

ODYSSEY AI – END OF ORBIT 8 with Shariar Karim's “MILESTONES AND MEMORIES”

Dear Friends,

On February 28,2021, we completed Orbit 8. I wish to thank each one of you for your kind Likes and encouraging Comments. As a token of my deep appreciation, I have compiled the attached list of Names and Comments to Thank you personally. Please accept this as a humble gesture of my Gratitude. Thank You.

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I wish to thank all those who embarked on this Odyssey with me 8 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 8 orbits and I look forward to sharing the remaining 4 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 some more miles to go and some more memories to share with you dear friends. Please stay on board. Orbit-9 commenced with Flight AI – 57, on 1.3.2021 with “A Silver Lining”. Wishing us all “Bon Voyage” on the journey ahead.

AI- 56 “ MY 38TH YEAR WITH AIR-INDIA “ 28.2.2021

AI- 55 “ MY 37TH YEAR WITH AIR-INDIA” 28.2.2021

AI – 54 “ THE CRY- CYCLE CRUSADE “ 28.2.2021

AI – 53 “ MY CRICKETING IMPORTANT PASSENGERS “ 14.2.2021

AI – 52 “ FLIGHT DELIGHT ” 8.2.2021

AI – 51 “ NAMASKAR ISRAEL “ 4.2.2021

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MAHMOOD SHAH	ABID H. SIDDIQUI	O.P.KATARIA	FAROOQ ALVI	UNNATI DHURANDHAR	SAFIYYAH KARIM
VINAY KAMAT	SHIVANANDA KAMATH	NEVILLE N.BHAJIWALA	NANDITA LAL	BEHRAM COLAH	RAVI KRISHNAN
SUHITA SINHA KHOSLA	NITIN BHATJIWALE	SALMA REHMANI	SUDESH MEHTA	SHEELA DHOPTÉ	ALEXANDRE TRINDADE
HUTOXI P. DRIVER	H. SOLANKI	SUDHA INDURAJ	BINAIFER DIVENTRI	RAJAN IYENGAR	DEVENDER BHARADWAJ
PRAFUL SAVLA	VASUMATHI JAYARAMAN	HARSHA PAREKH	YESHWANT TUCKER	ANKIT JOSHI	VIJU S. KALLIANPUR
EDNA D'MELLO PILLAI	P.SASIDHARAN PILLAI	NALINI RAO	SUNIL GHANSHYAM PAL	ASHOK BUNGAY	SMEET BHANUSHALI
SHENAZ KARIM LYNCH	SHASHIKALA DALCHAND	YUSUF KHAN	SUMEER KOHLI	DINSHAW IRANI	SANJAY LAZAR
DONNA CURRY	DEEPALI PRADEEP	NINA VIJAYKUMAR	SANJEEVA RAO	KHUSH KHAJOTIA	ALYSON B. PEREIRA
CAROL MENDONCA	VISHWANATH HEGDE	GAVE PALKHIVALA	VEERA B. UMRIGAR	RAM KAMBLE	DEEPAK KHAMBADKONE
YOGINI GADA	MADHU ROHATGI	GERARD VALLADARES	RAJENDRA DEVADHIA	RAJENDRA P. RAUT	BEVERLEY CHRISTOPHER
MANUEL DABREW	ANJALI DANDEKAR	RAJAN IYENGAR	MOHAN UPRETI	PIOUS GONSALVES	YESHWANT TUCKER
ANTHONY BRAGANZA	PUSHPA DEMELLO	NORMA SMITH	RUPESH MISHRA	THOMAS DESA	VINAY CHOUBEY
SUBRATA MAJUMDAR	RENU KHANNA MENON	JAMSHED GHADIALI	IRENE FERNANDEZ	HASHMAT HAIDAR	B.M.SATIKUMAR
KUPPUSWAMY RAVI	RENU SAINI MOHAN	BHARATI SAGAR	VILLY BAKSHI	ASFAQ SHAIKH	VEERAVALLI NIRANJAN
AJOY MITRA	VIJU S.KALLIANPUR	RIMJHIM NAKRA	ASLAM HAMID	KOSHY THOMAS	NANDITA LAL
LALL SINGH SACHDEV	SANJEEVA RAO	MANPREET BHALERAO	JACK KRISHNAN	INDERJEET S. MEHRA	INDRAJEET KUSHWAHA
GEETI HAKIM	PANKAJ DAVID	ABHIMANYU PATHAK	SARJERAO RITE	ATUL SHARMA	A. Rz
HARJIT WALIA	UMESH DIPIKAR	HARISH KRANTI	BALDEV SINGH DHILLON	RAHUL BODDULA	GANGADHARAN UB

