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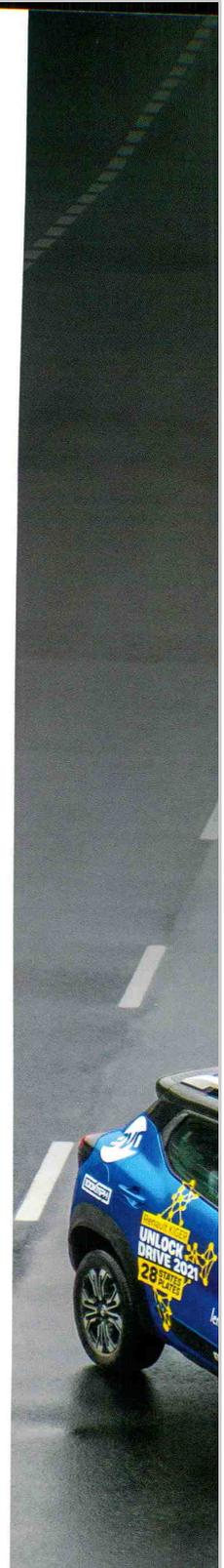
Unlocking India with the Renault Kiger



# 28 STATES PLATES

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RENAULT KIGER UNLOCK DRIVE 2021



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# Cars, roads and food!

**LOTS OF FOOD. SO MUCH FOOD THAT THIS** drive turned into the 28 states, 28 kilos expedition. And that's really what we missed the most over the past year — not putting on weight, but experiencing the culinary diversity that our country has to offer, from the best seat in the house. The driver's seat! With the periodic lockdowns and associated uncertainty, we haven't really had the chance to indulge in the big road trips that we are known for here at **evo India**. But with things now (more or less) open and with all Covid precautions in place, we hit the road — and we couldn't have asked for a better companion than the Renault Kiger.

Renaults have been our faithful companions on plenty of road trips. The Duster explored border roads, the Triber went camping, the Kwid set the 29 states in 29 days national record and also traced the Renault diamond across India. And now with the Kiger, we've sampled the incredible variety in roads, terrain and food India has to offer. From the humble roadside *vada pav* in our neck of the woods, to the sumptuous *thali* we gorged on like kings in

Rajasthan, to even the Onam feast we were treated to at our photographer's home in Kerala, we've done it all on the 2021 Unlock Drive. And we've come away with a new-found respect for the Kiger. Over the month, through pouring rain that destroyed a fair few roads, neither of the two Kigers developed even a squeak, forget a rattle. The turbo-petrol had enough and more grunt to hurry us along from one meal to the next. It was efficient. It was comfortable. Every morning before we even belted in, our phones had hooked up to CarPlay, that too wirelessly. Forget a puncture, the Ceat SecuraDrive rubber didn't even lose pressure. So much space, our crew could do live video edits at the back while the boot was filled with 100kmph merchandise to give off to you, our readers, on meet-and-greets at the Lemon Tree Hotels we were staying at. Everywhere we went the eye-catching Kigers turned heads. And we were humbled by the reception at Renault dealerships that insisted we come over for a cup of tea (and more food!).

What a road trip. Now to get on a diet before the next one kicks off. ✕



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