

EMBRACING freedom

Freedom – some cannot live without it, some cannot live with it. It often comes with a great price and even greater responsibilities. In my honest opinion, in order to make effective use of it, one has to exercise moderation.

Logic dictates that nothing is perfect and there should be a reason for each event that occurs. Whenever freedom is concerned, it becomes apparent that the human mind does not like to be restricted. Why else do you think a baby cries and pouts whenever he or she wants?

In reality, just when we start walking on two legs, somewhere, somehow, the freedom we enjoyed when we were still crawling on all limbs is slowly but surely eroding away. With each passing day, responsibilities seem to weigh heavier on our shoulders while freedom in its various forms diminishes.

When it comes to driving, freedom takes on a unique meaning for each of us. Sure, there are laws and ethics governing our driving but let us just say those none-straight stretches of tarmac are not the only bends we take.

The terms of endearment differ from journalist to journalist in the automotive industry. Some will choose to express themselves through

their writing, while others take on photography to throw a different light.

And since this is a magazine about cars and driving them, I shall dedicate this part of the page to an experience. The memories of my first test drive still lingers fondly in my mind, when I took the Volvo S80 for a long drive into the wee hours of dawn.

As far as driving is concerned, the feeling of freedom has not changed much since that fateful night four years ago. Each time I take to the wheel, I enjoy feeling the curves of the road, the smoothness of the engine and occasionally, the wind in my short hair.

So if freedom in whatever shapes or sizes come knocking on your door one day, embrace it – and use it responsibly.

