

**PRESS STATEMENT OF SELVI J JAYALALITHAA,
HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU – 24.9.2014**

It is a matter of great pride for the country that our scientific community has been able to successfully place 'Mangalyaan' in orbit around the planet Mars today (24.9.2014). This is a historic achievement for India and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). On behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu, I greet all the Scientists, Engineers and Technologists associated with this great achievement and extend my heartiest congratulations to them. They have done the Nation proud and India now joins the very select band of countries that have successfully inducted Explorers into outer space. This achievement will undoubtedly inspire and stimulate young minds in India to take up scientific research and development.

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