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The Honda City facelift was all set to arrive in October, 2011 but was post-poned to shortage of components at the company's Thailand facility. Honda procures a lot of components from Thailand but due to the floods in the country, they had to postpone the launch of their flagship model to January. The Japanese automaker has now advanced the launch of the Honda City facelift to mid-December. The facelifted City which was launched in Thailand in September, will have increased localisation in India. This will help Honda maintain the current prices and on the same time offer more features on the car. The Honda City is powered by a 1.5-liter, i-VTEC powerplant which produces 118 PS of power and 146 Nm of torque and the new model will have no changes to the engine.

The Honda City facelift will feature a slight change to the exteriors and interiors, which can be classified as strictly minuscule. The City is all set to get more features such as leather seats and a sunroof on the V variant. This mid-life minor change to the model is to keep the City looking fresh as Honda continues to work on the next-generation City, which will debut in 2013. The next-gen City will feature a diesel engine, which will help the Japanese automaker to compete in the increasingly competitive C-segment. Consumers in India are having an increased preference for diesel cars and Honda's sales have been affected drastically, owing to its all petrol product line-up.



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