## ■ India Gets its First Private Space Vehicle Launchpad

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AgniKul Cosmos, a Chennai-based private space-tech start-up has set up India's first-ever launchpad at Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has supported the private player AgniKul Cosmos for setting up the launchpad. Inaugurated by S. Somnath, Chairman of ISRO and Secretary, Department of Space, the launchpad facility, built in collaboration with ISRO and IN-SPACe (Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Center), has two sections to it-the AgniKul launchpad (ALP) and the AgniKul Mission Control Center (AMCC).

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