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Maiden flight of privately built PSLV-N1 delayed again, likely early next year

CHENNAI – 25 Nov, 2026 The maiden flight of India's privately manufactured PSLV-N1 is likely to be pushed to early 2027, further extending the timeline for the programme under which at least two launches were planned this year. The rocket was to carry ISRO's earth observation satellite EOS-10.

This is not the first delay in the launch of PSLV-N1, being built by a consortium led by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T). The contract to manufacture five PSLV rockets was awarded to the consortium in 2022. As part of the contract, the first vehicle was to be manufactured within two years, and the others were to be delivered every six months. Going by that timeline, the first delivery should have happened in 2024, and all five should have been delivered by 2026.

The delays are a result of various issues such as coordination with the payload and the available launch window, said A T Ramchandani, Senior Vice-President and Head, L&T Precision Engineering & Systems, at the ongoing India International Space Conclave.



While the launch vehicle is ready, the current delay stems from the space agency being spooked after two back-to-back failures of its workhorse PSLV.