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MapMyIndia's GPS device is your country-wide guide

INDIA'S LEADING MAP data provider MapMyIndia has introduced an all-India map and detailed maps of 18 Indian cities installed in two GPS devices. The maps include points of interest like monuments, parks, shopping malls, petrol pumps and even coffee shops and eateries.

You can choose from two GPS devices, an AMAX and a Delphi. The map application is fairly straightforward. On starting the device, the system acquires four satellites in under a minute and all you need to do is type in the location you seek.

The GPS screen will give you the shortest possible directions to the place. You also get a female voice that informs you when change of direction is required. Accuracy is down to about 15 metres, which is good for a consumer GPS device.

We tested this unit and decided to go from Malviya Nagar in

South Delhi to Mayur Vihar Phase 3, which is on the border of Delhi. The GPS managed to get us to the gate of the building we wanted to go to without us having to stop for directions or being led onto the wrong road even once. The accuracy and attention to detail, even on smaller arterial roads, was impressive.

There are also a few welcome extras other than just the GPS: support for video (AVI), photos (GIF, JPEG, PNG), music (MP3, WAV), a calculator, world clock, and a nice GPS trip computer. The trip computer can display an accurate speed reading and distance traveled. Since there's a standard 3.5mm audio out,

you can connect it to a car stereo and play music, or have all other audio routed through the car's speakers, which makes the device a really good deal.

The company also plans to get a few regional languages onto the device as options soon. Prices start at Rs 14,000, and we think that's good value.

This is the ideal device to hook up to your car,



especially if you travel inter-state. Not only does it ensure that you don't have to ask for directions from complete strangers but it also makes your car look cool. It's also an ideal aid for women who drive alone. We recommend a buy.