

INDIAN SPACE ODYSSEY 1963-2018



1962

Vikram Sarabhai,
the visionary behind the
Indian Space Programme



1963



First sounding rocket launched
from TERLS November 21, 1963



Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru visiting
Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad

1968



Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, dedicating
TERLS to U.N. February 2, 1968

1969



Formation of Indian Space Research
Organisation (ISRO) August 15, 1969



New SSTC campus at Veli, Thiruvananthapuram

1971



SHAR Centre, Sriharikota operationalised
October 1971, renamed as
Satish Dhawan Space Centre in October 2003

1972

Department of Space (DOS) established,
ISRO brought under DOS June 1, 1972



Prof. Satish Dhawan takes over as Secretary,
DOS & Chairman, ISRO October 1972



Space Applications Centre (SAC)
established at Ahmedabad

1972



ISRO Satellite Centre (ISAC)
established at Bangalore

1975

ISRO becomes Government Organisation
(April 1, 1975)



Satellite Instructional Television Experiment (SITE)
(1975-1976) using ATS-6 Satellite of USA



First Indian Satellite,
ARYABHATA,
launched on April 19, 1975

1977

Satellite Telecommunication
Experiments Project (STEP)
(1977-1979) carried out using
Franco-German Symphonie
Satellite



1965

Indian National Committee for Space Research
(INCOSPAR) formed by the Department
of Atomic Energy and work on establishing
Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station
(TERLS) started



Space Science & Technology Centre
(SSTC) established in Thumba

1967



Experimental Satellite Communication
Earth Station set up at Ahmedabad

1979

Launch of BHASKARA-I,
an experimental satellite
for earth observations
(June 7, 1979)



First experimental launch of SLV-3 (August 10, 1979)
The satellite did not reach orbit



1980



Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC) started in Bangalore

Second experimental launch of SLV-3, Rohini RS-1 satellite placed in orbit (July 18, 1980)



1984

Prof. U.R. Rao takes over as Secretary, DOS & Chairman, ISRO (September 30, 1984)



Indo-Soviet joint manned spaceflight



INSAT system for Telecom, Television & Meteorology

1990



Launch of INSAT-1D (June 12, 1990)

1991



Launch of second operational Remote Sensing Satellite, IRS-1B (August 29, 1991)

1992



SROSS-C Satellite

First successful launch of ASLV, SROSS-C placed in orbit (May 20, 1992)

Launch of INSAT-2A, the first satellite of the indigenously built second generation INSAT series (July 10, 1992)

1981



First developmental launch of SLV-3, RS-D1 placed in orbit (May 31, 1981)



Launch of APPLE, an experimental geo-stationary communication satellite (June 19, 1981)



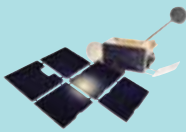
Launch of BHASKARA-II (November 20, 1981)

1982



Master Control Facility (MCF) established at Hassan

Launch of INSAT-1A (April 10, 1982)



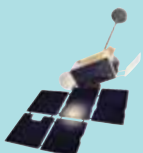
1983



Second developmental launch of SLV-3, RS-D2 placed in orbit (April 17, 1983)



Imagery from RS-D2



INSAT system commissioned with the launch of INSAT-1B (August 30, 1983)

1987



Stretched Rohini Satellite Series-1 (SROSS-1) Satellite



First developmental launch of ASLV with SROSS-1 satellite on board (March 24, 1987)
The satellite did not reach orbit

1988



Imagery from IRS-1A



Establishment of IRS system with the launch of Indian Remote Sensing Satellite, IRS-1A (March 17, 1988)



Second developmental launch of ASLV with SROSS-2 on board (July 13, 1988)
The satellite did not reach orbit



Launch of INSAT-1C (July 22, 1988)

1993



Launch of INSAT-2B (July 23, 1993)

First developmental launch of PSLV with IRS-1E on board (September 20, 1993).
The satellite did not reach orbit

1994



Dr. K. Kasturirangan takes over as Secretary, DOS & Chairman, ISRO (March 31, 1994)



Successful launch of PSLV, IRS-P2 placed in orbit (October 15, 1994)



