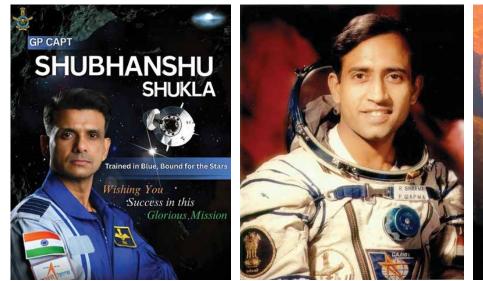
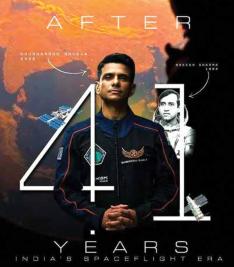
## **41 years later!**





"Axiom-4 Mission heralds India's ascent to Viksit Bharat". This was the instant reaction of Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh, as he led the cheering audience in giving a standing ovation to Shubhanshu Shukla and three other astronauts when the real-time visuals of successful Axiom 4 launch flashed during the special live screening of the event at Bhatnagar Auditorium of Anusandhan Bhavan, on 25 June 2025.

In a historic and proud moment for India, the launch of the Axiom-4 Mission marked a giant leap in the country's journey towards becoming a Viksit Bharat. Indian astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, serving as the Mission Pilot, was part of a four member international crew heading to the International Space Station (ISS).

Dr Jitendra Singh stated, "This is the realisation of the dream of the founding father of India's Space programme, Dr. Vikram Sarabhai and Satish Dhawan—now being fulfilled under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi."



Inside the Dragon spacecraft enroute the ISS (Photo: SpaceX)



Falcon 9 before liftoff (Photo: SpaceX)