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The Toyota Yaris automatic is all about a low-stress and safe driving experience

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Toyota's new Yaris has driven into the section of the sedan market that's one step up from the entry-level, sub-4m models. This is an approximately 15,000-cars-per-month segment that is dominated by Honda City, Maruti Suzuki Ciaz and Hyundai Verna, with other cars like Skoda Rapid and Volkswagen Vento doing smaller numbers. Evidently, that's a tough place to break into.

It is also the segment that lies between the higher-end cars and SUVs, most of which come with automatic transmission, and the lower end, where the manual gearbox still rules. But with driving a manual becoming a chore in the heavy traffic that has become more or less the norm in cities, many buyers are going for automatics and there has been quite a proliferation of such models in the market. With that backdrop, we checked out the Yaris automatic in Calcutta.