Fourth developmental launch of ASLV, SROSS-C2 placed in orbit (May 4, 1994)

Indian Space Research Organisation

1995



Launch of INSAT-2C, the third satellite in INSAT-2 series (December 7, 1995)



Launch of Indian Remote Sensing Satellite, IRS-1C (December 28, 1995)



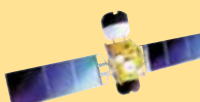
1996



Third developmental launch of PSLV, IRS-P3 placed in orbit (March 21, 1996)



1997



Launch of INSAT-2D, the fourth satellite in INSAT-2 series (June 4, 1997)



First operational launch of PSLV, IRS-1D placed in orbit (September 29, 1997)

1999



Launch of INSAT-2E (April 3, 1999)



KITSAT-3 - Korean

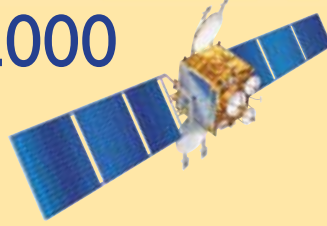


DLR-TUBSAT - Germany

Launch of IRS-P4 (OCEANSAT) along with Two Satellites from abroad by PSLV-C2 (May 26, 1999)



2000



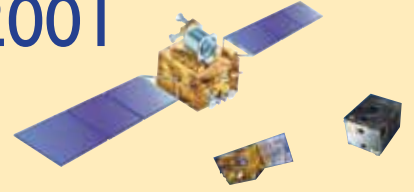
Launch of INSAT-3B, the first satellite in the third generation INSAT-3 series (March 22, 2000)

2001



Successful flight test of Geo-synchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV), Experimental satellite GSAT-1 placed in orbit (April 18, 2001)

2001



Launch of PSLV-C3, India's TES along with Belgian PROBA and German BIRD, placed in orbit (October 22, 2001)

2002

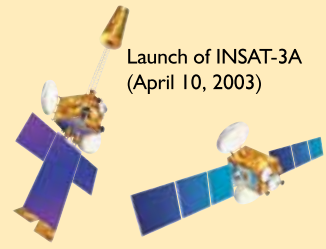


Launch of INSAT-3C (January 24, 2002)



Launch of KALPANA-I on board PSLV-C4 (September 12, 2002)

2003

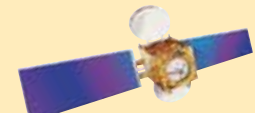


Launch of INSAT-3A (April 10, 2003)

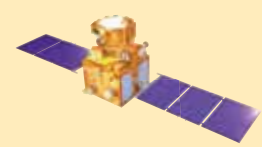
Launch of GSAT-2 by GSLV-D2 (May 8, 2003)



Mr G Madhavan Nair takes over as Secretary, DOS and Chairman, ISRO (September 1, 2003)



Launch of INSAT-3E (September 28, 2003)



Launch of RESOURCESAT-1 by PSLV-C5 (October 17, 2003)



Space technology, in the last four decades, has firmly established its capability for socio-economic development in the country. With its unique capability to provide a synoptic view of the earth, it has unleashed a vast potential for applications in

...searching the realm of space

2004



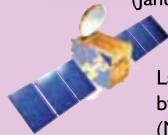
Launch of EDUSAT by GSLV-F01 (September 20, 2004)



2007

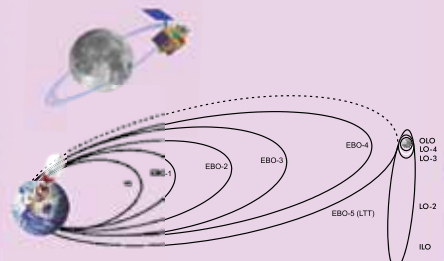


Successful recovery of SRE-1 (January 22, 2007)



Launch of INSAT-4B by Ariane-5 (March 12, 2007)