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SHAHNAWAZ KARIM	ATUL L.GOYAL	DHIREN GWALANI	SHALINI AILANI	RISHI SINGH	ROGER DSOUZA
CHANDRAKANT DOSHI	ASHOK NAGPAL	TSHETAN W. NORBHU	STELLA D'SOUZA	ANIKET SHROUTI	SUDHIR KADAM
PRADEEP MUDHOLKAR	KAKOLI KANJILAL	GIRIJA SHANKAR	DEBJIT DEY	EKBAL SHAIK	Ps IYER
ASHTANA SUDHIR	SURESH KUMAR	SANJAY SHARMA	ASHISH JAISWAL	NITIN GUNAJI	PRITAM SANDHU KUMAR
JOSEPH XALXO	SATISH LADE	ASHA RAO	NARENDER K.SHARMA	VISHAL KUMAR	SHEENA KUCKREJA
HARIRAJ BHATNAGAR	VIJAY KUMAR SHARMA	SHUBHAM KAPOOR	ANJALI KOCHHAR	USHA RAVI	SUNIL MENEZES
PRABHA ERANEE	SUBHASH PEWEKAR	ANJALI DANDEKAR	SAMEERA K. SHARMA	KIRTI RAO	VAIBHAV PARAB
GEORGE EAPEN	RAMCHANDRA ADHAV	ASHWINI SHETTY	ESA KHAN	OLDREN PATEL	RAJLAKSHMI PANDEY
HARMNDER BAJAJ	ANITA LAL	SAVIO P.L.	IVY ANDRADE	KAL BALAKRISHNAN	DEEPAK R. BHAT
ERROL RODRIGUES	RAJV SEHGAL	PREM RAGHAVAN	SAMSHER PATIL	SANJAY SHARMA	UJALA THAM
MINOO DRIVER	PRADIP GHOSH	PRADNESH SAWANT	RAJEEV AMARYA	SULTANA GREWAL	KAKOLI KANJILAL
KUNVER SINGH	PRITAM SANDHU KUMAR	VINAY SINGH	RITA LOBO	RAJNIKANTH KANTH	SRINIVASULU KONDAPURAM
SUDHIR KADAM	GIRISH WASAN	RAJEEV AMARIYA	ADITI SHIWALKAR	MAHENDRA MAHADIK	SUFAL SAHA
AVINASH SARANG	MOHSEEN SHAIKH	GEETA SONI	PUSHPA D'MELLO	VANLATA K.ASWANI	ASHWIN E.SHUKLA
SUNIL GANGURDE	REBECCA FERNANDES	JAYSHREE RATHOD	CONRAD TITIUS	ARVIND GOREGAONKAR	RAGHU RAMAN
RANBIR SINGH	SHAKT I PATIL	JAY GO	VENKAT R.KUMAR	ANNIE THOMAS	SHASHIKUMAR BIDVAI
DILNAVAZ MUNSHI	CECILE DUGGAL	SANYA SETHI	MILIND BAPAT	CORAL CARDOZ	R.NARAYANAMOORTHY
FARSHOGAR P.GAZDAR	UDAY JOSHI	USHA GHATE	AMIT KARMALKAR	NILOUFER MEHERWVANJEE	DEEPAK KAMBLE

