



CARTOSAT-1, India's First Cartography Satellite to be Launched

CARTOSAT-1, the India's first cartography (mapping) satellite is ready to be launched from the SHAR Centre in Sriharikota, during the first week of May by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

The satellite is to be launched by the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV). The satellite is ready for shipment to SHAR. According to Dr P.S. Goel, director, ISRO Satellite Centre, Bangalore it will provide 2.5 metre resolution pictures, mapping the length and breadth of the country and overseas.

The Cartosat-1 pictures, in combination with the IRS P6 (Resourcesat) imagery, taken in multi-spectral band, could offer good satellite imagery and remote-sensed data products.

The second of the mapping satellites-Cartosat II is expected to be placed in orbit by the PSLV during October 2005.

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