



# India's Mars Orbiter Mission in Orbit

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# Objectives



- Design & develop an MARS orbiter with a capability to perform earth bound maneuvers, Martian Transfer and MARS Orbit Insertion after nearly 300 days of travel
- Incorporation of autonomous features in spacecraft
- Design, Plan and Operate Deep Space Communication with orbiter (.ca 400 Million km)
- Exploration of MARS surface features morphology, topography, mineralogy.
- Study of constituents of Martian atmosphere , dynamics of upper atmosphere.
- To detect emanation of gaseous constituents from surface/subsurface looking for clues on geologic or biogenic activities

# Systems and the Challenges

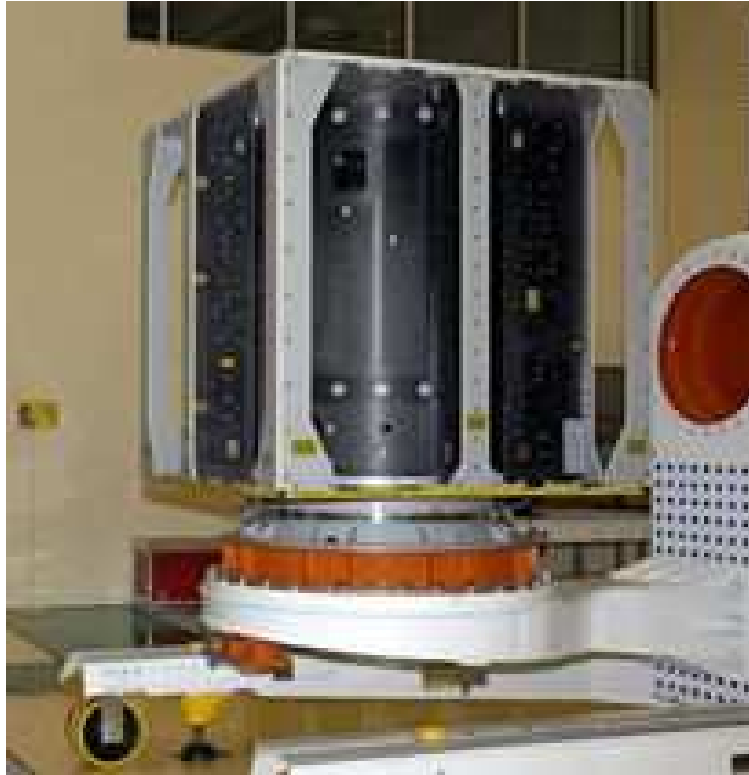


| System            | Mission specific changes   |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>Structure</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heritage: modified 1K bus to suit Launcher.</li> <li>• Incorporation of Communication system elements.</li> <li>• Maximal use of composite elements.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Mechanisms</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deployment of solar panel array at low temperature of – 60 deg C</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Propulsion</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporation of redundancy flow path lines.</li> <li>• Restart of 440N engine after 300 days of dormancy.</li> <li>• Execution of blow down mode operation during real time mission management.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Thermal</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of passive thermal control elements.</li> <li>• Thermal Management of mission at various stages by imparting proper attitude changes.</li> </ul>  |



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| <b>Power</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Optimised Power generation both at near earth and Martian conditions.</li><li>• Direct Power transfer. (No slip ring assembly)</li></ul>  |
| <b>Communication</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Higher ranging tone for tracking accuracy improvements and improved receiver sensitivity.</li><li>• Delta DOR for plane of sky measurements.</li></ul>  |
| <b>Autonomy</b>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Full scale on- board autonomy thro Fault Detection and Isolation Logic.</li><li>• Development of 22 new software modules, modification of 42 modules and usage of 19 existing modules.</li></ul>  |
| <b>Flight Dynamics</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trajectory generation for all phases of Mission incorporating gravity, atmosphere, solar radiation pressure ,angular momentum desaturation models and relativistic effect due to Sun and atmospheric drag.</li><li>• Orbit determination software improvements.</li></ul> |