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DEEPAK CHAUDHARI	MANJEET SINGH KOHLI	SAKET SARAN	BOBBY ROY	REETA BHATIA	ANISA KHATOON
SHYAM GORE	MUKESH KUMAR SONI	NIRMALA DASARI	ALKA SARANG	SARITA MATHUR	SUJATA NAIK
RANJAN SINDGIKAR	J. PREMKUMAR	MAKHAN LAL	NEVILLE CHOKSI	RAM JADHAV	POONAM A. ARANJO
NAZMUL H. LASKAR	ADITI SHIVALIKAR	SHAHNAZ SHETTY	MANOJ KB	NIRMALA CASTELLINO	M. PRABHUDESAI
CHRISTOPHER KENNEDY	ZULEIKHA MERCHANT	AURITA SHIVALIKAR	DIWAKAR JHA	PERVIN PARAKH	SERYOT DORJI
MEHERNOSH BURJORJEE	LUCKY HURGAT	K. VENKATRAMAN	PRAFUL LALE	AWAIS QURESHI	KIRAN SANKHE
JAVED HUSSAIN	ABBAS MISTRY	UMA VARDHINI	VISHVA SRIVASTAVA	AMEET WADEKAR	ANAMIKA HORO
BALU ISHWAR	SUREKHA BAROT	RAJIV JOHRI	SHARMILA V. KADNE	NAVIN SARMALKAR	ARVIND GOREGAONKAR
PRITI SANGHA	TANMAY LOKHANDE	M.PRABHUDESAI	V. PARTHASARATHI	PRAFUL LALE	SHRINIVAS ADHIKARI
MALLIKA RAMSWAMY	NATIVIDADE BOCARRO	GITA BADER	SARITA MATHUR	RAMESH VASUDEVAN	SHIVANANDA KAMATH
AJAY BABLA	DEEPAK VERMA	MOHINI SINGH	ARUN DUBEY	ANAND PUNWANI	DR.A. VAIDYANATHAN
TSHERING DOMA	SATISH LADE	RAJU TALUKDAR	AJAY THAKUR	BALESH WAGHELA	PRATHAMESH KULKARNI
MUKUL BANERJEE	GAIL CHRISTINE VAS	DHIREN GWALANI	KRITIKA PANDEY	RAJU TALUKDAR	BOINPALLY RAVINDRANATH
AWADH RUBYPRASAD	ZULFIKAR ZAHUR KHAN	SANTANA GHOSH	VIJAY SETHI	S. SRINIVASAN	BHALCHANDRA PATIL
SATHYAN GHODKE	SUKOMAL ROYCHOUDHURY	ROBERT FERNANDES	N.L.RAO	VINEETA BHARATI	JK NAYYAR
SAJED MUMTAZ	PRANNAY MAHAT	SANJAY SHARMA	NANDINI SHARMA	RONY KAPADIA	SUBHASH KANHERE
CHRISTOPHER KHAN	SUDARSHAN DAS GUPTA	RANJIT THANEKAR	DIPAK CHAKTE	ATUL CHANDRA	HARINDER RANA
RODNEY GONSALVES	GOURI GANDHI	VALLERY PURI	LUNNEL FONSECA	DINKER BENEGAL	PARITOSH SABNIS