2008



IO: Initial (Earth) Orbit : 255 km x 22,840 km
 EBO: Earth Based Orbit
 EBO-1 : apogee at 37,700 km
 EBO-2 : apogee at 74,710 km
 EBO-3 : apogee at 114,600 km
 EBO-4 : apogee at 207,000 km
 EBO-5: (Lunar Transfer Trajectory) apogee at 380,000 km
 LO: Lunar Orbit
 LO-1 : 200 km x 7500 km
 LO-2 : 182 km x 255 km
 LO-3 : 182 km x 100 km
 LO-4 (Operational Lunar Orbit) : 100 km x 100 km
 IO-1 : 504 km x 7500 km

Launch of CHANDRAYAAN-1 by PSLV-C11 (October 22, 2008)

2005



CARTOSAT-1



HAMSAT

Commissioning of Second Launch Pad and launch of CARTOSAT-1 & HAMSAT by PSLV-C6 (May 5, 2005)



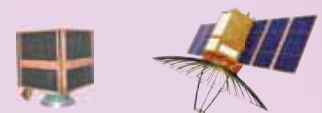
Launch of AGILE, Italian astronomical satellite by PSLV-C8 (April 23, 2007)



Indigenous Cryogenic Stage tested successfully (August 4, 2007)



2009



Launch of RISAT-2 and ANUSAT by PSLV-C12 (April 20, 2009)



OCEANSAT-2



CUBESAT-2



CUBESAT-3



CUBESAT-1



RUBIN 9.1



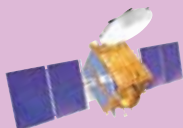
RUBIN 9.2



CUBESAT-4

Launch of Oceansat-2 along with Six Nano Satellites from abroad by PSLV-C14 (September 23, 2009)

2006

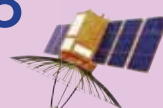


INSAT-4C

Second operational flight of GSLV with the INSAT-4C on board (July 10, 2006). The satellite did not reach orbit.



2008



Launch of TECSAR by PSLV-C10 (January 21, 2008)



IMS-1



CAN-X2
Canada



CUTE-1.7
Japan



CARTOSAT-2A



DELFI-C3
The Netherlands



AAUSAT-II
Denmark



COMPASS-I
Germany



SEEDS
Japan



RUBIN-8
Germany



NLS-5
Canada

Launch of Cartosat-2A and IMS-1 along with eight Nano Satellites from abroad by PSLV-C9 (April 28, 2008)



Dr K Radhakrishnan takes over as Secretary, DOS and Chairman, ISRO (October 31, 2009)

2007



Launch of CARTOSAT-2 along with SRE-1 and two Satellites from abroad by PSLV-C7 (January 10, 2007)



LAPAN-TUBSAT
INDONESIA



PEHUENSAT-I
ARGENTINA

2010



Successful static testing of GSLV Mk III Launch Vehicle's S200 Solid Propellant Booster Rocket Stage (January 24, 2010)



Successful Static Testing of GSLV Mk III Launch Vehicle's LI10 Liquid Core Stage (September 8, 2010)

Launch of GSAT-4 by GSLV-D3 (April 15, 2010)
The satellite did not reach orbit

telecommunications, television broadcasting including education, meteorology, natural resources monitoring & management and Navigation. India was among the first few countries to realise the potential of space technology for national development.

2010



CARTOSAT-2B



ALSAT-2A



STUDSAT

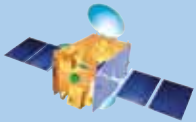


NLS-6.1 AISSAT-I



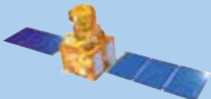
NLS-6.2 TISAT-I

Launch of CARTOSAT-2B and STUDSAT along with three satellites from abroad by PSLV-C15 (July 12, 2010)



Launch of GSAT-5P by GSLV-F06 (December 25, 2010)
The satellite did not reach orbit

2011



RESOURCESAT-2

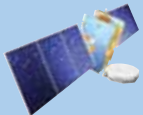


YOUTHSAT



X-SAT

Launch of RESOURCESAT-2, YOUTHSAT and X-SAT by PSLV-C16 (April 20, 2011)



Launch of GSAT-8 by Ariane 5 VA-202 (May 21, 2011)



GSAT-12

Launch of GSAT-12 by PSLV-C17 (July 15, 2011)