# Mars Orbiter Spacecraft

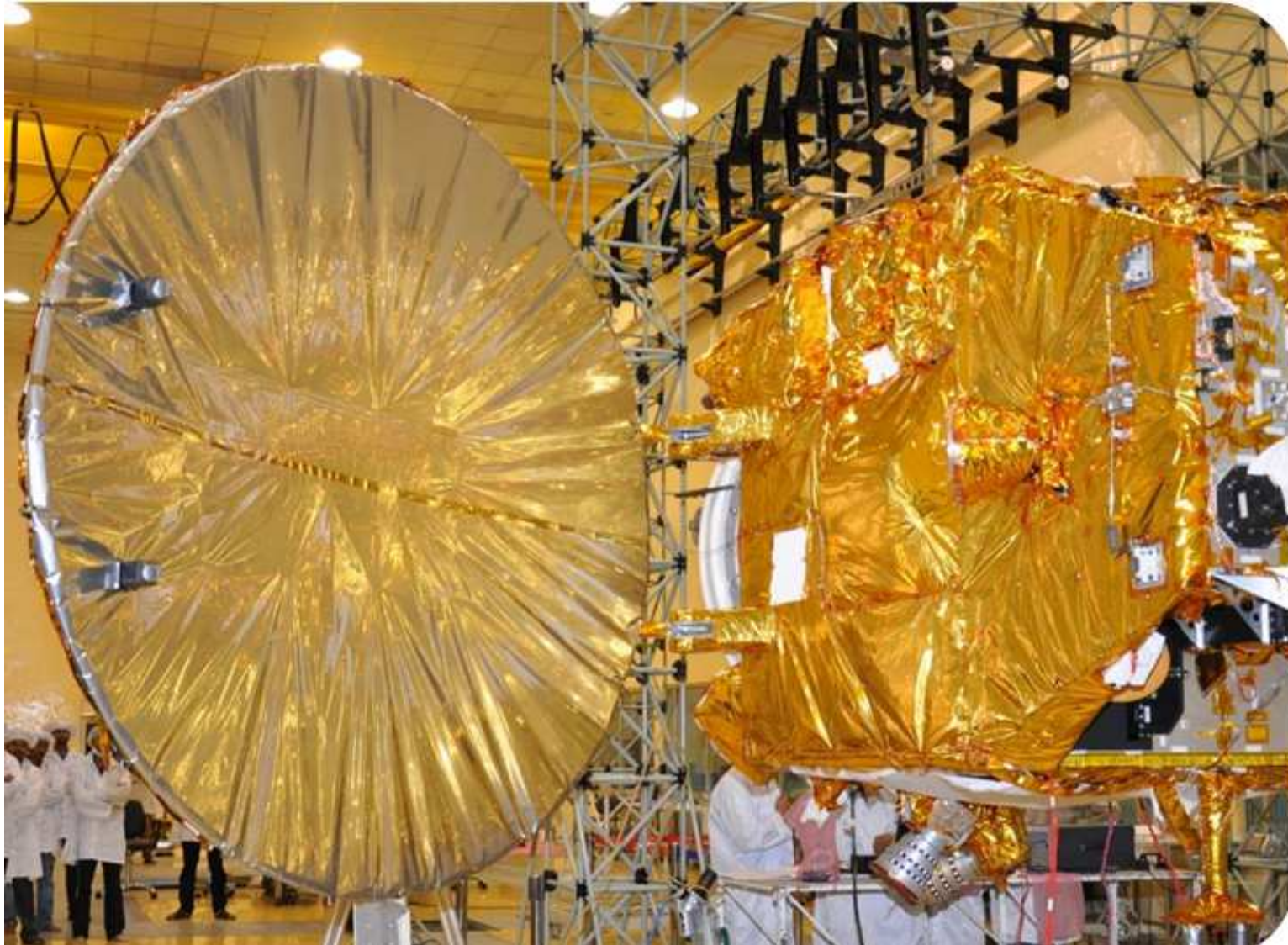


**Primary structure in clean room – ready for integration**

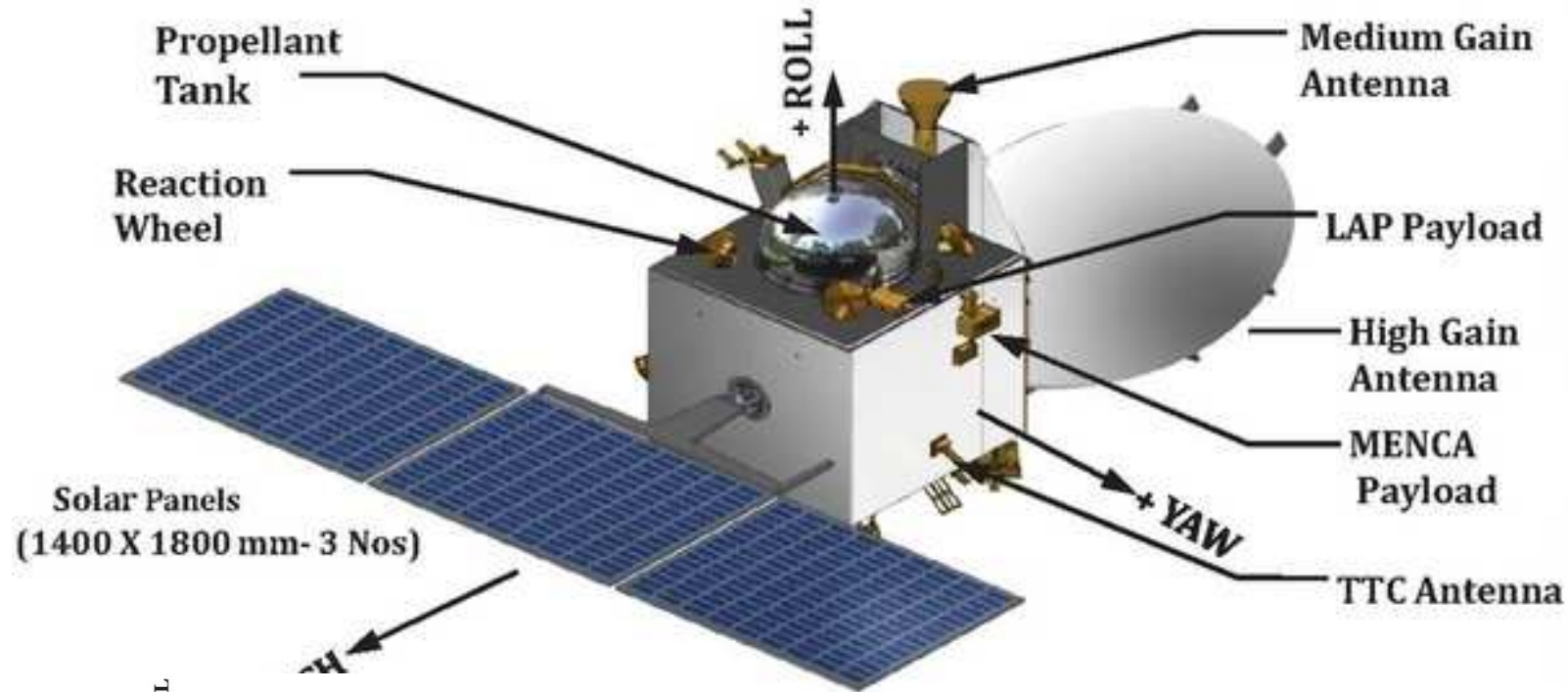


**Spacecraft integration**

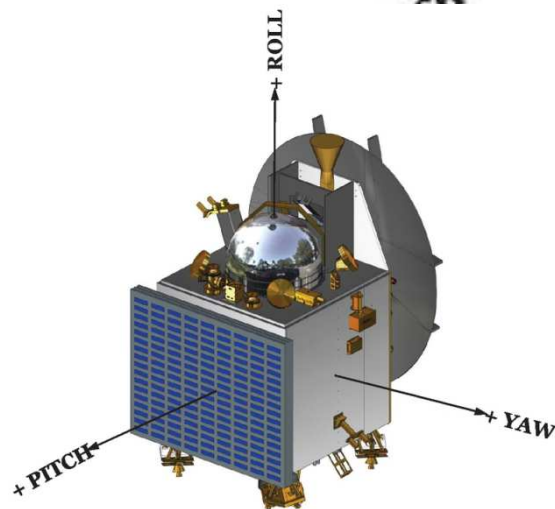
# HGA 2.2m CFRP Reflector deployment tests



# Mars Orbiter Spacecraft



View from +Yaw/+Pitch








View from +Pitch/+Yaw axis





# Science Payloads (15 kg)



| Payload  | Primary Objective   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Lyman Alpha Photometer (LAP)</b>                    | Study of Escape processes of Mars upper atmosphere through Deuterium/Hydrogen |    |
| <b>Methane Sensor for MARS (MSM)</b>                   | Detection of Methane presence   |    |
| <b>Martian Exospheric Composition Explorer (MENCA)</b> | Study of the neutral composition of Martian upper atmosphere                  |   |
| <b>Mars Colour Camera (MCC)</b>                        | Optical imaging   |  |
| <b>TIR Imaging Spectrometer (TIS)</b>                  | Map surface composition and mineralogy  |  |



