

## 07/17/09 - Bharat Express - four team sites for the Mongol Rally 2009

Bharat Express is a group of 8 people, making up four teams competing in the Mongol Rally 2009. a journey from the UK to Mongolia. The teams are raising money for several charities including Mercy Corps Mongolia and Christina Noble Children's Foundation, Water for Kanakpar Project, and closer to home, Willen Hospice.

The organiser of the event (The Adventurists) provide each team with a basic website with a blog and other features. However Bharat Express were not happy with the look of these sites, and so appointed me to design a template to work with the organisers systems, and to advise and assist with other IT related matters.

My brief was to create four sites with a common look, but the headers for each were to be different ? each header had to have a photo of that team's car.

Speed was of the essence because the rally starts tomorrow (17th July), and whilst the template was designed, it took a while for the teams to give me the content to put on the four sites.

The job was a little tricky because it involved working out how to use The Adventurists web platform, and design the template using a mixture of CSS and HTML, but I managed it, and both I and the teams are delighted with the results (see screenshot below).

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# BHARAT EXPRESS 1 MONGOL RALLY 2009

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## What an Adventure

11,000 miles across 15 countries, through deserts, mountain ranges and wilderness, The Mongol Rally is an incredible adventure taking us off the beaten track in countries many people will never have heard of. We'll find ourselves hundreds of miles from civilisation, in unknown lands, and to top it all off we'll be in a 1 litre VW Polo!

Unlike most rallies, the Mongol Rally has no fixed route, no time limit, and no assistance on the way. The only fixed points are Goodwood Motor Circuit, England (the starting point), and Ulanbaatar, Mongolia (the finish), what happens in between is entirely up to us!

The rally raises lots of money every year, with the teams supporting some fantastic charities and helping those with unbelievably hard lives in our destination country of Mongolia! We are supporting **Christina Noble Children's Foundation (CNCF)**, **Mercy Corps Mongolia**, **Water for Kanakput Project** and, closer to home, **Willen Hospice**. We are really excited to be taking part in the 2009 rally (the seventh year of this event), and are looking forward to once in a lifetime adventure into the unknown!

Our route covers approximately 11,000 miles and will take us through UK - France - Germany - Czech Republic - Slovakia - Hungary - Romania - Bulgaria - Turkey - Turkmenistan - Uzbekistan - Kyrgyzstan - Kazakhstan - Russia and finally Mongolia where we will head to the capital Ulanbaatar. On arrival in Mongolia our car will be sold off and all the money raised will go directly to the charity. We hope to complete the journey in about five weeks depending on the car and problems with border crossing.

So this is us, Dinesh Tosar and Jay Gajjar, and along with our car we are Bharat Express 1. We are one of four teams in the Bharat Express group. You can check out our other teams by visiting [www.bharatexpress.co.uk](http://www.bharatexpress.co.uk)

You can [find out more about us here](#), learn more about the [charities we are supporting here](#) and read about our [sponsors here](#).

We'll be keeping our blog up to date with the latest news in the run up to rally launch on 15th July, and also while we're on our journey whenever we are able to.

**PLEASE NOTE: EVERY PENNY OF DONATION RECEIVED WILL GO TO THESE DESERVING CAUSES. MEMBERS OF THE TEAM BHARAT EXPRESS ARE FUNDING THE ENTIRE COST OF PARTICIPATING IN THE RALLY FROM THEIR PERSONAL RESOURCES.**

The total cost of this adventure is being funded by ourselves, so **every penny we raise goes to charity**. Please help us raise money for this worthy cause. You can donate to **CNCF** or **Mercy Corps** by clicking on the JustGiving widgets below.

**Christina Noble Children's Foundation (CNCF)**

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Site styled by Jason Barton  
Website system built and covered by Bubble Consulting

Screenshot of the site for Bharat Express Team 1 Each team's site had a similar design, apart from the headers which had to incorporate the car that particular team was driving (see below):



In addition to the site design, I will be providing internet and technical support for the team whilst they are en-route to Mongolia. Their journey begins tomorrow from Goodwood Motor Circuit. If you would like to sponsor them please visit their gateway page (designed by another company unfortunately ? they had this done before I got involved) at [www.bharatexpress.co.uk](http://www.bharatexpress.co.uk)