

# **Indian industry feels proud of ISRO's success of Mars Orbiter Mission** ***'..such a demonstration of indigenous technology will provide fillip to scientific research in the country' - FICCI***

**New Delhi, 24 September 2014:** With the resounding success of ISRO's Mars Orbiter Mission (MoM) insertion, scientists have once again proven the strength and might of the Indian capabilities in the area of science & space technology.

FICCI on behalf of the Indian industry feels proud of India's success, and conveys its hearty congratulations to the entire team of the mission for making us the only country which has successfully launched the orbiter in its very first attempt. It is India's first interplanetary mission and ISRO has become the fourth space agency to reach Mars, after the Soviet space program, NASA, and the European Space Agency.

The cost of the mission (INR 450 crore) is a meagre investment when compared to the billions that have been spent so far in similar missions. Our scientists have dared to take the challenges attached to a low cost mission with such complexity and high degree of precision.

The mission is indeed a technology demonstrator aimed to develop the technologies required for design, planning, management, and operations of an interplanetary mission. The objectives of the mission are to explore Mars' surface features, morphology, mineralogy and Martian atmosphere using indigenous scientific instruments.

FICCI see this historical accomplishment as a precursor to opportunities in the area of science and technology. It will encourage Indian industry to invest in the research and innovation. Such demonstration of talent will surely pave the way of future progress of Indian industry.

"India has been a land of extraordinary scientists like S. Chandrasekhar, J.C. Bose, P.C. Ray, S. Ramanujan, C.V. Raman, H.J. Bhabha and others. Such a demonstration of indigenous technology will provide fillip to scientific research in the country and will encourage students to look for a career in scientific research and innovation." observed **Dr. A. Didar Singh, Secretary General, FICCI.**

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