***MOM Spacecraft getting integrated on PSLV-C25***

# LAUNCH – PSLV C25 XL



- **Technical Challenges**
- Requirement of larger Argument of Perigee (AOP) ranging from  $276.4^\circ$  to  $288.6^\circ$
- Launch vehicle flight regime was extended to 2560 s (against 1200s for regular PSLV missions) with a long coasting (1580-1800s) before the ignition of the PS4 stage
- The long coasting necessitated the following
- Specific modification and validation of the coast phase guidance algorithm
- On-board battery capacity augmentation





ST 1&2: Ship-borne Terminals S/C: Spacecraft IDSN: Indian Deep Space Network

The ground segment systems form an integrated system supporting both launch phase, and orbital phase of the mission

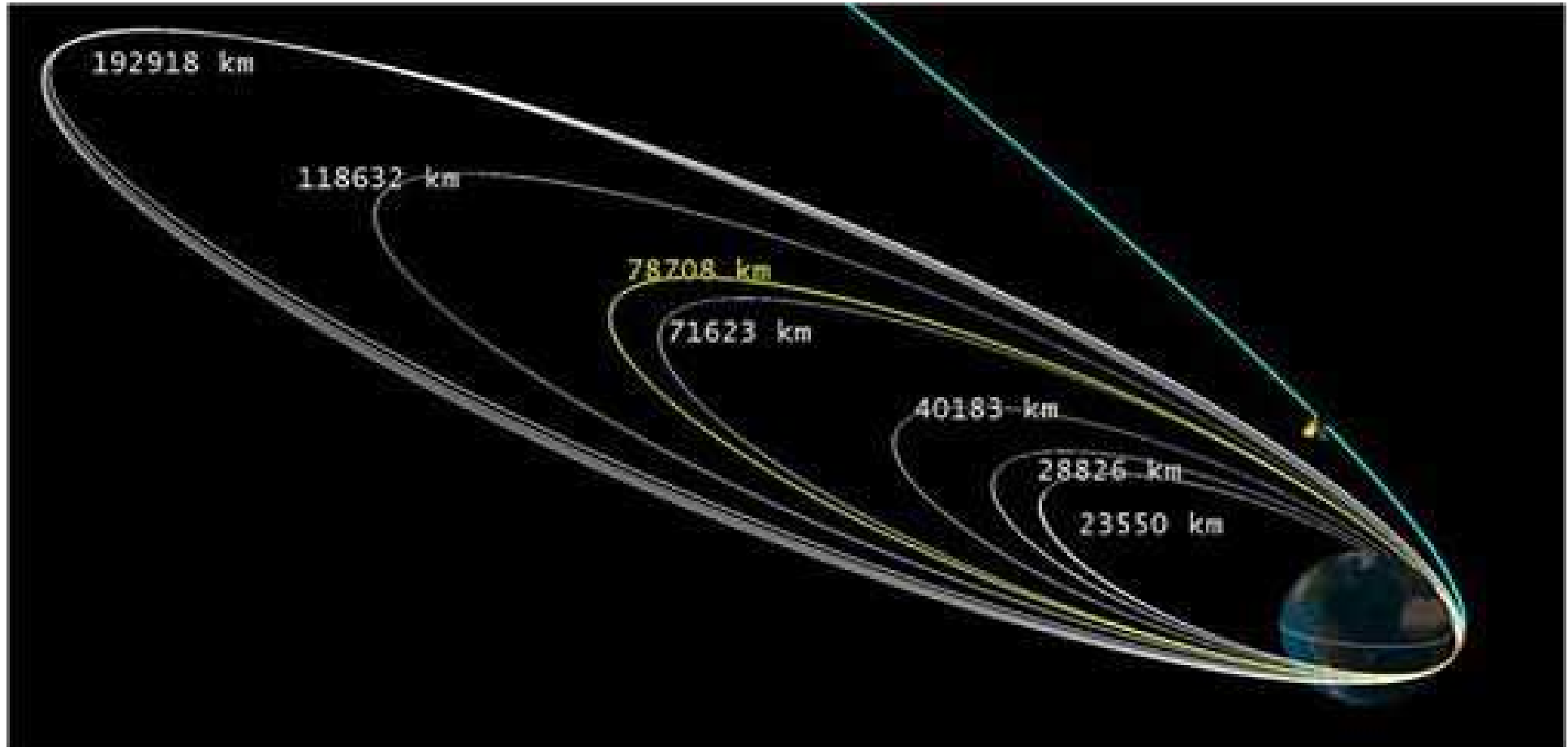


# Ground Segment

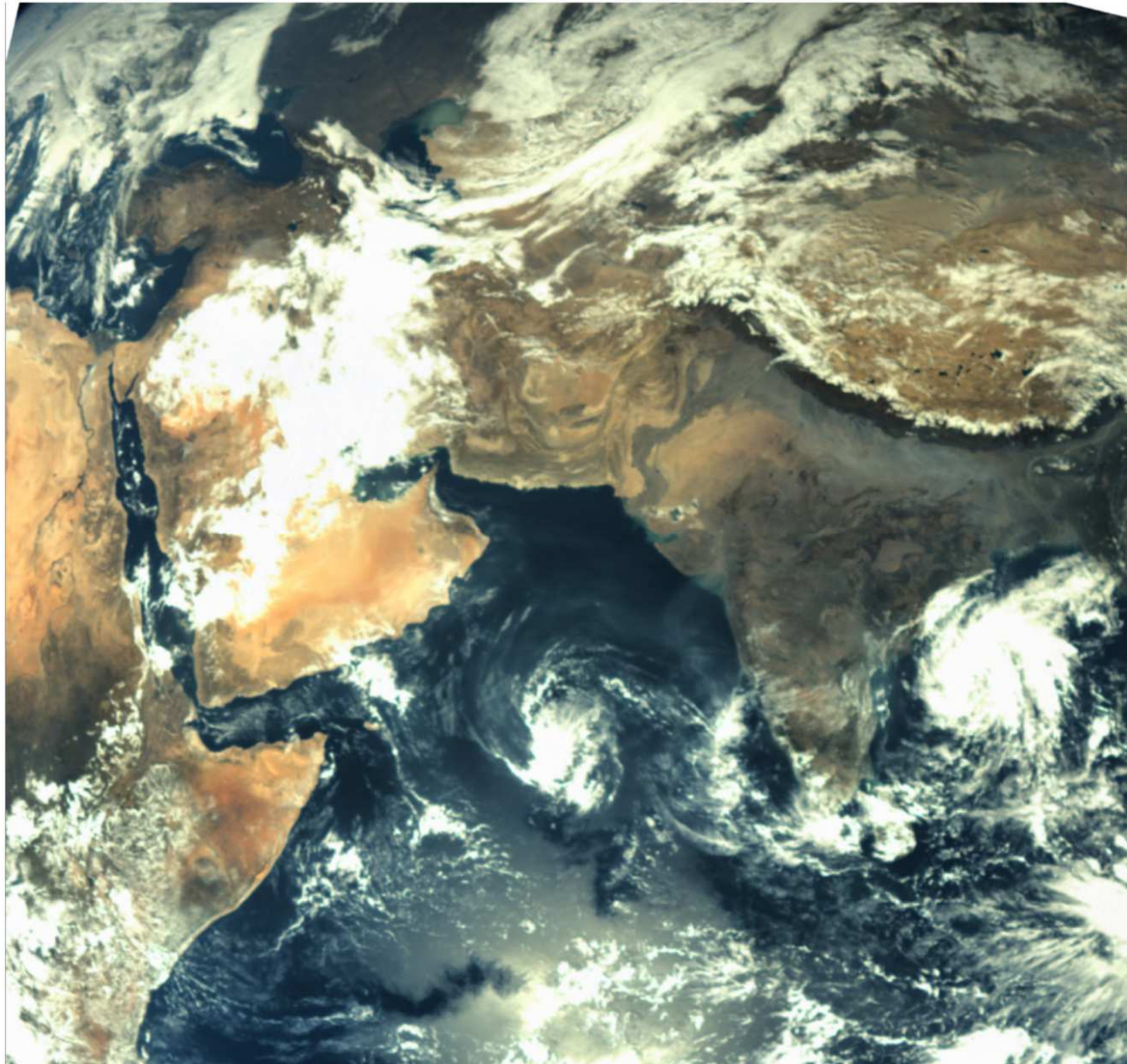


- ***IDSN- 32 is the prime Indian deep space station for MOM in addition to JPL DSN stations. The ground segment support continues.***
- ***Validation of IDSN-32 for range, range rate and Delta DOR jointly by ISTRAC and JPL/NASA carried out successfully and a cross support agreement is on the anvil. TIM planned on April 2015.***
- ***International ground stations including JPL DSN stations supported the mission in the non-visible zones. The contingency requirements met by JPL ground segment need a special mention.***
- ***The data processing and archival of science data is being carried out flawlessly by ISSDC.***

