

**ODYSSEY AI – END OF ORBIT 10
with Shariar Karim's
“MILESTONES AND MEMORIES”**

NEXT FLIGHT: AI -68 on 3rd May 2021 “A Memento of a Lifetime”

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I wish to thank all those who embarked on this Odyssey with me 10 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 10 Orbits and I look forward to sharing the remaining 2 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 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 only a few more miles to go and a few more memories to share with you dear friends. Please stay on board. Orbit- 11 commences with Flight AI – 63 , on 3.5.2021 with “A Memento of a Lifetime” Wishing us all “Bon Voyage” on the journey ahead.

AI- 67 “ 3RD FLIGHT OF FANCY ” 25.4..2021

AI – 66 “ TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW “ 15.4.2021

AI – 65 “ CRY FROM ABOVE “ 14.4.2021

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AI – 63“ THE GUWAHATI – BANGKOK INAUGURAL “ 4.4.2021

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★ **ORBIT 9 – MARCH 1-31 – COMMENTS** ★ **SADANAND BAISANE** – Great Job ! ★ **UNNATI DHURANDHAR** - Orbit 1 through 9 have been absolutely enjoyable and I have waited for every post with great anticipation... looking forward to the next ★ **VIJU S. KALLIANPUR** - Will miss it...it's been an enjoyable experience reading ★ **SUBHASISH CHOUDHURI** - Thanks for including me in this list. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to be with you driving down the memory lane. I am grateful, thankful and fortunate to be a part of this journey. ★ **SHENAZ KARIM LYNCH** - These captures will be a legacy that generations to come in the KARIM family will cherish. Thank you for the painstaking immaculate compilation. ★ **KUPPUSWAMY RAVI** - Truly a labour of love Shariar! Amazed at your focus and attention to detail; not to mention your phenomenal memory with regard to your years in Air India! At the risk of repetition - kudos to you! ★ **REETA BHATIA** – Thanks for sharing this. ★ **CHRISTINE SETH** – Congrats Shariar. ★ **KHUSH KHAJOTIA**- Thank you for sharing this! Good reading ★ **ZULEIKHA MERCHANT** - Thank you for sharing Will miss your posts. Looking forward to the next one ★ **O.P.KATARIA** - The credit of revivifying our memories solely goes to you . If we had not been the privileged voyagers of your Odysseys so many names would have vanished from the cells. They have been the idyllic platform for sustaining them. It is God's doing . He had set aside the right time for that. It goes beyond my perception that how meticulously you kept a track record of so many things right from early days , least knowing that one day it would get such a thumbs up response It goes beyond my perception that how meticulously you kept a track record of so many things right from early days , least knowing that one day it would get such a thumbs up response. ★ **AI-63 – “THE GUWAHATI – BANGKOK INAUGURAL” 4.4.2021** ★ **SUBHASISH CHOUDHURI** - Thanks Shariar for sharing this. I was fortunate to be a part of this historical operation and was posted at Gawahati. ★ **SHAHEEN TYEBJEE** - Remember the inaugural flight. I was part of it, working in first class and making inflight announcements in Assamese! ★ **CHRISTINE SETH** - Shariar , you'r quite the poet! Love it! ★ **ZULEIKHA MERCHANT** - Wonderful did not know that there was this sector. Well, I left A.I and Bombay 40 years ago This is great news for me ★ **UNNATI DHURANDHAR** – Such a delectable Menu ★ **REETA BHATIA** - Loved the poem ★ **KUPPUSWAMY RAVI** – Beautiful Poem ★ **YAZDI IRANI** – Keep up the good work. ★ **NOSHIR SANJANA** - You are a commendable poet, a proficient writer, a gifted composer, and artist in calligraphy and penmanship. An apt rhymer and an author, par excellence. Besides all these, you are also a part-time Historian for Air-India. You have a plethora of 'milestones and memories', information of Landmark events and features, with dates, stretching over almost four decades, connected to you, during your long tenure with Air-India. ★ **O.P.KATARIA** - I didn't realise Guwahati is surrounded by so many countries e.g Nepal ,Bhutan, Bangladesh Myanmar . Your route map has refreshed my knowledge. Your compositionsynchronous to the route and varied dishes of the menu is unique and striking. You always have something novel up your sleeve. In both hand written as well as the one printed alternatively with blue and red along with pictures of the palace, has drawn my attention admirably . This is a worthy memento, something for keeps ★ **AI-64 “AIR-INDIA KA SUHANA SAFAR” 9.4.2021 -** ★ **KUPPUSWAMY RAVI** – God Bless ★ **CHRISTINE SETH** - What an awesome gesture of AI to fly these kids! ★ **ANNE DESOUZA** - GO BHARAT. My wonderful Dad (RIP) was early air crew Air India. I am even prouder now of being a daughter of our nation's airline. ★ **YAZDI IRANI** – Blessings of the Maharaja. Most welcome sir.. Thanks to the days we had ...and for the cause of special needs children.. missing those days. Thanks Shariar sirji. ★ **MAHMOOD SHAH** - Bless you and your team for these lovely gestures towards the differently abled. ★ **UNNATI DHURANDHAR** – Such a beautiful gesture. This has left me with goosebumps ★ **FAROOQ ALVI** – Memorable. Noble cause ★ **CECILE DUGGAL** - It's such a joy to read about this “flight” and see the happy faces of the invited children. Congratulations ★ **SHEELA DHOPTÉ** – Beautiful Memories ★ **MALLIKA RAMSWAMY** – Great Work ★ **REETA BHATIA** - This small journey must have made such a beautiful impression in minds of these young kids. Can imagine their excitement and feel they must have got by being there in the aircraft cabin. Turning someone's tears into a beautiful smile can be so joyful for all. Wish we all could do that and make this world a beautiful paradise. ★ **VIOLA SALDHANA** - Thanks Mr. Shariar Karim for keeping these memories alive. ★ **VIJOO SAVUR KALLIANPUR** - God Bless you all and them...I can imagine their excitement ★ **HUTOXI PALAMKOTE DRIVER**- I am sure Javed Jaffrey must have been fun. Good actor and dancer. ★ **O.P.KATARIA** - They say when you spread joy , joy manifests manifold in your own life . You deserve such happiness for good ,as you have taken the lead in conceiving and conducting these programmes, not only the fancy flights but many more of terra firma quality. What Air India did along with V Care's initiative will never efface from the cancer afflicted children's minds. A rare experience , all the basics and rudiments that go to make it appear a 'real' flight, even the roar of the engine before take -off as one reporter put it. The inflight entertainment too was well thought of. Those who won the quiz contest will cherish the picture postcards with Sachin Tendulkar's autograph . All a soothing balm to those who know not what life holds for them. Shariar, I am in awe of your Hindi composition. Never imagined you could express yourself so well in it . The art and ability to compose is the moot point. *Aapke sunehre shabdon ne hamare safar ko suhana bana diya Shukriya* Shariar I am the least surprised of the press coverage of this flight . The quality of your work and for whom it was done will enhance their readership.

