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PSLV puts Oceansat-2 and Six Nano Satellites in Orbit

Three days after its 16th birthday, the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle on Wednesday roared its way to success from the Sriharikota spaceport and put in orbit India's Oceansat-2 and six foreign nano satellites.

This was the 15th successful flight of the launch vehicle in a row.

The first PSLV flight took place on 20 September 1993.

It was spectacular mission. Everything went all right for the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) as the countdown was smooth and the lift-off perfect at the appointed time of 11.51 am.

Then the first stage of the PSLV-C14 came alive and the vehicle galvanized itself as it climbed into the sky. The three other stages too ignited and separated on time and the satellites were precisely injected into orbit – (*The Hindu*, 24th September 2009)