

DOCUMENT OF THE MONTH

The leaders of independent India saw technology as the way forward for the country and so, by the sixties, in the thick of the USA-USSR Space Race, India was making her own mark space research, led by the likes of Vikram Sarabhai. The establishment of ISRO in 1969 was a landmark in the country's space journey, with several immediate successes like the satellites Aryabhata I and Rohini.

Meanwhile at Godrej, the Process Equipment Division (PED) was set up in 1976 and made trays for distillation and Fractioning Columns. In a few years, it had started manufacturing parts for the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC).

The Document of the Month for June marks the beginning of Godrej's prestigious connection with Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). This is a letter written in 1987 from Naval Godrej to Prof. U R Rao, Chairman of ISRO, inviting him to Vikhroli to see the work of the PED. After the visit, Godrej had the honour of manufacturing satellite components for ISRO, and subsequently parts for the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) and then the Vikas Engine. The liaison with ISRO continues to this day.

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Dear Shri Rao,

We have the pleasure of taking a few jobs from VSSC, and some of them are nearing completion.

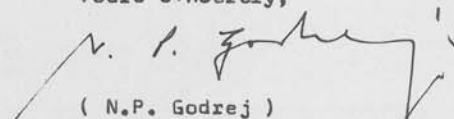
Many of your senior officials have visited our Plants at Vikhroli, Bombay, and have seen our facilities and the jobs in progress. They have expressed satisfaction about our quality standard and commitment. It may be possible for us to offer our existing facilities to meet your requirements on selective basis.

I, therefore, take this opportunity to invite you to visit our works at your earliest convenience, so that you may get an idea of our capabilities.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,



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