FARIDABAD TO KERALA (HOME TO Vadodhara) 09-09-14

SUMMARY:

Begin with a fresh 7-8 hour of sleep, a Black tea, biscuits and smiles
Check tyre pressure the previous night with tyre in cold conditions
If possible fill Nitrogen which shall act as a coolant for tyres on long journey
Prepare a route Map with a Destination in mind in every 250 kms
Keep cushions for the passengers to relax during the long hours of drive
Kindly ensure to drive with your shoes on instead of slippers, to get good grip on the drive
Take necessary consumables like (packed) Junk food, napkins, wet wipes and basic medicines
*If you have women with you remind them for their cosmetic kits and yourself for money
Click the first photograph when you leave, check for the Odometer starting reading and the fuel
The most charismatic journey of your life begins… wrooooommmmmmmmmmm

Route Highlights	Home	Gurgaon	Jaipur	Ajmer	Bhilwara	Udaipur	Vadodhara
Total Toll, Distance & time	Rs 840/-	15 hours	940 kms				
Members Participated:							
Myself	**GKN**						
Wife	**AR now AN**						
Her Brother	**AR jr**						

Location	Toll Amt	Time	Distance	Remarks
HOME FBD		04-25	0	
Gurgaon Fbd By Pass Toll	15	04-41	15	Truck and heavy vehicles early morning
NH-8 IFFCO		04-54	33.5	Heavy Conjestion due to road construction
Delhi-GGN Toll	60	05-26	46.8	
Shahjahanpur Toll	114	06-34	120	
Manoharpur Toll	55	07-48	215	Turn left on the flyover leaving Ajmer city
Daulatpur Toll	46	08-11	245	
Break		08-25		
First Break of the day had some home made Sandwitch and Poha				
Clicked some pics, had good oxygenand the journey continues				
Start		08-35		

GVK Expressway Toll	95	09-07	285	Road is super good
Kishangarh Toll	Show the same slip		359	Keep left towards chittorgarh
Breakfast time		11-00	450	
stopped by a dhaba had some local paranthas, curd and some water				
Didn’t stuff too much for the obvious reasons				
Happy to know that we have covered half the distance estimated for the day				
AR Jr On wheel now		11-35		It has started raining heavy
Kanwaliya Toll	90	11-50	464	Flat tyre monitor, refilled air immediately
Chittaurgarh Toll	75	12-48	545	
Rithola Toll	40	13-13	573	
Narayanpura Toll	80	13-48	623	
Udaipur		14-30	675	Take a left towards Ahmedabad, Bad Road
Break		15-20	686	Time to move our legs and get some air
Beautiful Spot amidst mountains winds and silence a stream of water				
Start changed Drivers		15-35		
Fuel Reserve			714	
Kherwara Toll	60	15-51	718	
Tank Refilled 3400/- 54 Litres @ 16-00				
Khandiobari Toll	30	16-31	755	
Take a left towards Vadodhara, to SH-5 and leave NH-8 for the L&T state Highway				
SH-5		17-15	815	This is a new road not even in the GPS
Modosa Toll L&T	25	17-36	830	Well built smooth road by L&T with tolls
Halol Toll L&T	50	18-00	863	Its raining heavily, finding spot to stop
L&T Toll Shamlaji	35	18-29	906	
DAY-1 Done stopped at GODHARA Hotel City Inn best place around @ 940 kms of the day 19-30				
Heavy rains and already dark, less visibility time to give joints some rest				

DAY 2 begins, from Godhara to Pune 10-09-14

SUMMARY:

Locals says that the rains have led to floods in vadodhara

Roads are blocked due to logging and nothing goes by

Courage is something we shall not miss to carry in our pockets

Borrowed some optimism and some adventure, the beamer decides to take off the blankets and move

