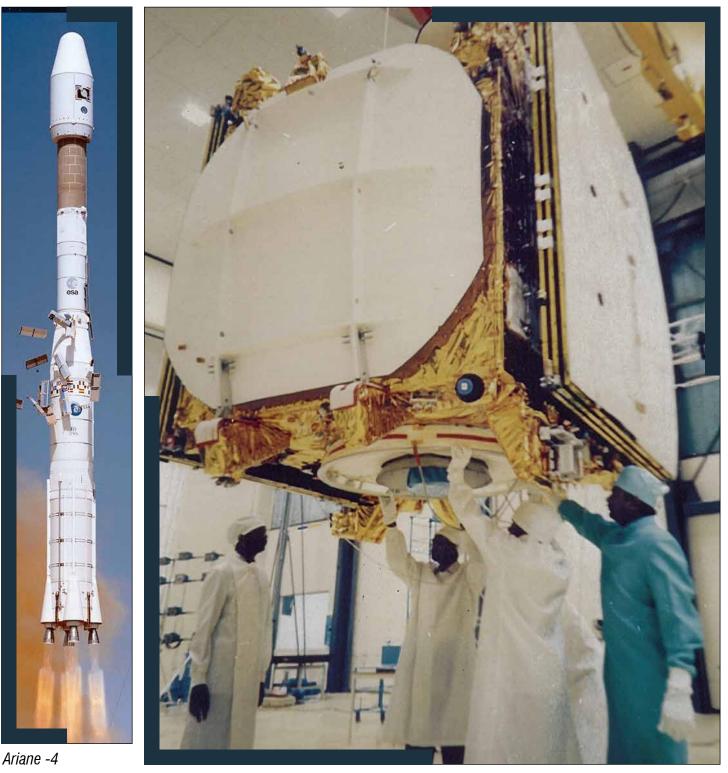
INSAT-2D Mission

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THE MISSION

The Indian National Satellite (INSAT-2D) on-board the Ariane-4 lifted-off from Kourou, French Guiana on June 04, 1997. INSAT-2D, the fourth satellite in the INSAT-2 series was an exclusive communication satellite launched successfully.



INSAT-2D THE SATELLITE

The bus system configuration of INSAT-2D was similar to that of INSAT-2C with minor modifications. It carried 12 C-band, 6 extended C-band, 3 Ku-band, 1 MSS forward and return transponder and 1 BSS S-band transponder. INSAT-2B, INSAT-2C & INSAT-2D were co-located in the Geostationary Orbit thus enabling efficient use of allocated orbital slots. However the satellite became in-operable since October 4, 1997 following a power bus anomaly and associated problems. Hence, it was replaced by in-orbit satellite, ARABSAT-1C, designated as INSAT-2DT.



SPECIFICATIONS

Weight	2079 kg
Power	1650 W
Stabilization	3-axis stabilized with two Momentum Wheels & one Reaction Wheel, Magnetic Torquers
Type of Satellite	Communication
Payloads	 16 C-band / extended C-band Transponders 2 high power C-band Transponders 1 S-band Transponder 1 C/S-band Mobile Communication Transponder 3 Ku-band Transponders
Mission Life	4 months (Major problem in Power System caused by Arc Tracking in high current harness)

