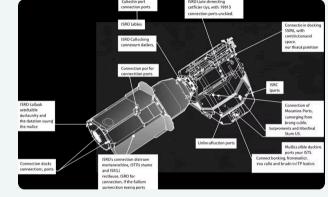


ISRO's SpaDeX Mission: A Leap in Space Exploration



Space Docking Technology

A groundbreaking demonstration of precision satellite docking capabilities in orbit



Advanced Docking System

Sophisticated technology enabling two fast-moving satellites to connect in space



Global Achievement

India joins an elite group as the fourth nation to master this critical space capability



Understanding Space Docking

Definition

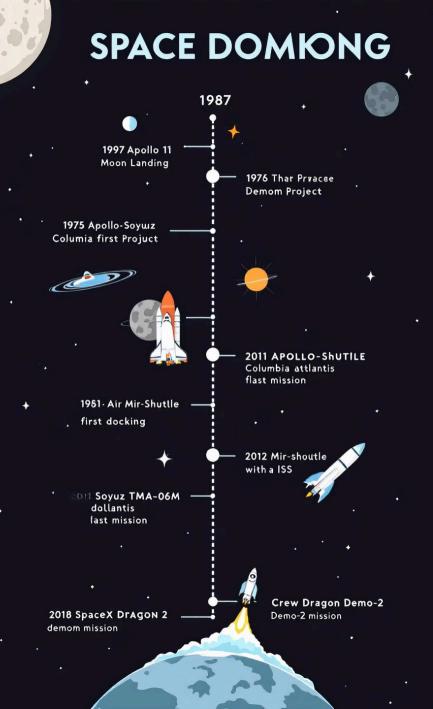
Joining two fast-moving spacecraft in the same orbit.

Importance

Essential for missions requiring heavy spacecraft and space station assembly.

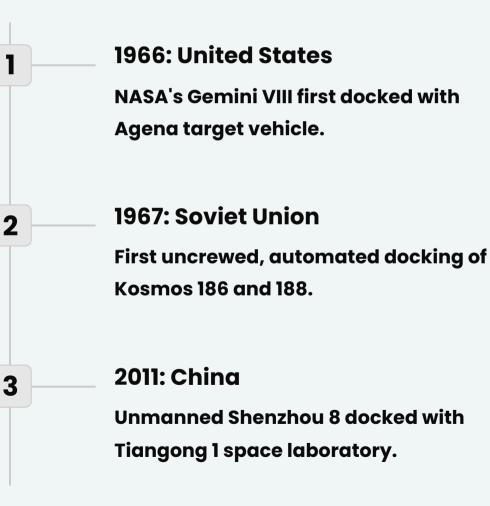
Applications

Crucial for setting up space stations and transporting crew and supplies.



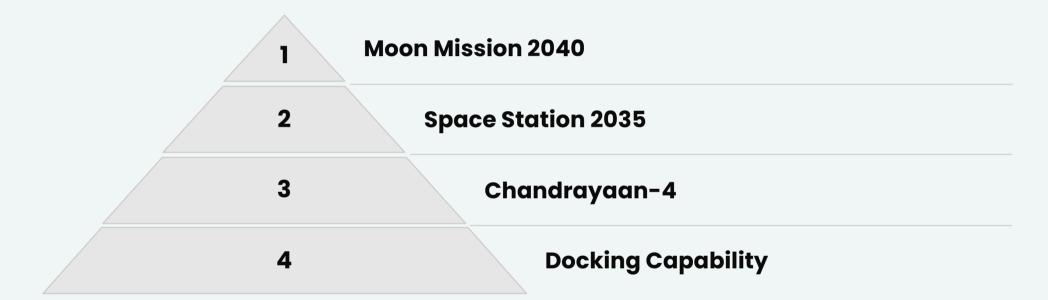


Historical Milestones in Space Docking

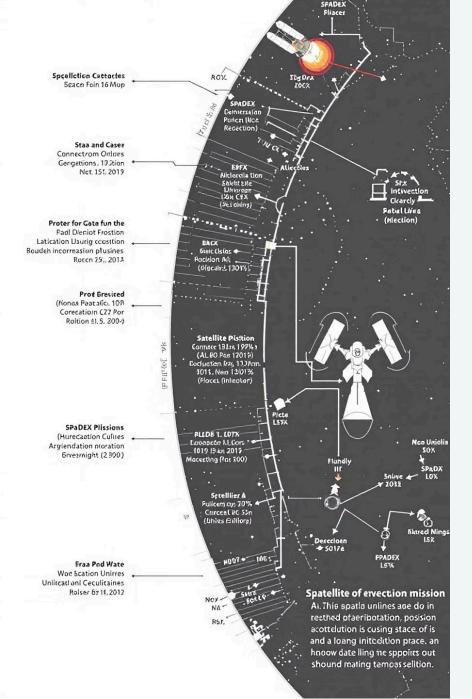




ISRO's Vision and Future Plans



ISRO aims to set up a space station by 2035 and send humans to the Moon by 2040, requiring advanced docking capabilities.



SpaDeX Mission Details

Satellite Approach

Progressively bringing SDX01 "Chaser" close to SDX02 "Target".

Precision Maneuvers

Holding positions at 5km, 1.5km, 500m, 225m, 15m, and 3m.

Final Docking

Joining satellites and demonstrating composite object control.

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Challenges and Achievements

Challenges

- Initial abort scenario on January 7
- Unexpected drift on January 9

Achievements

- Successful maneuvers on January 12
- Reaching 3-meter hold point



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Bharatiya Docking System

Androgynous Design

Identical systems on both Chaser and Target satellites.

Efficient Motors

Uses two motors compared to 24 in IDSS.

Advanced Sensors

Includes Laser Range Finder and Proximity Sensor.



Future Applications



Lunar Missions

Crucial for Chandrayaan-

4's sample

return mission.

Space Station

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Essential for assembling

Bharatiya

Antariksh Station

modules.



Human Spaceflight Ojaank Gurukul IAS

Key for future crewed

missions to the

Moon.

Technological Advancements



New Processor



Autonomous Systems

Based on satellite navigation systems for precise positioning.

Precursor to fully autonomous docking capabilities.

3 Interoperability

Aligns with international docking standards for future collaborations.

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India's Space Exploration Milestone

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ISRO's successful SpaDeX mission marks a significant achievement in space technology. It paves the way for ambitious future projects and solidifies India's position in the global space community.







