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News: Chandrayaan 3 set for launch in August

- India plans to execute the **Chandrayaan3 mission this August.**
- Though the government had stated that the mission was scheduled for 2022, this is the first time that a specific month has been announced.
- The Chandrayaan-3 mission is a **follow up of Chandrayaan-2 of July 2019, which aimed to land a rover on the lunar South Pole.**
- Chandrayaan–2 was sent aboard the **country’s most powerful geosynchronous launch vehicle, the GSLV –Mk 3.**
- However, **lander Vikram, instead of a controlled landing, ended up crash landing on September 7, 2019, and prevented rover Pragyaan from successfully travelling on the surface of the moon.**
- Had the mission been successful, **it would have been the first time a country landed its rover on the moon in its maiden attempt.**