

Poddar's travelogue "A Journey to the Heavens"(Samay) uses an assortment of design manoeuvres - digitally enhanced photographs, a yatra diary, and paintings by friends M.F. Husain and Ganesh Haloi. For a sweeter "taste of heaven" there's a movie, post-cards, a CD-rom and a calendar based on the book.

"Whatever I do, I do in totality". She says.

Sonia Falerio, India Today, 21st May, 2001.

"A Journey to the Heavens", creatively designed by Sunil Mahadik and printed at Pragati, is a compelling must have. For one, it is more than a travelogue with detailed maps and a guide on every minor detail that matters to anyone adventurous enough to embark on the journey. Poddar offers advice on minute details such as medical supplies and food, items of toiletry and clothing and possible budgets for travel agents.

Meera Shenoy, Business India, 14th - 27th May, 2001.

"A Journey to the Heavens" is a collector's item. It is a homage to the holy lake. The travelogue is one of the most comprehensive works ever to hit the stands on the 'ultimate yatra'.

The Hindu, Thursday, 5th April, 2001.

It's a collector's volume. "A Journey to the Heavens" (Manasarovar and Mount Kailash) by Anju Poddar is for people who are undertaking the pilgrimage and those who are indulging in just wishful thinking.

The Financial Express, Sunday, 20th May, 2001.

A beautifully - produced book, "A Journey to the Heavens" is a tribute to the spirit of man and the strength of his faith. Anju Poddar and fellow associate Sheetal Bangur's eloquent travelogue is a soulful homage that does not lose sight of comprehensive practicality, it is the acknowledgement of a cherished dream come true.

Jet Wings, June, 2001.

"A Journey to the Heavens" is a collection of words to bring alive the essence of a Pilgrimage which is very significant for people from different faiths. Anju Poddar produces yet another travelogue that attempts to combine spirituality with practicality.

Asian Age, 18th July, 2001.

अपने संस्मरण "A Journey to the Heavens" में
उन्होंने अपनी इस यात्रा का जो मनोरम वर्णन किया है, वह अत्यन्त सराहनीय है।
उस गरिमामय स्थान की चित्रावलियाँ भी बहुत आकर्षक और सुखप्रदायनी हैं।
इसके अतिरिक्त अन्य यात्रियों के लिए भी इसमें दिया हुआ विवरण अत्यन्त लाभप्रद रहेगा।

Vishnu Hari Dalmia, 1st May, 2001

The book is very helpful and useful for those who would like to visit Lord Shiva. It would also inspire a lot of people to visit Manasarovar and Kailash.

With best good wishes.

K.N. Modi, Modinagar, 8th April, 2001

Anju Poddar's book about her journey (visit) to Manasarovar makes a fascinating reading. It literally creates a virtual journey for us.

It is as if we have done the visit ourselves. It also shows commitment and spiritual adventure.

J.P. Deshpande

Former Cabinet Secretary, 17th September, 2001

I am amazed and extremely impressed with your exciting book "A Journey to the Heavens". It is packed with information and most useful to the people who will take this journey. The get-up of the book is also unique and the hand written description is unbelievable. How much effort has gone in this lovely illustrated document is beyond imagination congratulations.

Mrs. Ganga Somany

Anju the story teller, has brought her warmth, creativity, and will communicate as core elements of this book.

Malati Sahai, Director, Film Festivals

A dream come true for you.
An inspiration for people like me.
An inspiration not only to visit Manasarovar but to go after our dreams, whatever they may be.

Sanjay Reddy, 10th April, 2001

The book is much more than a meticulously prepared diary which gives a comprehensive picture of all that you need to know while planning a pilgrimage to Kailash Manasarovar.

It inspires and motivates you to go there as a sacred duty and also reminds you, along with the stunning photographs, of the spiritual wealth that attracts your heart and mind there.

Congratulations and best wishes to Anju Poddar.

Krishna and Gita Rajan,

Ministry of External Affairs, 1st May, 2001