# TRANS MARS INJECTION



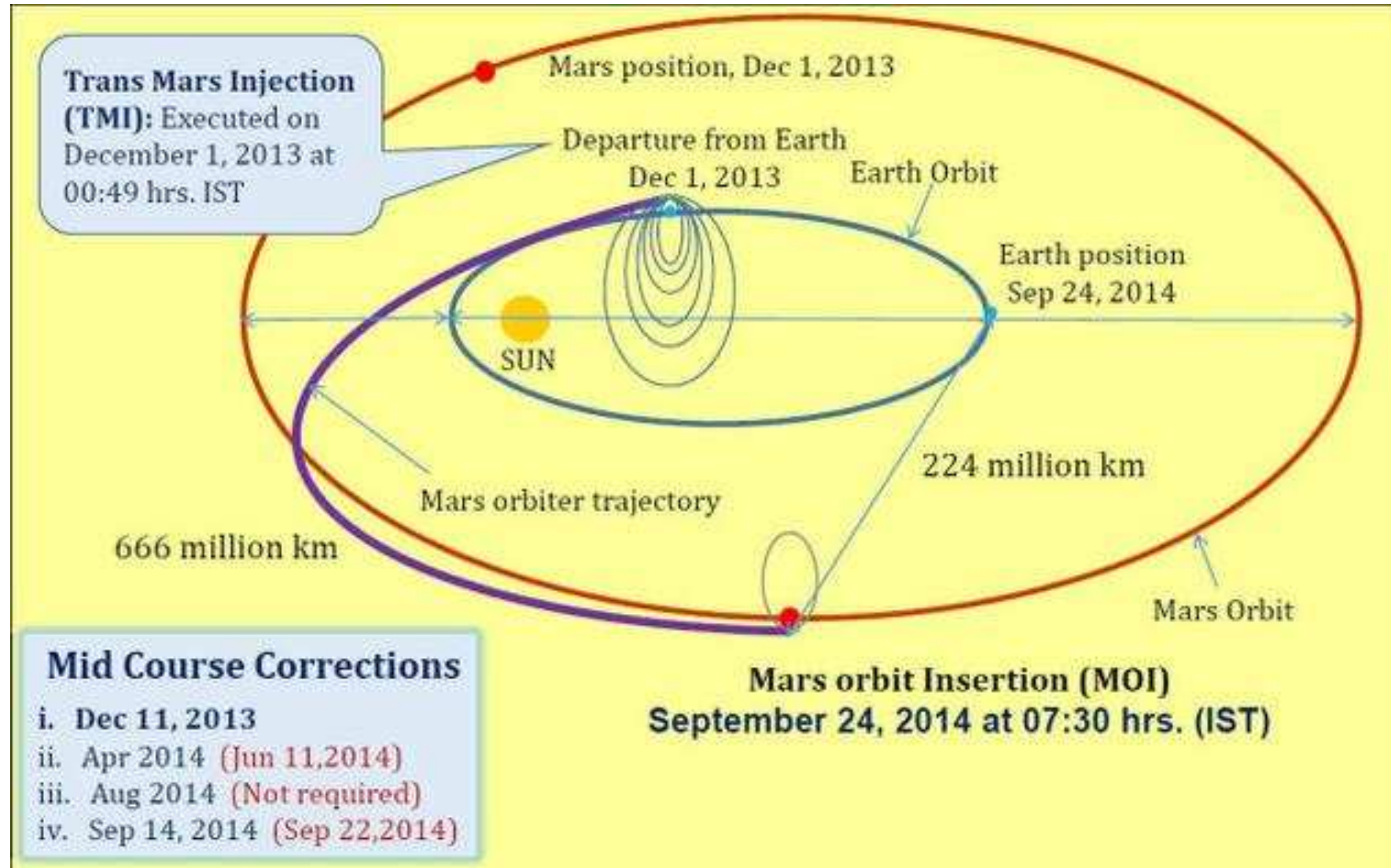
# Mars Color Camera : 1<sup>st</sup> Image