Clean the car as a part of respect and re load

Route Highlights	**Godhara**	**vaddhara**	**Surat**	**Mumbai**	**Pune**	**Satara**
Total Toll, Distance & time	**Rs 915/-**	**12 Hours**	**673 Kms**			
Members Participated:						
Remains the same today						

Location	Toll Amt	Time	Distance	Remarks
Hotel CITY INN		06-24	940	Continue on SH-5 L&T Road
Khadki Toll L&T	40	06-57	972	Visibility almost 10 mtrs with ater splashin from all the four sides
Halol-Baroda Toll	55	07-16	995	
Vadodhara-Baruch Toll	85	08-10	1071	Cleared the terror of water into NH 8
Baruch-Surat Highway		08-50	1111	
Breakfast time	55	09-14	1138	Big Parking lot, good place, still raining

Stopped at Honest Restaurant, CCD, Dominos car wash etc and fueling time for us

Decent Place smells like water park but good food and variety

AR Jr Start for Day 2		09-55	1138	Rains shall restrict the speed and we should respect that, keep braking regularly and be slow
Baruch-Surat Toll	70	10-08	1158	
Surat-Dahisar Tol	56	10-50	1211	Continuing on NH 8
Bhagwada Toll	64	11-36	1270	
VAPI		11-45		Bit Relief from the heavy Pouring
Maharastra welcomes		11-55	1292	More of a city now than the country side
Charoti Toll	58	12-30	1334	
Khaniwade Toll	64	13-05	1384	Great weather and breeze
MH Govt Toll	20	13-25	1410	Take left from NH 8 towards Thane

Lunch and leisure		13-45	1419	
Stopped around Navi Mumbai Some Boulevard Premium Shopping Mall				
Munched at McD, if you have women passenger you cant stop them to shop				
My Driving Turn		14-35		Little drizzling which is good to keep you fresh
Mumbra Toll	9	14-40	1429	
Mumbra By pass Toll	30	14-57	1435	
Sultanpura Toll	30	15-12	1446	On the western express highway
Fuel Reserve			1446	Scared that we wont find a Refilling station
Expressway Toll	199	16-01	1488	
Refilled on Expressway at a good refreshment junction for Rs. 3800 @ 65.66/ltrs the most expensive fuel				
Exit Expressway		16-45	1544	Touched 210 km/hr for the first time
Shivpur Toll	80	17-45	1592	Asked the toll guy for a place to stay and it helped
Hault for Day 2			**1613**	Good place with lot of variety
Hotel Amrita Garden on Satara Highway, good place, silent calm and beautiful 18-15				
Car wash available, but he broke my rear wiper blade				

DAY 3 begins, from Satara To Bangalore 11-09-14

SUMMARY:

Had some great time, rest and food

Without Hot Water shower is bit tough but it wake you well

Still dark outside and bit cold due to showers

Route Highlights	Satara	Kohlapur	Belgaum	Davangere	Tumkur	Bangalore
Total Toll, Distance & time	Rs. 750/-	10 Hours	797 Kms			
Members Participated:						
Remains the same today	**all healthy**					

Location	Toll Amt	Time	Distance	Remarks
Hotel Amrita Garden		05-10	1613	
Anewadi Toll	55	05-57	1663	It's a hilly road with sharp curves, diversions
Tea Break		06-41	1713	Beautiful Landscapes with best vada pav

Great local vadapav and tea, road looks good ahead

Locals says Karnataka have better roads to offer

Starts fresh		07-05	1713	Good 4 lane raod ahead
Deswada Toll	70	07-10	1716	
Kini Toll	70	07-47	1776	
MH-KT Border Toll	35	08-19	1815	Toll guy says if it is our first time its gonna be splendid and he was true, the best roads, best site, best organised traffic for miles and miles
Hattargi Toll	55	08-50	1869	
Stop 2 for site seeing		08-58	1878	

Great Place with a huge water body, clicked pics, adjusted cloth instead of rear wiper

