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■ India Becomes First Nation to Reach South Pole of Moon



India has created history as it became the first country to land on the South Pole of the lunar surface on August 23. The Vikram lander had a flawless touch-down at a site close to the lunar South Pole. Meanwhile Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on August 25 said that Rover mobility operations have commenced, and the historic Chandrayaan-3 Mission was running on schedule, with all systems working normally. ISRO Chairman Shri S. Somnath informed that Lander Module payloads have been turned on, and instruments aboard the lander and rover will now study the moon's mineral composition and the seismic activities in its atmosphere. Pragyan lunar rover rolled out from the Vikram lander and took its first "walk on the moon" on August 24. The indigenous rover's exploration of the lunar surface began a day after India

became the fourth country to successfully land on the moon.