

# ODYSSEY AI – END OF ORBIT 9 with Shariar Karim's “MILESTONES AND MEMORIES”

Dear Friends,

Today, Orbit 9 comes to an end. We have completed 9 months of Odyssey AI's voyage with my 'Milestones and Memories.' I am grateful to each one of you for your kind Comments and Likes. The only way I can express my Thanks is through the attached List of Likes and Comments where each of your names and encouraging Comments are inscribed on a slide and will be treasured by me for all time to come. Wishing you a safe flight on Orbit 10. Bon Voyage !

## **Thank You Friends for your LIKES and COMMENTS**

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*I wish to thank all those who embarked on this Odyssey with me 9 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 9 orbits and I look forward to sharing the remaining 3 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](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 some more miles to go and some more memories to share with you dear friends. Please stay on board. Orbit- 10 commences with Flight AI – 63 , on 4.4.2021 with " The Guwahati–Bangkok Inaugural" Wishing us all "Bon Voyage" on the journey ahead.*

**AI- 62 " MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO MAKE AIR- INDIA DIFFERENT " 24.3.2021**

**AI- 61 " CRICKET IN THE AIR – HOW'S THAT ?" 23.3.2021**

**AI – 60 " MY 500<sup>TH</sup> FLIGHT AS AN I.F.S." 19.3.2021**

**AI – 59 " ODE TO AN APOSTLE" 13.3.2021**

**AI – 58 " WATAN KI SAIR " 10.3..2021**

**AI – 57 " A SILVER LINING " 1.3.2021**

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SHENAZ KARIM LYNCH	O.P. KATARIA	SAM F. PATELL	FAROOQ ALVI	REETA BHATIA	UNNATI DHURANDHAR
RODNEY GONSALVES	TARLOCHAN ANAND	VANLATA K. ASWANI	RIMJHIM NAKRA	SUNIL MENEZES	SAFIYYAH KARIM
VINAY KAMAT	PRAKASH PUNJABI	SANYA SETH	ANJAN KR. DAS	CHRISTOPHER KHAN	KESHAV JAGTAP
PRABHA ERANEE	SRIDHAR SRI	UMA VARDHINI	KOSHY THOMAS	ANJALI KOCHHAR	A. Rz
DYUTI PATEL	YESHWANT TUCKER	VIJU S. KALLIANPUR	ASHOK SHAW	RITA BARAT	BEHRAM COLAH
USHA RAVI	SUDHA INDURAJ	VILAS M. RAJMANE	RANJAN SINDGIKAR	SALMA REHMANI	RITA BARAT
AJAY BABLA	ASFAQ SHAIKH	NINA VIJAYKUMAR	RENU SAINI MOHAN	VISHWANATH HEGDE	GERARD C. VALLADARES
DINSHAW IRANI	ASHWANI SHARMA	H.SOLANKI	SHEELA DHOPTÉ	IQBAL BIHARI	SHIVANANDA KAMATH
JOSEPH XALXO	MADHU ROHATGI	PRAKASH BAPAT	SHIRISH BAGWE	BALU ISHWAR	ANITA MOHAN
RAVI KRISHNAN	NORMA SMITH	SHIRISH SATAM	BIR GREWAL	ROHIT BHATIA	NITIN BHATJIWALE
VIJAYA KANAGASABAI	YOGESH K. THAKUR	MANI HARIA	HIREN BANDODKAR	ANUP KHANNA	M.MONALISA SHARMA
SANDHYA SHINDE	ANITA COELHO	MANISH MISRA	USHA GHATE	NINA VIJAY KUMAR	ANTHONY BRAGANZA
EDNA D'MELLO PILLAI	SANJAY LAZAR	VASANT MANE	ROGER D'SOUZA	BALDEV RAJ	P.N.SASIDHARAN PILLAI
ABID H. SIDDIQI	RAM KAMBLE	DINSHAW IRANI	RANBIR SINGH	ASHOK NAGPAL	ANTOINETTE DeMELLO
ERROL RODRIGUES	YOGESH KR. THAKUR	Jk NAYYAR	STELLA D'SOUZA	MAKHAN LAL	ANNIE THOMAS
SHAHNAWAZ KARIM	CHANDRAKANT DOSHI	KRIKKA PANDEY	PARESH PATIL	PRAKASH DHINGREJA	INDERJEET S. MEHRA
ABHISHEK YADAV	ANKIT JOSHI	UMESH DIPIKAR	KHUSH KHAJOTIA	DHIREN GWALANI	SUDHA INDURAJ
DONNA CURRY	VINAY CHOUBEY	SUNIL G.PAL	RAGHU RAMAN	PRAFUL SAVLA	ASFAQ SHAIKH
HARSHA PAREKH	PRADEEP MUDHOLKAR	CHRISTINE SETH	RUPESH MISHRA	SHASHIKUMAR BIDVAI	NEELA PATELL



