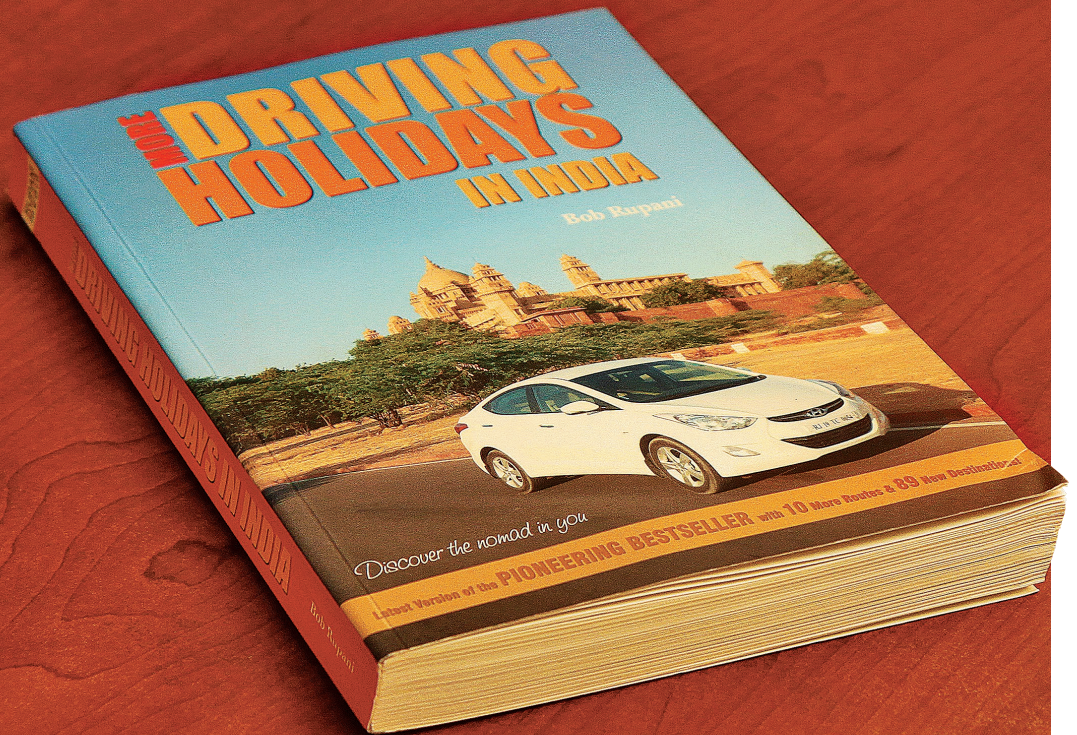


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NOWADAYS, DRIVING ON Indian highways can be summed up with the 1970s iconic rock anthem, 'Highway to Hell'. The scenario at times leads drivers to take a few lessons in anger management, but even for all the pitfalls, driving around India is still the best way to see the country, and witness the multi-hued aura of our land. The economic advances since the early 1990s have also meant a huge increase in the number of Indian families hitting the road on holidays or weekends, as well as facilities to meet the demand.

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