INSAT-2A Mission

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THE MISSION

The Indian National Satellite (INSAT-2A) on-board the Ariane-4 lifted-off from Kourou, French Guiana on July 10, 1992. INSAT-2A, the first in the INSAT-2 series was a multipurpose satellite for Telecommunication, Television Broadcasting and Meteorological Services.



INSAT-2A THE SATELLITE

INSAT-2A was the first multipurpose satellite built by India and successfully operationalised in August 1992. INSAT-2A carried 12 normal C-band (for FSS), 6 extended C-band (for FSS) & 2 S-band (for BSS) Transponders. It also carried 1 Data Relay Transponder, 1 SAR (Search and Rescue) Transponder and a Very High Resolution Radiometer (VHRR) with 2 km resolution in the visible band and 8 km resolution in thermal infrared and water vapour band for meteorological application.

SPECIFICATIONS

Weight	1906 kg
Power	1024 W
Stabilization	3-axis body stabilized with two Momentum Wheels & one Reaction Wheel, Magnetic Torquers
Type of Satellite	Communication
Payloads	 12 Normal C-band Transponders 6 Extended C-band Transponders 2 S-band Transponders 1 Data relay Transponder 1 SAR Transponder VHRR
Mission Life	10 Years