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HUTOXI P. DRIVER	IRENE FERNANDEZ	MAHMOOD SHAH	RAHUL JOSHI	OM RAJORA	RISHI SINGH
ALEXANDRE TRINDADE	PRITAM SANDHU KUMAR	ZAIN KHAN	MD. ATIB RAHMAN	AMU KADAM	NARAYANNSINGH RAJPUT
MANPREET BHALERAO	DIWAKAR JHA	AKSHAY MANE	DEVENDER BHARADWAJ	MILIND LIHINAR	ZULFIKAR ZAHUR KHAN
BHARAT SONAVANE	TANMAY LOKHANDE	BINAIFER DIVENTRI	BEVERLEY CHRISTOPHER	REEMA GULATI	SONALI A.BHANDARKAR
BINITA ATIT	RONA BEN	SANJAY V. SANNAKE	VAIBHAV BHOIR	SATISH LADE	SHASHI VISHWAKARMA
ANITA LAL	VIVEK YADAV	SHAKTI PATIL	BHARATI SAGAR	ROMIT AGARWAL	ESPERANCA D'SOUZA
PRAFUL LALE	POOJA BHATIA	SHIRISH BAGWE	HARISH KRANTI	SUSHANT MESHARAM	MUKUND PRABHUDESAI
RAJAN IYENGAR	SIDDHANT KAMBLE	HARINDER RANA	SHIRISH SATAM	ANUP KHANNA	ANTHONY BRAGANZA
MANISH MISRA	USHA GHATE	DEBJIT DEY	PARESH PATIL	MOIN MANSURI	BHARAT SONAVANE
PRASENJIT SEN	PRANNAY MAHAT	VILLY BAKSHI	PUSHPA DEMELLO	YELGULWAR NAGNATH	JANET S.D. HUCHISON
RENU KHANNA MENON	PRADNESH SAWANT	SARJERAO RITE	ANKIT JOSHI	AJAY THAKUR	SANJAY V. SANNAKE
PRABHA ERANEE	MOHSEEN SHAIKH	VINEETA BHARATI	CAROL MENDONCA	ATUL CHANDRA	CHANDRAKANTPAWASKAR
SUBRATA MAJUMDAR	SUHITA SINHA KHOSLA	ATUL CHANDRA	MANUEL D'ABREW	DANIEL JOHN	ANJESCIA RODRIGUES
NOSHR SYAVAK ANTIA	PRANAV PARAB	MANAN PARMAR	ANOOP SHUKLA	SIDDHANT KAMBLE	SARIKA NAGWANSHI
INDRAJEET KHUSWAHA	ANGIE KUMAR	SANJAY SHARMA	YATIN SHAH	SHREYAS MANERIKAR	BHAVIK DEEPAK RUPAREL
PAVAN GONDHALE	MANGESH KADAM	SADIQ SAYANI	JYOTI SAVLA	ANKIT SHETTY	VIKAS M.S.SHINGALE
M.R. SABLE SABLE	VIJAY JAGWANI	OMKAR HEGISHTE	RENU SAINI MOHAN	ASHISH GUPTA	RAJLAKSHMI PANDEY
AKASH VERMA	MOHIDDIN SHAIKH	HARSHAD PAREKH	MOIN MANSURI	VAIBHAV GOLVANKAR	KAUSTUBH DHANORKAR
POOJA DEVADIGA	RAMILA I.BALWANI	MURLIDHAR PRABHU	ASLAM HAMID	VINEY KIRAN	TSHETAN W. NORBHO