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MEENAKSHI DUA	AMAN CHANDAK	ANTHONY BRAGANZA	JYOTI SAVLA	RATNA DANIEL	DYUTI PATEL
ATHAR HUSSAINI	PRADEEP MUDHOLKAR	SUDARSHAN DAS GUPTA	SURESH CHIPLUNKAR	MADHU ROHATGI	PRAKASH DHINGREJA
CHRISTINE SETH	PRAKASH PUNJABI	ASHWANI SHARMA	IQBAL BIHARI	VIJAY PUNJ	D. SHINGRUP
ANTOINETTE DEMELLOW	GANESHAN AYYAR	POONAM VASHDEV	S.ROYCHOUDHURY	DIWAKAR GANTA	LHAKI TSHERING
MALLIKA RAMSWAMY	ASHAMANJU BALA	DEVIRAM DHULIA	LEENA VARKEY SAJU	VARUN SAWHNEY	HIMA SA
SUMAN MATTA	VENKAT R. KUMAR	RAVI KRISHNAN	SUSHANT MESHRAM	VALENTINA CEREJO	SHIRISH BAGWE
REEMA GULATI	PARESH PATIL	ABHISHEK YADAV	SHOAIB ANSARI	DEVANSH JANI	HIREN BANDODKAR
MEGHANA D. SAVLA	SHAKIL KAZI	TUSHAR THAKKAR	PRADIP GHOSH	MURLIDHAR PRABHU	R.NARAYANAMOORTHY
NEERAJSINGH MANRAL	HARISH KRANTI	SANTANA GHOSH	KIRTI RAO	AJIT SAROHA	SAMSHER PATIL
SHOBHA SHINDE	PURABI RAY	MANALI JADHAV	SRIDHAR BHATTIPROLU	SUNDARA RAGHAVAN	SANJAY BANSAL
PRASENJIT SEN	PULAK SEN	SHAHNOOR MEHTA	KAWALJIT SINGH	S. PURUSHOTHAMAN	VINAM KATARIA
SHUBHAM KAPOOR	OM RANJAN SHARMA	SHRIDAHA SRI	AMTUL NAEEM	ANGIE KUMAR	JAYSHREE RATHOD
SUSAN D. SELVARAJ	VIJAY PUNJ	UTSAB CHAKRABORTY	NARESH S.CHAUHAN	DNYANESHWAR SHINGRUP	SAPNA D. ARORA
JITENDER VERMA	VIJAY KEER	SHAKTI PATIL	DAKSHA KALYANI	MANI HARIA	AKHIN NAIK SAROLI
N. S.RAJPUT	M. PRABHUDESAI				

