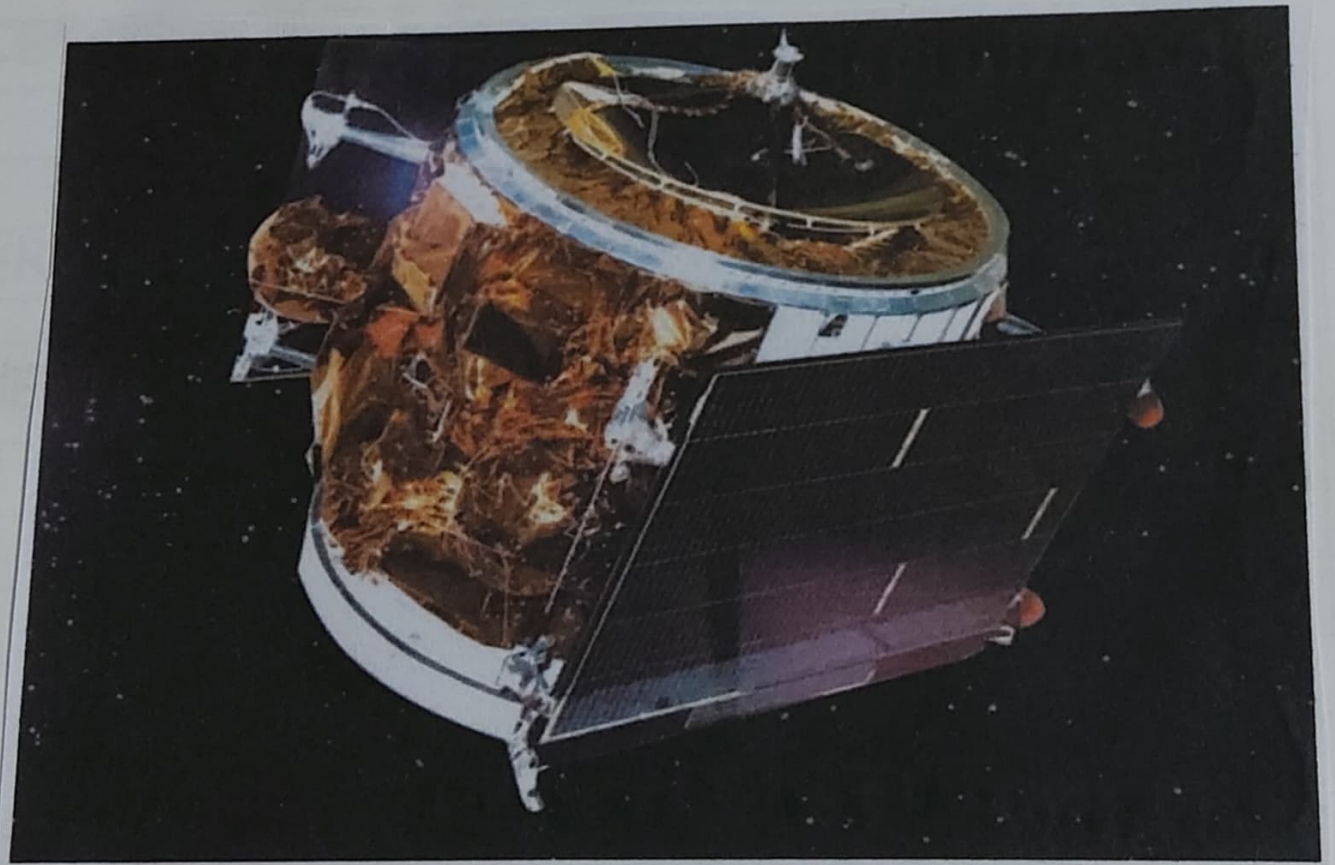


Indian First Communication

Satellite - APPLE



Ariane Passenger Pay Load Experiment, APPLE was an experimental communication satellite successfully launched by Ariane-1, from Kourou, French Guiana on June 19, 1981, exactly 35 years back, marking an important milestone in India's space programme.

It was used to carry out extensive experiments on time, frequency and code division multiple access systems, radio-networking computer interconnect, random access & packets switching experiments.