

Assam proud of Goswami for Mangalyaan



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India has scripted history by successfully placing its spacecraft in orbit around [Mars](#), becoming the first country in the world to succeed in such an inter-planetary mission in the maiden attempt itself. At 7

.17 am, the 440 Newton Liquid Apogee Motor (LAM) sizzled with life as it burnt along with the thrusters to slow down the [Mars](#) Orbiter Mission (MOM) spacecraft to be captured by the Red Planet.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets Dr. Jitentanath Goswami, one of the leading scientist of the [Mars](#) mission present in ISRO's control room in Bangalore and thanked for his contribution. Modi has met ISRO scientists in Dr Goswami is the director of Physical Research Laboratory in Ahmadabad. Mr. Modi was present in ISRO to witness this success and shook hands with scientists after the success. This Indian

institute is associated with various space research and plans for ISRO. Dr. Goswami was born in 1950 in Jorhat and studied physics in Cotton College and Gauhati University. He was the Principal Scientist of Chandrayaan-1 too.

With this success India becomes the first country to enter the [Mars](#) orbit on a maiden mission. It becomes the first Asian country and ISRO the fourth space agency to send a satellite to the Red Planet. [US](#), Russia and European Space Agency probes have managed to orbit or land the planet, but after several attempts.

China and Japan launched spacecraft to the Red planet earlier but failed. From President Pranab Mukherjee to [NASA](#), all came out with praise for ISRO after it successfully placed its [Mars](#) Orbiter Mission (MOM) spacecraft in the Red Planet's orbit on the very first attempt.

"Hearty congratulations & best wishes to ISRO Team on Mangalyaan's success; nation proud of this historic achievement," the President tweeted. Noting the 'landmark occasion' for India, Vice President Hamid Ansari said he joins "the entire country in saluting them (scientists) on their success".

In her message commending the ISRO scientists, [Congress](#) President Sonia [Gandhi](#) said that the achievement would be a source for inspiration "for generations to come". She added that it was the "courage, passion and imagination" of the team of space scientists and researchers led by ISRO Chairman Dr K Radhakrishnan which had made the mission a success.

[NASA](#), which has just [launched](#) its own MAVEN mission to the Red Planet, also congratulated the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for the feat.

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