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★ COMMENTS-END OF ORBIT 7 – JANUARY 1 – 31, 2021 ★ SUBHASISH CHOUDHURI - Thanks loaded with due emotions. ★ H.SOLANKI – Super ★ SUDHA INDURAJ - Awesome Job
★ SHAHNAWAZ KARIM- Congratulations ★ DINSHAW IRANI – Congratulations ! Keep up the good work. ★ BINAIFER DIVENTRI – You are great. ★ AJOY MITRA – Congratulations ★ UNNATI DHURANDHAR - Heartiest **Congratulations** Looking forward to the rest of the journey. I must say this has been a supremely magnificent experience. Thank you. ★ VINAY CHOUBEY – Congratulations ★ EDNA D’MELLO PILLAI - Fantastic work and all the efforts you have taken... ★ VEERAVALLI NIRANJAN - It is immense joy cruising with you rekindling our chequered past
★ O.P.KATARIA - Going through the Likes and Comments, I find that your Odysseys are gathering more steam. That’s a clear reflection of your abundant following. Besides you, I too feel elated reading the comments. Please ensure to increase the capacity of your Odysseys lest you miss the most desirable ones. ★ AI-51 “NAMASKAR ISRAEL” 4.2.2021 ★ SAM FRAMROZE PATELL - Dearest friend and batchmate, hope I live to read all your odysseys to come. If I don’t, I shall ask GOD permission to read them from above. I would like to nominate you for the Nobel Prize for literature, nothing less can value your creations. ★ DARAYAS MODI - Kudos Shariar ! Only You could have done this. Simply Super ! ★ FAROOQ ALVI - Memorable journey ★ SUBHASISH CHOUDHARI - Very nostalgic. I remember the flight. Thanks for bringing the memories back. ★ UNNATI DHURANDHAR - Wow! At first glance it did look like Hebrew ★ HUTOXI P. DRIVER – That’s really nice. ★ SHENAZ KARIM LYNCH – Awesome and Creative ★ CECILE DUGGAL - Love your “ Hebrew poem” for the inaugural flight ★ O.P.KATARIA - SHALOM SHALOM ! You have so well essayed the Hebrew script which at first glance will fox anyone . I am so glad to read Mr Jussawala’s letter of appreciation in recognition of your creative talent. ★ GEETA SONI – Congratulations ★ SHAHNAWAZ KARIM- Your specialized way of presenting your poem is outstanding...golden memoirs of the past ★ AVINASH KAPADIA – Congratulations Sirji! Bahot bahot badhai ho! U HV achieved a great success! All d best for future also! We all air India staff r proud of u! Keep it up! Stay blessed by all mighty! Amen! ★ MALLIKA RAMASWAMY - Wonderful, you deserve all the compliments, Congratulations...Beautiful memories ★ AMIT KARMALKAR – Great ★ JAYANT PRASAD – Congratulations ★ AI-52 “FLIGHT DELIGHT” 8.2.2021 ★ AROOQ ALVI - Delighted to read yr poetry Besides wisdom one needs balancing words fr the poetry and u have in abundance Karim Sb Allah bless u Best wishes ★ KUPPUSWAMY RAVI - Delight’ful photo! ★ REETA BHATIA - Wow, description of full breakfast menu put down in black and white so beautifully. My taste buds are craving for the same and i can feel the aroma of all items, (my favourite omelette and hot and spongy crolssants. ★ MAHMOOD SHAH – Mouth- watering description. Thank you ★ VINAY KAMAT - YUMMY YUMMY ★ SALMA REHMANI - Awesome
★ BALU ISHWAR –Super B/F, inviting description, lovely layout. ★ UNNATI DHURANDHAR - Love the poem ★ NNA VIJAYKUMAR - The good days of Royal Doultan and Noritake. ★ O.P. KATARIA -Your “ Delight “ on Abu Dhabi-Mumbai trip with the backdrop of a a beautiful dawn has transported me into an inescapable dream. The envied poetic description will entice any traveller . The Commercial Department must use it for Air India’s publicity for all times to come . Besides the Catering Section must have felt buoyed too. At one stroke you have exhilarated so many people
★ AI-53 “ MY C.I.Ps.” 14.2.2021 ★ KUPPUSWAMY RAVI - Very nicely done Shariar! ★ FAROOQ ALVI - Superb creation ★ PRAFUL LALE -Very memorable and worth preserving for years together ★ SHRINIVAS ADHIKARI - Thanks for letting us see the World Cup Trophy so closely. Great share. ★ O.P. KATARIA - Your CRICKETING IMPORTANT PERSONS Odyssey is just magnificent to say the least. How intelligently you have improvised the names in each stanza, incorporating with the rhyme too. Particularly RUN A TUNGA STREAKED OLONGA. WHITE BROWNE BISHOP SULTAN TWISE all FAIRBROTHER ☞☞☞ It was not much of effort in connecting to the past cricketers ★ AI-53A “RACE AGAINST TIME” 21.2.2021 ★ KHUSH KHAJOTIA - God bless you. Thanks Shariar. ★ UNNATI DHURANDHAR - Dear Shariar Ji, reading your memoir has left me with cold feet n goose skin. What you have done for your buddy was above and beyond the call of duty. This is back-breaking pressure I guess this memoir is the best example of friendship for ever and ever after. Stay blessed always ★ SUBRATA MAJUMDAR - Wow this must have taken a lot of courage. Hats off Shariar. ★ REETA BHATIA - What dedication towards ur call of duty! It goes beyond my image what u must have gone through to complete all formalities, to make sure that the body reaches India without delay. You went beyond ur call of duty but can feel what satisfaction and relief u must have got on accomplishing this job. Great job done in name of humanity. ★ AJOY MITRA - Bravo Shariar. Great Keep it up. God bless. ★ DINKER BENEGAL - Hats off to you sir. I know what it takes to get a corpse moved from one place (country)to another by Air. ★ PRATAPSIH SISODIA - This is an amazing story. Great that you have shared it. hank you. ★ O.P.KATARIA - The sequential of events described by you is traumatic. Having gone through such agonising moments after a fatiguing flight, can really wear you off. The news of death of a colleague and friend is itself shattering and the way you had to face up to it is shuddering. But it is remarkable how you stayed composed and managed to accomplish the work in hand , not missing the finishing line....no matter how arduous it was . I wonder if anybody else would have stood so steadfastly to this “Race against time”a well thought title of this Odyssey ★ AI-54 “CRY CYCLE CRUSADE” 28.2.2021 ★ FAROOQ ALVI - Very touching poem for CRY.