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★ **AI-65 "CRY FROM ABOVE" 14.4.2021** ★ **VIJU SAVOOR KALLIANPUR** - Beautifully written. God bless his soul ★ **SUBHASISH CHOUDHURY** - Excellent gesture. ★ **NOSHIR SANJANA** - So very nice of you to remember and commemorate such a kind soul, our ex-colleague Ripon Kapoor who passed away at a tender age of just 40. Your 'CRY from above', is written with so much feeling and so much sentiment, that the verse carries feeling even today. ★ **SANA DALVI** - Hats off to Rippan Kapur. I am sure he is very happy, wherever he is, God is taking good care of him. May his soul rest in peace. I just loved the way Shariar Karim has written the most powerful, heart touching article on our beloved colleague. Thank you so much for sharing all beautiful memories Mr. Shariar Karim, you have a golden heart. God bless you. ★ **REETA BHATIA** - Beautiful tribute for a beautiful soul. He was really gem of a person. I am sure his imitative to start CRY is going to go a long way and he is watching that his selfless service is showing good results. ★ **ALYSON BOWEN PEREIRA** - Hope & Pray that 'CRY' still Continues to Carry on his Good Work! ★ **SHEELA DHOPTÉ** - May God Bless ★ **JAGMIT SINGH** - What a man!!! Such a beautiful poem for a lovely and compassionate person! Sir you are no less a good person!! I know that!! And so do a lot more people!!! ★ **MALLIKA RAMSWAMY** - Beautiful poem and precious tribute to a loving soul ★ **LALL SINGH SACHDEV** - what an honest and befitting tribute to one who meant and cared so much for tomorrow's generation. Well done Sherry ★ **CHRISTINE SETH** - What a heartwarming tribute to Rippan Kapur. ★ **VANLATA KALANTRI ASWANI** - Om Shanti Rippan. ★ **HUTOXI PALAMKOTE DRIVER** - Rippan was such a sweet soul ★ **UNNATI DHURANDHAR** - Such a fitting eulogy. ★ **KUPPUSWAMY RAVI** - Lovely poem - touching! Didn't know he was ex Air India. ★ **ZULEIKHA MERCANT** - What a lovely poem. I had done quite a few flights with him and a'so worked for CRY after coming to Bhavnagar. What a great thought a living heart. Rest in Eternal Peace Ameen. ★ **JAGMIT SINGH** - Such a beautiful poem for a lovely and compassionate person! ★ **PRASANNA LAKSHMI** - Om Shanti ★ **POONAM VASHDEV** - May his soul rest in peace.. very sad news ★ **RANAJIT BASU** - Om Shanti ★ **KIRAN VYAS** - May God bless his soul ★ **PRABHA ERANEE** - Om Shanti ★ **ANAND PRAKASH** - RIP ★ **DIWAKAR GANTA** - Om shanthi. Hari om ★ **JYOTI RAHA** - May he rest in peace. ★ **NALINI RAO** - Such noble deeds, but left so soon, sadly. Beautiful poem, well deserved ★ **SANJAY LAZAR** - Lovely poem Shariar. Ripan was such a wonderful human being, colleague & later a friend & he set an example for so many people. All of us did little things for Cry because of his unstinting efforts, but to imagine that those saplings would grow into such a big tree - was unimaginable ★ **O.P. KATARIA** - My heart roared with so much empathy and adulation for dear Rippan Kapur, a noble soul that brought soothing solace to millions of impoverished children. Your poetic presentation "Cry from above" is a cry from your inner self Shariar poignant and heartrending. A tribute that must have reached the heavens. CRY that has become a worldwide organisation, seems to be listening intently to Rippan. A light that shimmered in his heart ultimately turned into Divine light for all those who became associated to CRY. This Odyssey will ever reflect prominently in your opus Milestones & Memories ★ **NOSHIR SANJANA** - How very nice of you to remember and commemorate such a kind soul, our ex colleague Ripon Kapoor who passed away at a tender age of just 40. 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Lastly the logo designed for TTT is so apt.... cohesively steering up. ★ **AI-64 "AIR-INDIA KA SUHANA SAFAR" 9.4.2021** ★ **JESSIE FONSECA** - We are truly blessed. With AI we have travelled to so many countries, seen the world, met so many people, pax from various countries, their culture, language etc. We have witnessed so many emergencies and are still alive. We have had ups and downs in our lives. When we go through the difficult times, we become stronger human beings. Today we can sit back and relive all those lovely memories. Air India was like family to us. ★ **REETA BHATIA** - Ur flights of fancy have brought smiles on so many faces of innocent children Making them feel like our important guests and letting them forget their pains they were facing (for some time) and leaving unforgettable impressions on their minds is so commendable. ★ **VIOLA SALDHANA** - How well you have documented the memories of your flying career. I'd saved one such memory of our flight together where we were delayed in Bangkok on Christmas eve. You'd given each of us a beautifully handwritten poem titled 'A night on the river Menam' with all the crew members names on it. Do you still have it? I'd last seen it in my AI memory folder last year. Can't seem to find it now. 😊 ★ **O.P. KATARIA** - I am amazed at the ability of people who are hampered with the free movement of some of their limbs. The Society for Education of the Challenged is doing a yeoman service. Being invited as a Special Guest on their tenth anniversary is in recognition of your good work on the third Fancy Flight. But the impact of your work was most revealing when Bande Nawaz rushed passed Akshaye Khanna and hugged you. Touching and overwhelming. How you live in people's hearts!