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Editor's Message

We are in the midst of an existential crisis; not only as companies or industries, but also as communities and nations. Whilst in hindsight many say they saw it coming, we can all agree that it happened in a flash.

During these dark times, a number of our fellow pilots were called upon to undertake dangerous missions. From evacuating stranded citizens to transporting PPEs, the Indian aviator and the aviation industry stood by the country in its time of need.

It was during one such mission, to recover Indian citizens stranded in the United Arab Emirates, that we lost Air India Express Flight 1344. Our deepest condolences to families of the crew and passengers who lost their lives in this tragic accident.

As we begin to exit this lockdown, it is becoming increasingly clear that life will not go back to the way it was. Instead we are now in uncharted waters, where it is hard to predict what the future will look like. To predict the future of aviation in the midst of the unprecedented event is even harder.

This uncertainty has come against the backdrop of two decades of sustained growth. With such a dramatic shift in fortunes, it is but natural that some of us have been caught off guard. In times like this you must remember that your skills and training are of immense value, even if the market cannot offer a fair price.

You have the ability to shrink distances and bring people closer. This contribution of yours and your industry has enabled all the material wealth and technological progress you see around you. Rest assured the good times will be back again.

Uncertainty also brings with it a great impetus to be flexible and embrace change. From catching up with family to playing a new instrument or just some good old fashioned "ME" time, there is plenty to do while we tide this over.

This issue has a number of articles contributed by pilots and our friends in the aviation industry. I thank you all for taking the time to share your valuable insights. I would also like to encourage our members to come forward and express themselves via this platform.

Wishing you good health and happy landings!

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