RAINY RIDE

Trans-Indian odyssey, a biker’s group, likes bumpy roads and potholes; Prathamesh Jadhav gets to know why.

First few spells of rains is something we all long for. And as the rain god bestows full fledged pouring upon us, we start chalkling out different plans to enjoy this season in our own unique way. Some of us love to read old romantic novels at home with a cup of coffee in hand. While some just love to watch the slanting rain shower through their window with soft music being played in the background. Some love to take a walk around and savour chai and bhutta. While some are happy as they dig their heads in the pillow and go for a long slumber. Monsoon casts the spell of magic on everyone indeed.

Few of us sit home call our friends over and play some indoor games or watch a latest flick on DVD. There are few folks who are more adventure freak who set out to do something really stunning and different. And it’s the rainy season which beckons them and they take a call. “People abhor mud and potholes but we look at them as the hurdles to overcome the challenge, as we venture into less travelled terrrain.” says 25 year old Sachin Chavan who is keenly looking forward to riding his bike along with his group called Trans-Indian odyssey. This group will be set to ride their silvery, flashy, macho bikes like royal Enfield 350 cc and pulsar 150-180cc as they snake through hills and valleys of Himalayas.

“Trans-Indian odyssey is the biker group comprised seven guys and two ladies, age between 25-35, otherwise engrossed in their respective jobs, accidentally brought together through a common thread-their passion for riding bikes and doing something breathtakingly adventurous. And to pursue their passion they didn’t wait to let things happen. They made it happen. On 17th August this group of bikers will be on a journey of their lifetime. The group will go to Chandigarh from there onwards they will explore some uncharted routes and places on their bikes. As they will swoosh through the bumpy and muddy roads when the sky will be pouring heavily, it will be quite an adventure. The journey will take them through forests and scenic hills and from Chandigarh these roads will cover over 2000 odd kilometres on their bikes. “We are planning to go to Leh and Ladakh and will move towards Indo-China border. During our journey we will halt at various interesting places where we be camping and mountain trekking also,” says Sachin as he dusts the tents and get it ready.

Subhash Inaamdaar (57), the oldest among these young bikers is more than elated. “I will be mounting my bike and go for this tour after seven years; it’s a thrill like no other.” Indian odyssey has made conscious effort to go some untouched places every year for past seven years and they know the game inside out. “We all are travel enthusiasts and riding gives us that high, which not only refresh us but teach many things worth learning like group efforts, facing hurdles and finding solution as a unit,” Sachin says with pride.

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