



Launch of India's second moon mission postponed-Chandrayaan-2 to land a rover on the lunar surface

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Highlights

- The ambitious mission was supposed to be launched in April, and was later fixed for October. The postponement comes in the wake of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) facing quick setbacks.
- The ISRO is treading a cautious path after these two setbacks as Chandrayaan-2 is one of the crucial launches for the space agency, particularly after Chandrayaan-1 and Mangalyaan (Mars Orbiter Mission).
- It is also ISRO's first mission to land on any celestial body.
- Chandrayaan-2 will be ISRO's first time attempt to land a rover, on the moon. The rover, costing nearly ₹800 crore, will be made to land near the yet-unexplored south pole of the moon.
- Chandrayaan-2 is India's second lunar exploration mission after Chandrayaan-1. Developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the mission is planned to be launched to the Moon by a Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark III (GSLV Mk III). It includes a lunar orbiter, Lander and rover, all developed by India.

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