

Skyroot's Vikram-1 succeeds in its maiden flight



On 18 July 2026, Skyroot Aerospace made history, becoming the first private company to fly an Indian built rocket to orbit on its maiden attempt. Mission Aagaman, meaning 'arrival', lifted off from the First Launch Pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, and Vikram-1 flew a nominal profile to reach its target Low Earth Orbit of approximately 450 km at a 60 degree inclination, where it successfully deployed its payloads. In doing so, Skyroot joins the exclusive group of companies able to reach orbit.

In a moment the team called the honour of a lifetime, Prime Minister Narendra Modi personally called to congratulate the Skyroot team on Vikram-1's success. He has also sent a handwritten postcard inscribed with "Vande Mataram," on the Vikram-1 to space. "I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Team Skyroot on the successful accomplishment of the Vikram-1 mission. This achievement is the outcome of years of innovation, perseverance and engineering excellence, and reflects the growing maturity of India's private space sector. It is encouraging to see Indian industry translating technological capability into launch capability, complementing our national space programme. ISRO and IN-SPACe remains committed to working closely with industry partners to build a vibrant, globally competitive space ecosystem that advances India's space ambitions", stated the Prime Minister.

Pawan Kumar Chandana, Co-founder & CEO, Skyroot Aerospace stated, "During the flight, Vikram-1 completed every principal mission milestone, validating the performance of its propulsion, avionics, and guidance, navigation and control systems under true operational conditions. The vehicle deployed its customer payloads and generated a wealth of in-flight data that will directly inform future Vikram missions and the continued evolution of Skyroot's launch programme. Mission Aagaman is

the culmination of years of engineering, rigorous testing and an unwavering commitment to solving some of the hardest problems in Space. Every milestone today reflects the dedication of hundreds of engineers, technicians and mission specialists who believed in pushing the boundaries of what was possible. We are deeply grateful to ISRO, to IN-SPACe, and to every customer, investor

