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## SHUKLA SPEAKS TO ISRO CHIEF FROM SPACE, SHARES HIS EXPERIENCE

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**MUMBAI:** Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla spoke to Isro chairman V Narayanan on Sunday — their first conversation since Shukla scripted history as the sole Indian astronaut to reach the International Space Station (ISS). Shukla's call to Narayanan, also secretary of the department of space, was an acknowledgment of the Indian space agency's team's efforts in ensuring his safe travel to the ISS.

According to Isro, Narayanan, during the call, expressed his "keen interest" in Shukla's well-being and inquired about the various scientific experiments and activities being conducted on the ISS. "The Chairman emphasised the significance of documenting all experiments and activities meticulously after Shubhanshu's return to Earth, as this will provide valuable insights and inputs for the development of India's human space-flight program, Gaganyaan," read a press statement. The Gaganyaan programme aims to demonstrate India's capability to launch a crewed spacecraft into low Earth orbit. "The experiences and knowledge gained from this mission will be crucial for its success. Shubhanshu Shukla's ISS mission has been executed under the Isro-Axiom Space-flight agreement," said Isro.

The discussion was attended by several senior Isro officials who discussed various aspects of the mission and the experiments being conducted.