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★ **AI -54 "CRY CYCLE CRUSADE" 28.2.2021** ★ **O.P. KATARIA** - You are a crusader of joy and happiness . It flows through your pen or speech. Through your Cry Cycle Crusade you have complimented F/P Vasudevan and his friend's huge effort....cycling such a long distance through the heat, dust and grime to raise funds for CRY . Welcoming them at the IFS Auditorium is boosting their morale for the onward journey to Delhi and a noble gesture. Your idea of drawing a large map tracking their route is again reflective of doing things differently ; it will stay embedded in people's mind . Your composition is again worthy a read.★ **AI-55 " MY 37TH YEAR WITH AIR-INDIA" 28.2.2021** ★ **SHAHNAWAZ KARIM** – Congratulations ! on the completion of 37 years with Air India and your Thank you note to all your crew members was a wonderful representation ★ **FAROOQ ALVI** – Lovely, lovely Congrats Karim Sb ★ **CHRISTINE SETH** –Congrats !

★ **CHRISTOPHER KHAN** – Congratiliions ★ **UNNATI DHURANDHAR** – Awesome ! Congratulations ! ★ **SHENAZ KARIM LYNCH** - Congratulations! So well captured - every memory and memento. Unique and never attempted ★ **TUSHAR THAKKAR** – Congratulations ! Shariar bhai for great services by you ★ **REETA BHATIA** - Loved the way u have decorated ur poem of gratitude with beautiful stars. It give one goosebumps when u go back to old memories, specially our type of job, which gave us no time to think abt gone past but now when u think of gone time, and beautiful memories, it really brings smile on one's face.★ **RIMJHIM NAKRA** - Incredible! Such a long journey... Wow!★ **ASHAMANJU BALA** – Great Memories !★ **DEVIRAM DHULIA** – Old Treasure, keep preserved. ★ **MALLIKA RAMSWAMY** - You are one of a kind sir, your handwriting is amazing.★ **AJAY BABLA** – Nice ★ **O.P.KATARIA** - _The penultimate year prior to your retirement must have been very emotional. At times it is hard to part away from something that has evolved around you for donkey's years. There must be hardly anyone in Air India who has,in some sorts ,not felt the enviable breeze of Shariar Karim. You have been inseparable from umpteenth of its activities and contributed unremittingly. Besides the ineffable joy that has been felt by the thousands with your mementos and poetry.★ **AI- 56 " MY 38th YEAR WITH AIR-INDIA"28.2.2021** ★ **SUBHASISH CHOUDHURI** - Must be very nostalgic running down the memory lane.★ **FAROOQ ALVI** - Great achievement ★ **O.P.KATARIA** - It is not only a huge huge span but it has been accomplished with elan . You have left an imprint that will never be obliterated in the precious pages of Air India's history The kind of Shariar Karim's dedication are far and few. It is where the employer feels indebted to the employee.