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SANA DALVI	VINAYAK AHIRE	VEERA B. UMRIGAR	GAIL CHRISTINE VAS	TUSHAR THAKKAR	PAROMITA SHANKHARY
DR.KHWAJA MUDASSIR	RANJAN SIDGIKAR	GANGADHARAN UB	SUBHASH KANHERE	SUBHASH PEWEKAR	SHABBIR HARNESSWALLA
MALLIKA RAMSWAMY	VARADACHARI CHARI	VANLATA K.ASWANI	JAYANTILAL PATIDAR	VENKAT R. KUMAR	SHASHIKALA DALCHAND
AMAR SABHARWAL	UJALA THAM	RITA LOBO	SANJAY SHARMA	RAVINDER KUMAR	VEERAVALLI NIRANJAN
VISHVA SRIVASTAVA	SUNIL ANGOLKAR	DEONATH BARAI	NINA P. DRIVER	MUKESH KUMARYOGI	MEDIJALA SHIVA KUMAR
KAREN C. MURZELLO	RAJIV THACKER	RISHABH KAPUR	USHA RAVI	SHARMILA V. KADNE	NILOUFER MEHERWANJEE
REBECCA FERNANDES	VINIT MISTRY	SHAMS PARWEZ	SUJATA MARIWALLA	SAMAREN BKSHI	MAHENDRA MAHADIK
SREEKUMAR BANERJEE	ASHOK BUNGAY	SHIRISH BAGWE	GIIEVE PALKHIVALA	SANTANA GHOSH	VASUMATHI JAYARAMAN
SHUBHAM KAPOOR	SUDESH MEHTA	SATISH LADE	NITIN GUNAJI	RAJIV JOHRI	SUNIL PURUSHOTHAMAN
VIJAY KUMAR SHARMA	SHARAD SAWANT	RAJAN JOSHI	MUKESH KUMAR YOGI	PREM SHARMA	SUDARSHAN DAS GUPTA
FIROZE M. NAZIRI	SHAKIL KAZI	PARAS JAIN	VANI JACKSON	NALIN KONDLE	G.S.VENKATSUBRAMANIAM
CECILE DUGGAL	LUCY VAZ	MOHAN UPRETI	UMESH DIPIKAR	NINA VIJAYKUMAR	DEEPAK KHAMBADKONE
LALL SINGH SACHDEV	AJOY MITRA	BOBBY ROY	SHIRISH SATAM	JAMAL ABDUL	SHAHEEN TYEBJEE
JOYLAXMI SHARMA	SUNITA SINGH	BHAVNA TIWARI	REINEE MENEZES	SAPAN K. GOSWAMI	SAPAN KUMAR GOSWAMI
ZUBEDA KHAN	N.L.RAO	ANUPAM S. GAIN	MOHINI SINGH	AMITAVA BHOWMICK	ALYSON BOWEN PEREIRA
RENU SAINI MOHAN	BISWAJIT DUTTA	MANISH ACHARYA	SUNITA SINGH	BABU ASIF AZIZ	ARTI THAKUR SHAKYA
SAGAR GHOSAL	NIVEDITA BHASIN				



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★ **LIKES AND COMMENTS FOR ORBIT 8 – February 1-28**

★ **SUBHASISH CHOUDHURI** - Thanks Shariar for sharing all the names and helping me bring back memories. ★ **VINAY KAMAT** - My namaskars to you for the efforts you have been putting in this endeavour. ★ **KUPPUSWAMY RAVI** - Amazing commitment and focus on this project Shariar! Kudos to you! ★ **MADHU ROHATGI** - That's very nice of you ★ **CHRISTINE SETH** - Congrats ! What a Milestone. ★ **REETA BHATIA** - Great and Congrats for completing one more Milestone. ★ **ALYSON BOWEN PEREIRA** - Many Thanks ★ **TUSHAR THAKKAR** - Shariarji Excellent

