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**Takers for voice-aided GPS system compatible with all car models**

# Satellite tech to steer motorists



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Don't know the route to the latest mall? Worried about getting stuck in a jam on the way to an appointment? Need to reach a petrol pump fast? Let GPS (global positioning system) take over.

The satellite-aided vehicle navigation system has finally reached Calcutta. A gadget fitted to your car console can guide you to your destination, providing satellite-aided, real-time turn-by-turn voice directions.

"We have already fitted over 30 cars with the GPS device in just two days, and many more are in queue," says Vinay Daga of Glix.

The Alipore car makeover agency is the "sole distributor" in Calcutta of GPS service provider MapmyIndia and the Delphi NAV200 portable system, imported from the US. The pocket-pinch is Rs 20,000 and the

same device can be used in different vehicles.

Besides offering the driver a "comprehensive and accurate" digital map of the city, with the shortest possible route to the destination charted out on the 3.5-inch touch screen monitor, the GPS device also locates the nearest public utility services and even plays movies, music, photos and games.

"It's so much more convenient, since often you have an address, but don't know where it is. With the GPS device, all you do is punch in the street name and the monitor will guide you to the spot. It also alerts you of a disruption ahead and gives you an alternative route," says 23-year-old stockbroker Vishal Agarwal, who has installed the device in his car.

MapmyIndia has developed its own navigable maps for the service.

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