

ODYSSEY AI - Orbit 3 Completed with Shariar Karim's “MILESTONES AND MEMORIES”

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ORBIT 3 : SEPTEMBER 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

I wish to thank all those who embarked on this Odyssey with me 3 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 just 3 orbits and I look forward to sharing the remaining 9 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 is a great source of motivation for me to continue

A special word of Thanks to the owners of the splendid Website 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-4 commences with Flight AI -23, on, 2.10.2020 with " Remembering October 2, 1993 " - Remember what happened that day ?

AI- 22 " BOLLYWOOD SANDESHA" 21.9.2020

AI -22 " The Power of I " 21.9.2020

AI – 21 " V.V.I.P. Flight of the Prime Minister" 19.9.2020

AI - 20 " Ariana Afghan Airlines Flights" 17.9.2020

AI- 19 "Leaves , Blossoms and Memories" 11.9.2020

AI- 18 "Air-India's Secret Mission" 4.9.2020

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Honavar Amishi	Bazlul Akram	Pradnya Shelke	Rana Sen	Madhu Rohatgi	Subrata Majumdar
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Smeet Bhanushali	Vinu Viswanathan	Ashim Ghosh	Minoo Driver	Preethika Haldar	Joseph Xatxo

PROFOUND THANKS FOR YOUR COMMENTS

★ **AI -20 "ARIANA AFGHAN AIRLINES FLIGHTS"** ★ **MEGHA KAMPLI** - Sir, You are an inspiration to so many. Blessed to be your student ★ **ANIKET SHROUTI** - Moments of Pride....Kudos to you Sir
★ **UNNATI DHURANDHAR** - Your narrative about tour of duty is so heartwarming. I enjoyed reading it from start to finish, especially the Alliteration at the end. ★ **ZULKI WOHLA – Fly High !**

★ **JULEIKHA MERCHANT** - Great and wonderful memories You were indeed lucky to have had this privilege ★ **DEEPAK ROW** -Great memories. Best wishes ★ **ANIKET SHROUTI** - Moments of
Pride....Kudos to you Sir ★ **SAMIR KASHIWAR** – WOW ! Congratulations ★ **AI-21 " V.V.I.P.FLIGHT OF THE P.M. A.B.VAJPAYEE"** ★ **REETA BHATIA** – Loved the appreciation you all received.
★ **UNNATI DHURANDHAR** - Lovely Appreciation from Indian Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Atal Ji.It is a great honour to all the crew members Great achievement
So lovely to see familiar faces ★ **VIJAY BHATNAGAR** - Great Flight , Wonderful memories , fortunate to be part of this Flight at Zurich and Washington DC ★ **AI 22"MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO
MAKE AIR-INDIA DIFFERENT THE POWER OF I"** -- ★ **O.P.KATARIA** - The passion in your poetry can blossom at any event and be so striking and staggering. The power of "I" is one of the
scores of such kind. Your keenness and tremendous hard work amply reflect that. Sending a similar 'Sandesh' thru Bollywood Film Titles which is your forte is mind blowing. A strenuous effort.
★ **UNNATI DHURANDHAR** - Excellent Poetry . Amazing recitation. I am sure it must have been very inspirational to the audience. ★ **RAJENDRA GROVER** – Absolutely Amazing. ★ **ANIKET
SHROUTI** – Powerful and Motivating ★ **DEV JADHAV** – Excellent narration. Every word like a pearl bead, individual yet connected like a water stream flowing without losing momentum. ★
★ **SHENAZ KARIM LYNCH** - Absolutely Fantastic ! Every bit of work you have done for AIR-INDIA is a masterpiece. You have put your heart and soul to come up with creative ways to highlight the
MILESTONES. You should get a PADMASHREE. ★ **KEN SEQUEIRA** - Well done Shariar , you have put a lot of thought into it.. It takes a lot of time to get it just right. ★ + ★ + ★

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

★ **AI-16 "ARIANA AFGHAN AIRLINES TRAINING"** ★ **MINOO PATEL** --SHERIYAR , Im Sure U must Have Woowed Them and Done a Great Job As An Ambassador Of Our COUNTRY !!! U were a Perfectionist in The JOB !! Salute U SK Ji !

★ **AI -18 "AIR-INDIA'S SECRET MISSION" 4.9.2020** ★ **DR. KHWAJA MUDASSIR** – Wow ! Historic Occasion.You Probably Changed The Course Of History. Thanks

★ **UNNATI DHURANDHAR** - Prized memorabilia and fond memories- ! Such an interesting anecdote !