★ **O.P.KATARIA** - Shariar I am getting connected with so many names which had gone off my mind, particularly at a time I was stationed in Delhi . Your mammoth following truly reflects the good name you have left behind. Your Odysseys have furthered your reputation . How good of you to be so appreciative in your acknowledgments .I have gone through all the names in Likes and the Comments have filled my heart with boundless joy . Their observations are a genuine endorsement of your calibre and ability.I am buoyed to read my comments at so many places.★ **AI – 57 “ A SILVER LINING” 1.3.2021** ★ **SAM PATELL** - Dearest Friend and batchmate Shariar, I am rarely at a loss of words, but you take my vocab away. You are definitely the greatest cabin crew and one of the most talented men in the world. It makes me proud to be a humble cabin crew, with you as a colleague. May Allah bestow His choicest blessing on you and your family.★ **FAROOQ ALVI** - Amazing ! Congrats !★ **SHENAZ KARIM LYNCH** - How wonderful. Trust you to do something like this, and keep people together. Absolutely marvellous!!!! ★ **REETA BHATIA** - Poem full of gratitude ★ **SUMAN MATTA** - Beautiful ★ **SANJAY LAZAR** - Wonderful pic.★ **PRADEEP MUDHOLKAR** - Nice photo. Liked. U all are looking good ★ **RAJENDRA GROVER** - Super seven !God bless everyone ★ **AJOY DUFFADAR** - Good to see our Seniors ★ **SANDHYA SHINDE** - Very ,Very, Nice. ★ **KHUSH KHAJOTIA** - That's Awesome.★ **O.P. KATARIA** - Your indulgence in the Labour of Love is nonpareil . How much effort you have put in to make the 53rd year of our coming together so memorable .....it will never fade away. Our tenure with Air India has become worth recounting with your Odysseys, particularly with the last few ones viz A Silver Lining , Mementos of 35th, 50th and 53rd , it has added a silver lining. May we keep marching well-bonded for further milestones. ★ **AI-58 “ WATAN KI SAIR”** ★ **SUBHASISH CHOUDHURI** - Thanks for sharing this Shariar. I remember our ex colleague from western India office Yezdi Irani was dressed up and presented as Maharaja. ★ **FAROOQ ALVI** -Great initiative. ★ **REETA BHATIA** - Love this! was part of this flight of fancy. Great experience. It took me back to my hometown, when had to speak to these kids in my mother tongue.★ **KHUSH KHAJOTIA** - Great picture I still hv the Maharaja statue with me.★ **O.P. KATARIA** - ou are the King of Air India's 747 Mock-up —it's soul that is embedded there at every nook and corner with limitless memories . Air India ,as an exception, should have made you a lifetime instructor. Who would have been the Ultimate Gainer ?Once again it was a bright idea to invite Kashmiri children in conjunction with Giants Group for an exciting and exhilarating experience . With your skilful handling they must have got the feel of a 'Real Flight'.....beyond a fancied flight.★ **ZULEIKHA MERCHANT** That's so awesome ★ **AI -59 “ODE TO A SAINT” 13.3.2021** - ★ **NOSHIR SANJANA** - Truly one of the most treasured possessions anyone can receive, acquire and preserve. To have the privilege of being able to actually sit beside her is a very very special gift from the Almighty himself. Having flown our Mother Teresa and being in her midst is such a great, great blessing, indeed.★ **ANIL RAJKOTIA** - The more I read your poems ,the more I get amazed with the creativity in you. Feel it is a God given Gift to you. You are really fortunate to meet Mother Teresa and seek her blessings. God always create path for good people to meet such kind personality in life. As your past journey unfolds to us via ODYSSEY it inspires me and make me realise what a GREAT HUMAN BEING YOU ARE AND WILL ALWAYS REMAIN IN LIFE.★ **FAROOQ ALVI** - Lovely Karim Sb U were blessed by a great saint and yr poem is very apt Allah bless u . Appropriate words. Brilliant thought and words fr mother Teresa and yr fortune to be her host on Air journey

**SUBHASISH CHOUDHURI** -Eternal Blessing★ **UNNATI DHURANDHAR** -Simply beautiful★ **SUBHASISH CHOUDHURI** -Eternal Blessing★ **SHAHNAWAZ KARIM** - This should be one of your most treasured possession...the poem speaks for itself... excellent emotions...may her soul rest in peace...Amen ★ **PRASENJIT SEN** - A Memento to be proud of. ★ **EDNA D'MELLO PILLAI** - Beautiful★ **DONNA CURRY** - Wow Shariar..stay blessed! How lucky you are to have met her.★ **ZULEIKHA MERCHANT** -You are indeed blessed to have met the Mother★ **O.P.KATARIA** -March 13,1985 will ever stay etched in your memory. Perhaps the devout Saint Mother Teresa has since then, stayed ceaselessly in front of you when you are at your desk in the morning. What a coincidence that you we're taking the Apostle to her home which is your home too ! Poetic tribute is inbuilt in you, the flow stays core to the subject. Commendable. She has lived in my heart.

