



Young Gun

WE SPEND A DAY WITH THE YOUTHFUL TOYOTA YARIS IN THE CITY OF YOUTH, PUNE



Spacious and comfortable rear seats let you stretch out at ease



Stylish, clean design is the perfect companion for a fun drive



The youth today is a dynamic lot. They ask questions, look to break status quo and live life at a fast pace. India is among those countries in the world where the youth population is the highest. It's the perfect playing field then, for the car of the youth, the Toyota Yaris.

This connection with the youth brings us to what is known as the "Young City" – Pune. With a vibrant culture, a young population, this city is the ideal destination on the first one of our drives with the Yaris.

We started off with a visit to one of Pune's legendary eateries, Dorabjee and Sons. This place started off as a tiny tea stall back in the late 1800s, when the British ruled our country. Over a century later, the only change to the menu is in the prices of items. This place has an amazing vibe to it, one that attracts the young and elderly alike. Now, this is an old neighbourhood, with congested and narrow

by-lanes. One would think this would be a problem for a full-size sedan such as the Yaris. But that was not the case at all. With the easy-to-twirl steering, sensors all around, parking camera, it was a breeze navigating the Yaris through the congested bylanes.

Once done with lunch, we set off to take in some of the sights of the city. The Ohel David synagogue is a beautiful structure in the middle of the city, with its red stone and trap design combined with a gothic style of architecture, a fine example of design innovation. Much like the Toyota Yaris, with its lines, cuts and creases taking the design philosophy of Toyota ahead into the future. It was a little difficult to really appreciate the beauty of the place from ground level, so, we decided to take to the skies! And boy, was it a lovely view from up there.

Sightseeing done, we wanted to take a little break from the hustle-bustle of the city.



So, we headed off towards Koregaon Park, one of the liveliest neighbourhoods in the city, a hotspot for youngsters and tourists to gather at. But we were not ready yet for living it up. We went in for a visit to the Osho Teerth Park, a peaceful garden right in the heart of the city.

Later, it was time to visit our final destination in the city, the Pune-Okayama friendship garden. This unique eden has 300 years of cultural legacy behind it. With well-manicured lawns, waterbodies teeming with fish and little bridges over these, it's a haven for anybody who simply wants to take a break from all the running around our busy lives involve.

Having spent a full day at the city of the youth, it was time for us to bid adieu. The Toyota Yaris is truly well suited for the Indian youth. It was evident in how many heads it turned during our day about town. It's stylish, well-engineered and safe. Exactly what the youth of today need. ■