

Agnikul Cosmos: A Structural Evidence Review

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> **METHODOLOGICAL NOTE** > Every substantive sentence carries one tag: VERIFIED FACT, OBSERVED PATTERN, INTERPRETATION or LIMITATION. Factual tags cite a numbered entry in References. Sources were ranked by tier, dead links and press-release republications were dropped, and encyclopedia entries and commercial data aggregators are treated as secondary pointers rather than primary proof. This review reports what public documents show and does not judge the subject.

1. Purpose and Scope

This review checks how far the public record supports Agnikul Cosmos's stated launch history, funding, and corporate identity. LIMITATION: It covers public sources only, and no company filings, contracts or regulator files were obtained directly.

2. Evidence Base and Reliability Ranking

Rank	Source type	Availability for this subject
1	Government and regulatory filings	Not retrieved directly. Government-linked coverage of the launchpad and launch is available secondhand
2	Primary company publications	Not retrieved in this review
3	Sector registries	Not retrieved directly. Space-sector authorisation records were not located
4	Commercial registry mirrors (MCA, Zaubia, Tofler)	Available for the operating entity
5	Independent journalism	Available and substantial for launch dates and funding
6	Marketing and aggregator profiles	Available, used only as pointers

3. Corporate Background

VERIFIED FACT: Agnikul Cosmos Private Limited was incorporated on 1 December 2017, is registered with the Registrar of Companies in Chennai, and carries CIN U74999TN2017PTC119779 [4][5]. OBSERVED PATTERN: A second entity named Agnikul Cosmos Launch Vehicles Private Limited also appears in

registry mirrors, under a Kerala-coded CIN [12]. VERIFIED FACT: The company is described as based at the National Centre for Combustion Research and Development at IIT Madras, with Srinath Ravichandran as co-founder and CEO [11].

VERIFIED FACT: Agnikul signed an agreement with ISRO under the IN-SPACe initiative in December 2020, and the Dhanush private launchpad at Sriharikota was inaugurated on 28 November 2022 [9][11].

4. Product Claims: Evidentiary Basis

VERIFIED FACT: Agnibaan SORTeD, a single-stage suborbital demonstrator, launched on 30 May 2024 from Sriharikota and reached an apogee of about 8,076 metres [1][3]. VERIFIED FACT: It was described as using a single-piece 3D-printed semi-cryogenic engine [1][3].

OBSERVED PATTERN: The flight was first scheduled for 22 March 2024 and slipped several times before launching. Business Standard reported the third postponement in April 2024, and later coverage counted four delays [1][2].

KEY OBSERVATION: The suborbital flight took roughly ten weeks from the first announced date to the achieved date, after about two years of preparation [1][2].

OBSERVED PATTERN: The orbital vehicle Agnibaan-01 was reported as moved from a 2025 target to early 2026 [11]. INTERPRETATION: No orbital launch was located as achieved by the reference date, so the orbital claim remains unproven in the public record. LIMITATION: This rests on searches that returned no orbital result and does not prove that none occurred.

5. Quantitative Claims and Traceability

VERIFIED FACT: Crunchbase records a Series B of about 26.7 million US dollars on 17 October 2023, with Celesta Capital, Artha, Mayfield India, Pi Ventures and Speciale Invest named [6]. VERIFIED FACT: Business Standard reported a Rs 150 crore (about 17 million US dollars) round in November 2025 at a 500 million dollar valuation [7]. VERIFIED FACT: TIDCO invested Rs 25 crore in March 2026, and the company was reported in talks to raise 50 to 75 million dollars [8].

OBSERVED PATTERN: A 180 million dollar valuation attached to the 2023 round is an outside estimate, since the company did not disclose one [6]. LIMITATION: Round sizes come from press and aggregators, and no share-allotment filings were reviewed.

6. Corporate Identity and Registry Verification

VERIFIED FACT: Registry mirrors show the company as active, with authorised capital of INR 2.82 crore and paid-up capital of INR 2.78 crore [4][5]. INTERPRETATION: Paid-up capital of this size sits beside reported funding of tens of millions of dollars, which suggests investment above face value or other structures. LIMITATION: This review did not examine annual returns or charge filings to confirm that.

7. Artificial Intelligence Component: Oversight Documentation

VERIFIED FACT: In February 2026 the company announced a partnership with Neevcloud on a proof of concept for a space-based AI data centre, with launch targeted as early as 2027 [10]. OBSERVED PATTERN: This is a payload and customer plan, not an AI system inside the rocket. No public document was found describing AI or automation in vehicle design, guidance or manufacturing, and no AI oversight documentation exists in the sources reviewed.

8. Claims Language and Regulatory Positioning

VERIFIED FACT: Coverage describes the 2024 flight as authorised by IN-SPACe and supported by ISRO [1][9]. OBSERVED PATTERN: Headline claims such as "world's first single-piece 3D-printed engine rocket" appear in news coverage and are attributed to the company [3]. LIMITATION: No independent registry of such firsts was located, so the wording could not be checked against a neutral standard.

9. Incident and Safety Protocol Documentation

Empty on the evidence: no public incident report, launch anomaly investigation or safety protocol document was located. OBSERVED PATTERN: Delays before the 2024 flight were attributed by coverage to technical glitches, without a published cause analysis [1][2]. LIMITATION: Range safety records held by ISRO are not public.

10. Summary Table

Section	Evidence available	Independently verifiable	Status
Corporate and funding facts	Registry mirrors, press	Partly	Established
Product and service claims	Press, encyclopedia	Partly	Open
Quantitative performance claims	Press	Partly	Open
Corporate identity and registry	Registry mirrors	Yes	Established
AI oversight documentation	None found	No	Unassessed
Claims language positioning	Press	Partly	Open
Incident and safety protocol	None found	No	Unassessed

This table reflects public documentation as of the reference date and is not a composite score.

11. Limitations

LIMITATION: No first-party company pages, IN-SPACe authorisation files, MCA filings or ISRO documents were read directly. LIMITATION: Encyclopedia and aggregator pages were used as pointers and may lag events. LIMITATION: Search results may omit an orbital attempt made close to the reference date.

12. Reproducibility Notes

Toolchain: a web search engine and a browser, with no proprietary data.

- 1 Search the company name with "Agnibaan launch date" and record each announced and achieved date.
- 2 Search the CIN on Tofler and Zauba and note incorporation date, status and capital.
- 3 Search funding round names on Crunchbase and match them to press reports.
- 4 Search IN-SPACe and ISRO sites for authorisation and agreement notices.
- 5 Search for AI, incident and anomaly documents, and record empty results as empty.

13. Evolution Opportunities

- 1 Publish a dated launch log with announced and achieved dates per vehicle. Highest impact, low cost.
- 2 Publish the IN-SPACe authorisation status for each mission. High impact, low cost.
- 3 Disclose valuation methodology alongside each funding round. Medium impact, low cost.
- 4 Publish post-flight anomaly summaries. Medium impact, medium cost.

> **EVOLUTION OPPORTUNITY** > A single public launch log would let outside readers check schedule claims without relying on press.

14. Future Questions

Will Agnibaan-01 reach orbit, and on what date? How does reported funding map to filed share allotments? What is the role of the Kerala-coded entity? Will the space-based AI data centre plan be documented with milestones?

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