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Shubanshu Shukla 634th astronaut to reach space

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Context

- India's Shubhanshu Shukla became the **634th astronaut to travel to space** as he entered the International Space Station on Thursday after a 28-hour journey.
- Mr. Shukla and three other astronauts were formally welcomed on the space station by the members of Expedition 73 with warm hugs and handshakes.
- **Axiom mission commander Peggy Whitson handed out astronaut pins to Mr. Shukla, Polish astronaut Slawosz Uznanski-Wisniewski and Hungarian Tibor Kapu**, who marked their maiden voyage to space.
- This is a phase of India's space journey, says Shukla; I am carrying the tiranga and I am very confident that the next 14 days are going to be amazing, advancing science and research, he adds



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