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- ★ **AI-60 “ MY 500<sup>th</sup> FLIGHT AS AN I.F.S.” 18-19, 3.2-21** ★ **PROF. SHAKTI AWASTHI** - Such a wonderful achievement sir...congratulations ★ **LUDMILA VANKOVA** - Shariar, it was amazing to operate 500 flights. You were an excellent colleague and a person. I wish you many happy years and good health! ★ **RISHI SINGH** - You have always created wonderful mementoes at every occasion, often in your very beautiful calligraphy. ★ **SADANAND BAISANE** – Safe Travels ★ **CHRISTINE SETH** – Congrats Shariar. ★ **SHEILA DHOPTÉ** – Awesome ★ **MADHU ROHATGI** – Wow, Congratulations ★ **JAYANTILAL PATEDAR** – Congratulations ★ **HUTOXI PALAMKOTE DRIVER** - Wow Shariar amazing handwriting ★ **KUPPUSWAMY RAVI** - A beautiful and innovative memento and a wonderful idea to commemorate a landmark flight Shariar! ★ **SHAHNAWAZ KARIM** - Your memento on the completion of 500 flights as IFS is a masterpiece...what a great idea and representation ★ **MALLIKA RAMSWAMY** - Absolutely amazing ★ **ZULEIKHA MERCHANT** – Wow that’s awesome ! ★ **PRABHA ERANEE** – Amazing ★ **O.P.KATARIA** - I wonder how many summits you will keep scaling ! Each summit carries a noteworthy narrative. 500 flights in a span of just 13 years is hell of a lot. It is difficult to say how many would have matched that. What matters most is how evolved and focused one has been towards his duty. I can proudly say you rate several notches higher. You acquired quite an adulation with your debriefing of the crew.....akin to the Captain of a cricket team giving his briefing to the team before the onset of the match. You not only got the best out of them but pax , who count the most, had a tale to relate when they were fortunate to be on your flight. Memento with 500 stars, each worthy to be “ VNred ” or to put it rightly having Shariar Karim as your boss is itself a ‘memento’ . How majestically you have conceptualised and designed the memento. Work of an artist extraordinaire..... that’s what you are ! Honestly it is hard hard work. To get 499 stars in perfect proportion, conforming to aesthetics and the final \* i.e Shariar Karim shimmering on top of the summit is striking . Isn’t it Divinity’s Direction that this landmark flight was to Jeddah? ★ **AI-61 “ CRICKET IN THE AIR – HOW’S THAT ?” 23.3.2021** ★ **SUBHASISH CHOUDURI** - Excellent. Such innovative ideas can emerge only from a genius. ★ **SANJAY LAZAR** - How can I forget this ? I still feel sad the way we lost in the finals we flew to JNB and brought the team back ★ **KHUSH KHAJOTIA** - Congratulations on ur achievements ★ **O.P. KATARIA** -You always seem to spurt a surprise on your flights . It is sheer thoughtful planning beforehand that turns it into an out of the ordinary one. The pax are in for an “ extra ” that binds them to opt for Air India in their subsequent flight. Cricket being a passion for most Indians , your idea of keeping the pax abreast with the World Cup final score through your commentary and the score next to the movie screen must have reduced their flying time of the flight. ★ **AI-62 “ MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO MAKE AIR-INDIA DIFFERENT.”24.3.2021** ★ **REETA BHATIA** - Beautiful poem of encouragement narrated so well in ur own voice. ★ **SHEELA DHOPTÉ** – Very well said. ★ **RISHI SINGH** - Remembered when marketing opposed flight on financials and we had to close after two quarters of losses accumulating. Nonetheless your name will stay alive in their minds .What a coincidence I am responding to this Odyssey while watching cricket.
- ★ **O.P. KATARIA** - It is difficult to conceive that a team of just 40 facilitators drawn from Air India trained 6500 employees in barely 3 months. They deserve encomiums for accomplishing such a tremendous task. When we navigate away from the negative influences of others, we save ourselves from being entrapped in a quagmire . As children our parents emphasised to shun bad company. I am impressed by the acronym you coined...” pr AI de . Leave alone matching, it overpowers the one from the video . Since the training relates to AI and the motive behind is to inspire the staff’s creativity it fits in like a glove. The lecturers impassioned plea to make Air India different than others must have gone well not only to the 6500 employees but beyond that by their positive influence on the rest.