**19<sup>th</sup> November  
2013, 0820 UT  
13:50 hrs**

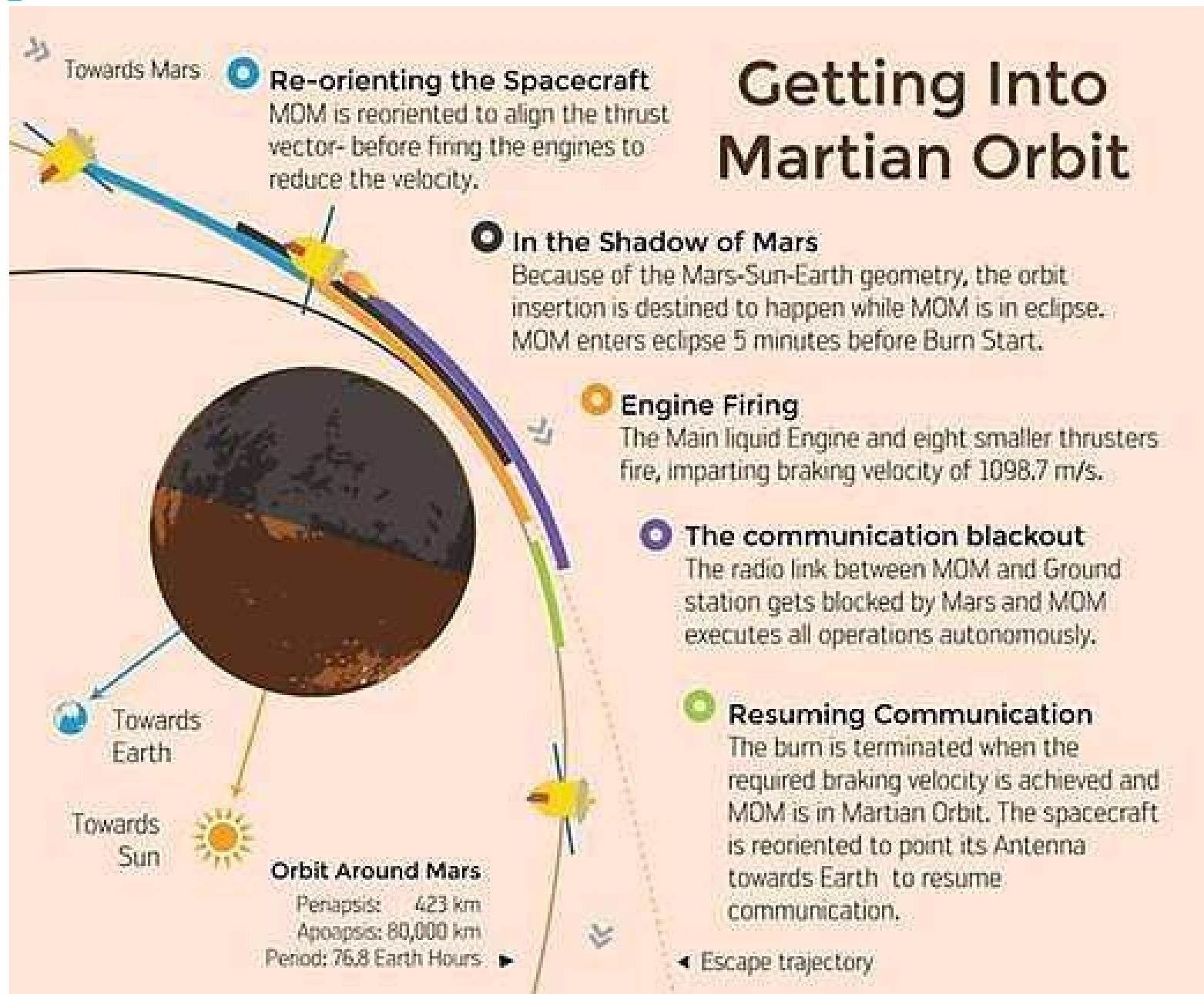
**Indian  
Subcontinent  
imaged at an  
altitude of 70,000  
km above earth  
with a spatial  
resolution of  
about 3.5 km**