★ **SHAHNAWAZ KARIM** - The story is like a Hollywood movie which included all dark secrets including the planned coup. Surprised to know that Air India crew had to stay at different locations with Indian families. Thank God that ordeal is over and you

★ **OM PRAKASH KATARIA** -It was very noble of our PM to offer his good offices to fly down Mr Rene, the President of Seychelles from Harare to save him from being overthrown It had to be a secret mission. Indeed such flights are fraught with risk and danger I can imagine the plight of the crew while on ground in Seychelles It must have been a big relief when you all back to Harare

★ **ANISA KHATOON** - Amazing experience. As if I was almost watching an action thriller. Even had goosebumps!!! What an experience!!! Not many people have such opportunities of such experience, and even if they have, not all share it in such a lovely manner. Love following your Odyssey

★ **ZULEIKHA MERCHANT** - Never heard of this but thank God it's all over and ended well. Really like a movie but thank God all of it is over and all safe. The Maharaja Long live our Maharaja

★ **CECILE DUGGAL** – Quite an experience. Almost a James Bond Adventure

★ **RAJ BHAKRE** - We are proud to see the Royal Touch. Milestones & Memories keep us- ur well wishers in high

★ **TAMARA MARTIN** Amazing History

★ **PRATAPSIKH SISODIA** - Very interesting bit of history. Thank you.

★ **ALYSON BOWEN PEREIRA** – Wow

★ **PADUBIDRI DAMODHAR SHENOY** – So proud

★ **SERAJUL HAQUE** - Very interesting to read. So thrilling to be part of such high level international mission. - Like a spy thriller on a secret international mission involving top leaders . Very exciting

★ **AI-19 "LEAVES, BLOSSOMS AND MEMORIES 11.9.2020"** ★ **ZULEIKHA MERCHANT** - Wow what wonderful memories

★ **SANA DALVI** -Wow... what beautiful pictures & memories .Thank you so much for sharing. I really appreciate & admire your dedication, discipline ,which you still carry forward with so much of grace. As I have mentioned earlier...Shariar Karim..!! Naam hi kafi hai. Sabke sajhme shayad hi aap aaye ho.God bless your spirit God Bless U

★ **M.F.ALVI** - Excellent postings Memories of golden past come alive Keep sharing

★ **SANJAY LAZAR** - Lovely one Shari, superb crew too. Thank you for making us a part of so many beautiful memories

★ **REETA BHATIA** - I am astounded at level of dedication in preserving all these memories and presenting ur unforgettable experiences. Simply Amazing

★ **SERAJUL HAQUE** - It requires super confidence to be able to speak extempore in front of the P.M of India. The foundation of these writing and communication skills were laid at STS by such English teachers as Rev Sundaram, Dr.Billion and Mr Jhonston

★ **CECILE DUGGAL** - Treasure of memories in our home. Yes - 27 years later and still like it as much as the first time I saw it. Thanks again. You really have a great talent and am eagerly awaiting your next Odyssey episodes

★ **EVELYN IRANI** - Beautiful write-ups. Enjoy reading them

★ **UNNATI DHURANDHAR** - Such an interesting anecdote. PM in PJs .. I am sure that's a sight not many have seen. Another surprise.. a Toastmaster that doesn't drink!!The only thing that does not surprise me is you delivering an extempore speech regardless of the audience

★ **SABINA KARIM** - It's a wonderful accomplishment, we feel so proud of you

★ **SHAHNAWAZ KARIM** - What a memorable trip it must have been with a VVIP on board. That was a great memento presented to each of the crew members. Your poetry as usual was appropriately written in artistic handwriting

★ **OM PRAKASH KATARIA** --Just tell me Shariar, how many PMs have had the pleasure of flying with you. I think none left the Indian shores without ensuring that you were on board. Such was the era of Mr Shariar Karim. Your composition Leaves Blossoms Memories is one of the best. How in a nutshell you have poetically described your sight - seeing tour of the two cities May I ask why you rested only BRIEFLY in the SECRET garden ? By plucking the foliage at various places reflects how your mind is constantly occupied and thinking way ahead. Th unique presentation to the crew will ever live in their hearts. Great going !

★ **AI-20 "ARIANA AFGHAN AIRLINES FLIGHTS"** ★ **SHAHNAWAZ KARIM** - It must have been a very memorable event which will be written down in the books of history. The way you handled the whole show is a matter of pride for India, Air India and for your family and friends. Congrats.

★ **O.P. KATARIA** - It's a huge honour Shariar, to be selected, firstly to train the Ariana Afghan Airlines crew in Mumbai, then to be based in Kabul to guide the crew on board for their first few flights.