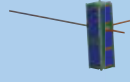
MEGHA-TROPIQUES



VESSELSAT-I



SRMSat



JUGNU

Launch of MEGHA-TROPIQUES, SRMSat, JUGNU and VESSELSAT-I by PSLV-C18 (October 12, 2011)

2012



RISAT-1

Launch of RISAT-1 by PSLV-C19 (April 26, 2012)

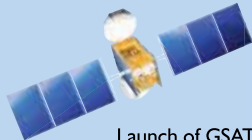


PROITERES

Launch of SPOT 6 and PROITERES by PSLV-C21 (September 09, 2012)



SPOT-6



Launch of GSAT-10 by Ariane 5 VA-209 (September 29, 2012)

2013



SARAL



SAPPHIRE



NEOSSAT



NLS 8.1



NLS 8.2



NLS 8.3



STRaND-I

Launch of SARAL, SAPPHIRE, NEOSSAT, NLS 8.1, NLS 8.2, NLS 8.3 and STRaND-I by PSLV-C20 (February 25, 2013)



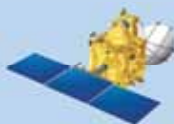
Launch of IRNSS-1A by PSLV-C22 (July 1, 2013)



Launch of INSAT-3D by Ariane 5 VA-214 (July 26, 2013)



Launch of GSAT-7 by Ariane 5 VA-215 (August 30, 2013)



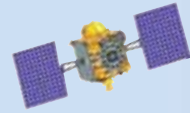
Launch of MARS ORBITER MISSION by PSLV-C25 (November 5, 2013)

2014



GSAT-14

Launch of GSAT-14 by GSLV-D5 (January 05, 2014)



IRNSS-1B

Launch of IRNSS-1B by PSLV-C24 (APRIL 04, 2014)



SPOT-7



AISAT



NLS 7.1



NLS 7.2

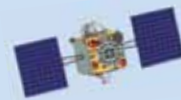


VELOX-1

Launch of SPOT-7, AISAT, NLS 7.1, NLS 7.2 and VELOX-1 by PSLV-C23 (June 30, 2014)



Mars Orbiter Spacecraft successfully enters into an orbit around planet Mars (September 24, 2014)



IRNSS-1C

Launch of IRNSS-1C by PSLV-C26 (November 10, 2014)



Launch of GSAT-16 by Ariane 5 VA-221 (December 7, 2014)

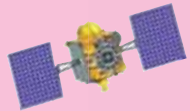


CARE

The first experimental flight of LVM3, the LVM3-X/CARE mission lifted off from Sriharikota on December 18, 2014 and successfully tested the atmospheric phase of flight. Crew module Atmospheric Reentry Experiment was also carried out in this flight. The module reentered, deployed its parachutes as planned and splashed down in the Bay of Bengal.

2015

A S Kiran Kumar takes over as Secretary, Department of Space, Chairman, Space Commission and Chairman, ISRO (January 14, 2015)



IRNSS-1D

Launch of IRNSS-1D by PSLV-C27 (March 28, 2015)



DMC3-1 DMC3-2 DMC3-3



CBNT-1 De-orbitSail

Launch of DMC3-1, DMC3-2, DMC3-3, CBNT-1 and De-orbitSail by PSLV-C28 (July 10, 2015)



GSAT-6

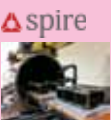
Launch of GSAT-6 by GSLV-D6 with indigenous cryogenic upper stage (August 27, 2015)



ASTROSAT



LAPAN-A2 NLS-14



LEMUR

Launch of ASTROSAT, LAPAN-A2, NLS-14 and 4 LEMUR Satellites by PSLV-C30 (September 28, 2015)



2015

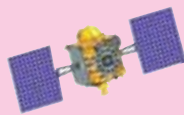


Launch of GSAT-15 by Ariane-5 VA-227 (November 11, 2015)

Launch of TeLEOS-I, VELOX-CI, VELOX-II, ATHENOXAT-I, KENT RIDGE-I, GALASSIA by PSLV-C29 (Dec 16, 2015)