AR Jr On the driving seat		09-13	1878	
Ashoka Belgaum Toll	80	09-42	1921	The above three hours were the best for me on wheels, great road, great weather. Special thx to the KT infrastructure, average speed more than 100 for hours and good and touched 200+ again, weather is a blessing, best time of our drive
Hubli-Dharwad Toll	45	10-10	1971	
Toll Ends single road ends	0	10-33	2000	
Bankarpur Toll	65	11-04	2050	
Chelagere Toll	95	11-39	2115	

Hebalu Davengere Toll	70	12-10	2165	
Fuel Reserve			2189	
Full Tank 3700/- 56.64 Ltrs				
Driver Changed to GKN		12-30	2208	
SIRA toll	55	13-29	2297	Crossing wind mills of chitradurga
Tumkur Toll	35	13-53	2339	Very limited options to stop for brunch
Toll Ends	0	14-20	2370	decided to have lunch in bangalore as the drive is fast
Some toll again	20	14-24	2375	
Time to chill out at bangalore		1700	2410	Did almost 800 Kms in 9 hours including breaks

Bisecting the Bangalore city went to Brigade Street had lunch
Again diffficult to stop a women to shop, so lost some weight down my bum
Stayed at Husur Road, changed Wipers from Navneet Motors, cost Heavy 1600/-
We called it collateral damage of the expensive drive

DAY 4 begins, from Bangalore to Home 12-09-14

SUMMARY:

Highly Excited day as this marks the destination
The happiness and proud of making it already pushes you
I could not sleep and been waiting for the other two since 0230, ANXIETY
Wiper change made us drive some 19 kms extra

Route Highlights	Bangalore	Dharmagiri	Salem	Dindingul	Tenkasi	Punalur	Pathanamthitta
Total Toll, Distance & time	Rs. 482/-	11:30 hrs	679 Kms				

Members Participated:

Remains the same today — *all healthy but sleepy*

Location	Toll Amt	Time	Distance	Remarks
Hotel Green Wood		05-10	2429	
Hatripalli Toll	25	05-29	2454	Bit tired and sleepy today
Krishnagiri Toll	60	06-05	2508	Decided to take more haults and drive slow
Coffee Break		06-10	2514	NH-44
Drive		06-30		
Krishnagiri Thopur toll	88	07-07	2574	NH-7 Enter Tamil Nadu
Break again		07-25		Sharwana Bhavan newly opened
Start		07-45		
Omalur Toll	71	07-53	2611	
Rasampalayam Toll	43	08-44	2678	
Breakfast finally		09-10	2715	The national language faces a setback here
AR Jr for the final time		09-45		NH-7 heading towards Dindingul
Velanchetiyur Toll	80	10-06	2751	
Kodai Road Toll	55	10-39	2811	Kodaikanal, hill station by the side
Thirumangalam toll	60	11-08	2858	Get down the flyover and take right towards Tenkasi
Changed Driver			2920	Complete busy roads between villages and small towns and speed breakers, single road
Fuel Reserve			2940	

Full Tank 3700/- 58.25 Ltrs				
Entered Kerala			3028	Travelling the last 150 kms on single road, slow finish to the cruize but excited to reach home
Home finally !!!!			**3105**	

Conclusion

Once you cross the NCR Region it feels safe to breath

Two guys and one girl checking IN a Hotel is suspicious in gujarat and it should be

Two guys and a girl checking in and taking two rooms and staying in one is allowed in Maharashtra, GandhiJi believed in AHIMSA and no doubt we have him on the currency to practise ahimsa

Checking ID proofs while checking in is a good practise and we shall all cooperate

Karnataka governments deserves applaud for giving us the best roads and smiling faces

Mumbai-pune people shall be given extra life span of 20 years as they spend lot of time on roads

Communication (language) is not a problem anywhere in our country, but willingness to communicate is

Total Distance covered 3108 kms, Total fuel consumed 240 Ltrs. @ 16500/- (approx) Total Toll Rs. 2987/-

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