

India TV satellite in orbit, functioning

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India's latest communications satellite was in orbit and transmitting normally Friday following its launch from French Guiana.

INSAT-4 was in position to be maneuvered into geostationary orbit above the Equator in the coming days and will begin direct-to-home television service in the subcontinent.

India's Space Research Organization reported that the bird's array of 24 ku and C-band transponders were working normally following the launch aboard an Ariane 5 rocket provided by Europe's Arianespace.

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