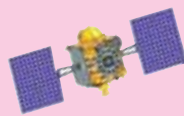


2016



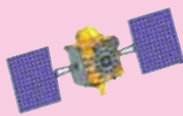
IRNSS-1E

Launch of IRNSS-1E by PSLV-C31 (Jan 20, 2016)



IRNSS-1F

Launch of IRNSS-1F by PSLV-C32 (March 10, 2016)



IRNSS-1G

Launch of IRNSS-1G by PSLV-C33 (April 28, 2016)



RLV-TD

Successful flight test of Reusable Launch Vehicle-Technology Demonstrator (RLV-TD) by HS9 Solid Rocket Booster (May 23, 2016)



2016



CARTOSAT-2 Series Satellite



SATHYABAMASAT



SWAYAM



LAPAN-A3



BIROS



M3MSat



SKYSat GEN2-I



GHGSat-D



DOVE Satellites (Twelve)

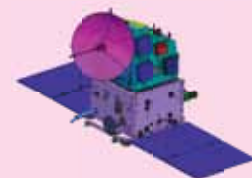
Launch of Cartosat-2 Series Satellite, Sathyabamasat, Swayam, Lapan-A3, Biros, M3MSat, SkySat Gen2-I, GHGSat-D and Dove Satellites (Twelve) by PSLV-C34 (June 22, 2016)



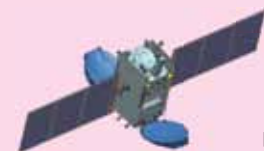
Successful flight test of ISRO's SCRAMJET Engine Technology Demonstrator (August 28, 2016)



Launch of INSAT-3DR by GSLV-F05 (September 08, 2016)



Launch of SCATSAT-1 and seven co-passenger satellites (PRATHAM and PISAT from India and five from abroad) by PSLV-C35 (September 26, 2016)



Launch of GSAT-18 by Ariane 5 VA-231 (October 06, 2016)



2016



Launch of RESOURCESAT-2A by PSLV-C36 (December 07, 2016)



2017



Launch of GSAT-17 by Ariane 5 (June 29, 2017)



Launch of IRNSS-1H by PSLV-C39 (August 31, 2017) Mission was unsuccessful

2018



CICERO-7 (USA)



Arkyd-6 (USA)



DemoSat-2 (USA)



Telesat Phase-I LEO (Canada)



CBNT-2 (UK)



CANYVAL-X (Republic of Korea)



CNUSAIL-1 (Republic of Korea)



KAUSAT-5 (Republic of Korea)



SIGMA (Republic of Korea)



STEP CUBE LAB (Republic of Korea)

2017



CARTOSAT-2 Series Satellite

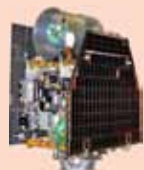


Launch of a total of 104 satellites including India's Cartosat-2 Series Satellite as well as ISRO Nanosatellite-1 and 2 along with 101 satellites from abroad by PSLV-C37 (February 15, 2017)

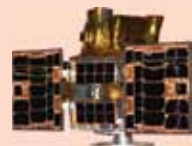
2018



CARTOSAT-2 Series Satellite



Microsat Satellite



INS-1C

Launch of Cartosat-2 Series Satellite along with 30 co-passenger satellites including India's INS-1C and Mircosat by PSLV-C40 (January 12, 2018)

FUTURE...



GSAT-11



CHANDRAYAAN-2



ADITYA

Launch of South Asia Satellite (GSAT-9) by GSLV-F09 (May 05, 2017)



Launch of 3136 kg GSAT-19 by GSLV MkIII-D1, the first developmental (Orbital) flight GSLV MkIII equipped with C25 Cryogenic Upper Stage (June 05, 2017)



CARTOSAT-2 Series Satellite



Launch of Cartosat-2 Series Satellite along with 30 co-passenger satellites by PSLV-C38 (June 23, 2017)

International co-passenger Satellites



Fox-1D (USA)



Flock-3P' (Four) (USA)



LEMUR (Four) (USA)



Micromas-2 (USA)



POC-1 (Finland)



PICSAT (France)



SpaceBEE (Four) (USA)



Corvus Bc3 (USA)



Tyvak-6 I C (USA)