



Andy Pag with his bus. Andy's home for nearly a year now, the bus has a 'bedroom' and 'toilet' inside it

The Bio Truck Expedition has seen Briton Andy Pag travel more than 22,000 kms—without a drop of diesel or petrol

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Andy Pag wanted to pick up memories while travelling and not leave behind harmful carbon footprints. So when he thought of going on a halfway-around-the-world Bio Truck Expedition, he decided to use only vegetable oil to run his 21-year-old school bus that is "made out of rubbish".

After more than 22,000 kms, his journey is as green as

when he started out. But perceptions have changed. "In India, people are actually ignorant about environmental issues," says Pag, who feels that the "urban population of India should be involved". "In villages, people barely have the money to make ends meet."

He has a few things to say about Delhi too. "Given the size of the city, the public transport is hardly up to the mark," says Pag, adding that "the roads in India are not as bad as I had thought". "I did

have a couple of breakdowns, but nothing that the Indian mechanics couldn't repair."

Starting from London in September 2009, Pag came to India in December. And though he was supposed to be here for a "couple of months only", it has now stretched to over six months. "When I had entered Delhi, it was misty and cold, and when I returned recently, it was 44 degrees," he says. "So I have seen every season India can offer."

Apart from a fascinating

journey, Pag shared another observation while he entered India from the Wagah border. "They [soldiers from both sides] were joking with each other," he says. "Given the tension between India and Pakistan, it shows how both countries can be proud and together without fighting. That's fascinating."

For the next phase of his journey, from Indonesia to Australia, Emami Biotech Limited is providing Pag 1,250 litres of bio-diesel.