

# Malaysia's Tang Eng Joo lifts the Force Gurkha RFC India trophy

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The rain gods were kind, the challenge was completed and the trophy was lifted. The first edition of the Force Gurkha RFC India has come to an end and Malaysia's Tang Eng Joo, with co-driver Tan Choon Hong, has been announced as the first ever Force Gurkha RFC India champion.

They were closely followed by another Malaysian Mervyn Lim (co-driver Hamizan Bin Abdul Hamid). Both teams repre-

sented Force Motors and have consistently performed well throughout the event, leading from the beginning.

The six day event culminated in a glitzy awards night held at the International Centre, Goa (ICG), Dona Paula.

The Indian teams put up a tough fight too. There was a commendable performance by Kabir Waraich and Gagan Sachdeva of Gerrari Offroaders Chandigarh who came in third place after fighting their way to the top. The team escalated to the third rank in the Predator



(L to R): David Metcalfe, Malaysia's Tang Eng Joo, Prasan Firodia, co-driver Tan Choon Hong, Luis J.A. Wee and Ashish Gupta

Stage and managed to hold their ground then on after not figuring in the top rankings at all initially.

Staying true to the motto of their club that 'I am going to do it', sheer determination and will power helped the duo secure the rank.

Being the topmost Indian team at the event, these young off-roaders will get an automatic free entry into the Rainforest Challenge Malaysia 2014 that will be held in November.

Ashish Gupta of Cougar Motorsport, the company responsible for bringing

RFC to India, said: "I am amazed and excited by the amount of courage and determination that have been shown by all the teams during the extremely tough conditions they have faced throughout the challenge."

"Their performance is a testimony to the immense talent there is in the Indian off-road community."

"Each team had a different strategy in place for every Special Stage. It was very interesting to see how two people came together, strategized and conquered the challenges we had put forward."