our colleagues in tragic circumstances stunned and shocked me in Delhi . I am surprised to see that so many have left us in barely six months. You deserve kudos in the huge task of getting all the names along with their respective departments. No wonder you are constantly busy !! You can compose poems on any event, at the drop of a hat.....massive skill. I am quite moved by your impressive lines “ Friends may leave - Friendships live on.....with death they do not end “That’s a very rich tribute. God Bless You + 274 More Condolence Messages from Air-Indians and Indians

★ **LET’S BE THE CHANGE. . .NALINI RAO** - Yes, change of mindset, change in physical and mental health towards happiness and giving a helping hand , smile or word, makes a world of difference!!!!We have faced the toughest year, let's value life, people and social surroundings and be grateful!!! ★ **SHENAZ KARIM LYNCH** -Absolutely awesome- I am a big Fan of all your writing and thoughts

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★ **COMMENTS ON YEAR ENDING MESSAGE – “ LET’S BE THE CHANGE “** ★ **O.P. KATARIA** - I would honestly call this post of yours a magnum opus, a gem from a genius .No words suffice for such a studious effort. God knows how much time has gone into thinking , conceiving and creating this opulent New Year Greetings. The message you have conveyed will stay endured. Going through your text , poem and 145 words of “vices and virtues” , that too in alphabetical order, hits you . Every word is fittingly chosen . If one observes it minutely , there is so much to commend . The colour schemes, the titles , the layout , the message etc etc. I particularly noted the heading on top and below of the ‘ vice & virtues ‘ attachment. I would call you a Guru giving advice on the right conduct , to be rightly titled “ Shariar’s sagacious service to the society “ To put it more aptly in Hindi “ Shariar ka shishyon ke liye shishtachar ka shbdkosh “ Truly we need to change to make a change. Your message is loud and clear... we ought to reorient our outlook and attitude , never be classist or casteist , high or low, all be held with dignity, follow a strict regimen of health. Besides never to underestimate the power of the Almighty, have imminent faith and pray with more devotion. You thrive in doing things differently no matter how arduous, and accomplish it with elan. We have gone through a disastrous year. But we have to move with utmost caution , duly reflecting on our past . A driver cannot drive without blemishes if he doesn’t pay heed to the images from the rear- end mirror of the car. ★ **AI 45 “MILLENNIUM ANNOUNCEMENT” 31.12.2020** ★ **SHAHNAWAZ KARIM** -The atmosphere in the cabin must have been very special... indeed once in a lifetime ★ **REETA BHATIA** - Yes, life time experience. Excitement of entering a new millennium, new era, has its own charm. Now 2021, time really flies. Happy new year ★ **O.P.KATARIA** - Shariar you have had umpteenth golden moments in Air India , all worth reminiscing and reflecting. Bidding good bye to the last millennium and entering into the new one when you are high above the sky Is a Lifetime experience . You made it a marked and memorable event for on board by your spectacular show Pax must have burst into joy and exuberance at the final second. This is the second Odyssey worth relating that happened on your return from the place of the holy city. The last one was when you went on your 500th flt as an IFS - All Allah’s doing.