# MARS MISSION PROFILE





# Mars Orbit Insertion

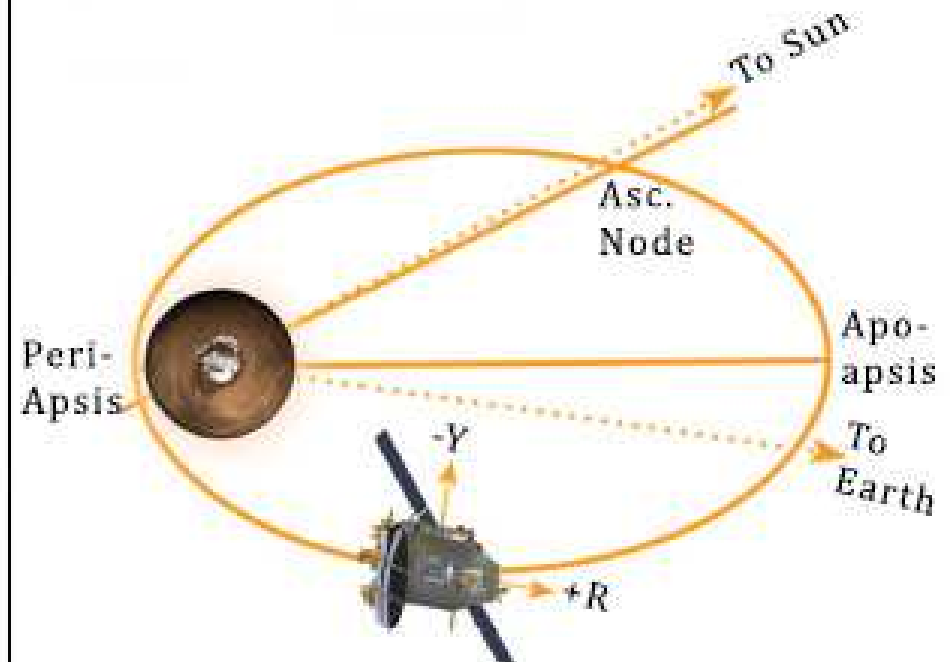




## Major events before MOI

| Mars Orbiter  |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Activity  | Date                        |
| Uploading of commands   | 14-09-14<br>15-09-14        |
| Verification of uploaded commands   | 14-09-14<br>15-09-14        |
| Entry into Sphere of Influence of Mars  | 22-09-14                    |
| Fourth Trajectory correction manoeuver and test-firing of Main Liquid Engine  | 22-09-14<br>@1430 Hrs (IST) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duration : 3.968 seconds</li> <li>• Fuel consumption: 0.567 kg</li> <li>• <math>\Delta V</math> : 2.142 m/s</li> </ul> |                             |
| Health Monitoring & checks  | Ongoing                     |

MOI Epoch : 24-09-2014, 07:18 hrs (IST)  
 Periapsis : 423 km  
 Apo-apsis : 80000 km  
 Inclination : 150.0°  
 Period : 76.8 hr



Martian Orbit

# Mars – First Image



Mars Orbiter  
Spacecraft captures  
its first image of  
Mars. Taken from a  
height of 7300 km;  
with 376 m spatial  
resolution

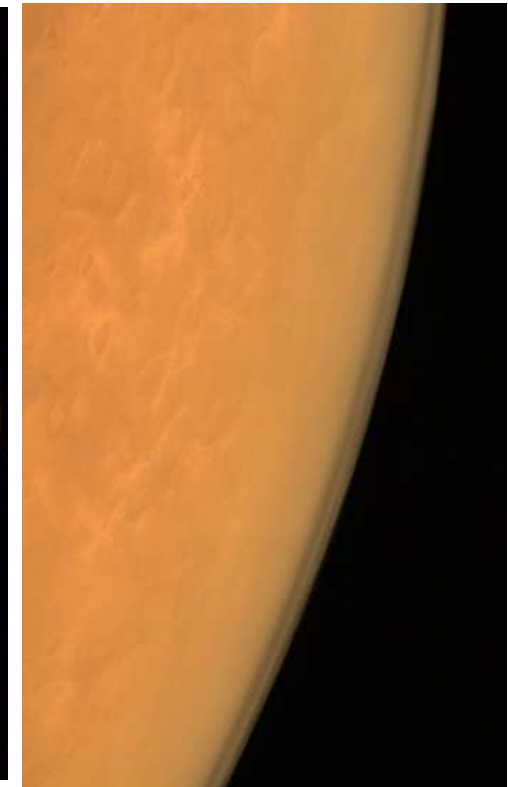
# Sample Images



*The highest volcano in the solar system – the Olympus Mons and the famous Arsia, Pavonis and Ascraeus collinear mons adjacent to Daedalia Planum. Valles Marineris- the longest canyon in the solar system can be seen*



*Dark region towards south of the cloud formation is Elysium - the second largest volcanic province on Mars*



*Taken using the Mars Color Camera from an altitude of 8449 km, this image has a spatial resolution of 439 m and is centered around Lat: 20.01N, Lon:31.54E*



# Mission Objectives- Compliance



***Technological objectives met with still 53 days to go and 37 kg usable propellant left.***

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***Scientific payload Operations fully met.***

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***Deep space mission management successfully executed.***

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***Time, quality, cost and scope met***

# Implications



- Enhancing Interest in science
- Explaining Scientific concepts
- Youngsters participation through Social Media



## Large Appreciation

- **10 Best TIME Magazine Inventions of 2014**
- **Space Pioneer Award of US Space Society**
- **NATURE lists Chairman ISRO among Top 10 Scientists**
- **.... many others**

# Thank You



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