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(AP)—India's national space organization has marked its 100th mission by launching French and Japanese satellites.

The [Indian Space Research Organization](#) said Sunday's launch of a French [observation satellite](#) and a Japanese microsatellite was a success.

India has had an active space program since the 1960s and has launched scores of satellites for itself and other countries.



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In 2008, it successfully sent a probe to the moon that detected evidence of water on the lunar surface for the first time. The space agency plans to send a spacecraft to Mars next year.

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