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## **Team Force Gurkha ropes in India's Best Off-Roader**

- Team Gurkha back in full FORCE to defend the title positions-Third Time in a Row
- India's best off-roader teams up with India's best off-roading vehicle
- Will have three teams vying for the top positions

**Pune, July 19, 2016:** Pune-based commercial vehicle manufacturer Force Motors announced that Kabir Waraich, a seasoned off-roader has now joined forces with Team Gurkha for the Force Gurkha RFC India 2016. Kabir along with his trusted navigator Gagan Sachdeva, will represent Force Motors and will drive the Force Gurkha in this years' off roading event being held in Goa from July 22 to July 29, 2016.

Force Gurkha has been the winner of the Top Two Positions in both the first and second edition of the Rain Forest Challenge India- 2014 and 2015. Force Motors brings back its winning team led by Tan Eng Joo from Malaysia, who returns to defend the top spot with his trusted navigator Tan Choon Hong. The second Force Gurkha will be piloted by Mervyn Lim and will have Hamizan Abdul Hamid as the navigator. This team will look to defend its Runners-Up title and will vie for the top spot in RFC India 2016.

The third team will be led by Kabir Waraich and his navigator Gagan Sachdeva. 33 year old Kabir is a veteran off roader and is a part of the Gerrari Off-Roaders based out of Chandigarh. He was the top Indian driver and has bagged the third position in the Force Gurkha RFC India 2014 and 2015 consecutively. In 2014, he was the first Indian to ever compete in the RFC Malaysia-the mother event. Kabir has off roading in his blood and has been enhancing his skill in various off roading events organized by his club throughout the year.

Force Motors retains the mean and tough looking Gurkhas fielded during RFC India 2015 which have been a game changer in the decisive Predator and Twilight stages. The powertrain continues to be the proven Mercedes-Benz-derived TD 2200 common rail engine developing 140 hp and 320 Nm torque. The front and rear suspension is still an all-coil spring set-up with long travel shock absorbers. These vehicles are equipped with 37inch Maxxis Trepador tyres, which make them look formidable.

Commenting on the new partnership, Kabir Waraich said, "I am very happy to be associated with Force Motors and drive the extremely capable Force Gurkha at the RFC India 2016. I look forward to bettering my position this year."



Force Motors hopes that the winning combination of super capable vehicles, expert pilots and navigators will help it reclaim top spots in Force Gurkha RFC India 2016.

#### **ABOUT FORCE MOTORS**

Force Motors was established in 1958 by Shri N. K. Firodia, is a fully vertically integrated automobile company, with expertise in design, development and manufacture of the full spectrum of automotive components, aggregates and vehicles.

Force Motors (formerly known as Bajaj Tempo) started production of HANSEAT 3-wheelers in collaboration with Vidal & Sohn Tempo Werke Germany. The company played a pioneering role in the light commercial transport industry in India with iconic brands like the **Tempo**, the **Matador** and the **Traveller**.

Its range includes Trump small commercial vehicles, Trax multi-utility and cross country vehicles, Traveller light commercial vehicles and the Balwan range of Agricultural Tractors.

In 1997, fully aware of the strength of Force Motors, in terms of engineering infrastructure and capabilities, Daimler asked it to set up a dedicated facility for producing engines for all Mercedes passenger cars and SUVs made in India. Till date Force Motors has supplied over 60,000 engines. This portfolio has grown to include the front and rear axles of the C, E, S and M class passenger cars and SUVs, which was added in the last two years.

In 2015, BMW assigned Force Motors to produce and test the engines for all cars and SUVs to be made in India. A state of the art factory has been built to the exacting standards of BMW by Force Motors in Chennai close to the BMW car factory. This plant has a capacity to build and test 20,000 engines per year.

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