

# Roving in a Land Rover - Uma

They started six months ago from The Netherlands, driving through Germany, Austria, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan and now India. They drove all the way from Europe, through Asia towards their final destination, down to Australia. Jennifer Joedo (29) and Don Engelbracht (30) from The Netherlands set up camp in Vizag after driving a solid 16,000 km. En route they holidayed in Europe, took in the sights of Turkey, experienced the culture of Iran, traversed through Pakistan and entered India at the Wagah Border.

'We like travelling this way. We got the chance to meet a lot of nice people and sometimes we even got invited for chai, dinner or they offered us a place to sleep!' articulates the duo. Well, the travel bug bit them, and bit them hard! They teamed up, quit their jobs, sold their stuff, bought the ultimate travel car, a Landrover Defender 110 and set out on September 1st 2008. The car was slightly modified converting it into a mobile home. Budget conscious, most of the time Don and Jennifer slept in their tent or in their car, cooked on their own little stove and drove on and on. 'It's nice not to know where you will be the next day. Off course we have made a rough schedule, but our plans always change within a day, sometimes even within an hour. That is what makes this trip exciting.'

Residing in a terrace apartment in Vizag, they soak in the Vizag ambience. But this couple is here on a mission. It's not only the spirit of adventure that brought them so far, it is also the urge to reach out and help. The couple came in contact with 'Friends Indeed' a Dutch foundation which works on several projects in Andhra Pradesh with the goal to improve the life circumstances of children. One of these projects is the 'Campus Challenge' in Poospati Rega, near Vizianagaram, for which the duo have raised a substantial amount to sponsor a sturdy four wheeler, to make access to remote areas feasible. On behalf of 'Friends Indeed', they are also trying to raise furniture (even second hand) and household stuff required for the Campus Challenge. The Campus will be ready in July 2009. The official opening will be end of October 2009.

On the next leg of their journey about two months later they plan to ship the car to Singapore, explore Malaysia, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia, back to Singapore and then eventually Australia.

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