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## Shubhanshu Shukla Honoured in Lucknow | Uttar Pradesh | 26 Aug 2025

### Why in News?

Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, the **first Indian to travel to the [International Space Station \(ISS\)](#)**, received an overwhelming welcome upon his return to Lucknow, his hometown.

- The **Uttar Pradesh government** organized a special felicitation ceremony at **Lok Bhawan**, where **Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** honored Shubhanshu Shukla and his family.

### Key Points

- **Scholarship:** The CM announced the **establishment of a scholarship in Shubhanshu's name** for students pursuing **space technology**, highlighting that it had been four decades since an Indian had the opportunity to travel to space.
  - The **state's active participation** in space technology was also underscored, with **more than a dozen institutions** in Uttar Pradesh now offering related courses.
- **Postal Stamp:** India Post also launched a postal cover and stamp in honor of Shubhanshu's space mission.
- **Mobile Innovation Programme:** City Montessori School (CMS), Lucknow, in collaboration with Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University (AKTU), launched the "**Shubhanshu Shukla Innovations Express**", a mobile innovation programme to celebrate his feat.
- **Role in Disaster Management:** The CM also emphasized the crucial role of space technology in improving the management of [natural disasters](#).

### Shubhanshu Shukla

- Indian Air Force Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla is the first Indian astronaut to travel to the [International Space Station \(ISS\)](#) on a private mission in 2025.
    - It was led by NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson, and Shubhanshu Shukla served as the mission pilot.
  - He is also the astronaut-designate for India's human spaceflight program, [Gaganyaan](#).
  - He boarded the [SpaceX](#) Dragon spacecraft from Kennedy Space Center in Florida as part of the [Axiom Mission 4 \(Ax-4\)](#), a joint venture between [NASA](#) and [ISRO](#).
  - The Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4) involves astronauts from India, Poland, and Hungary and is the first such collaboration in over 40 years.
  - The astronauts spent 14 days aboard the ISS conducting scientific experiments, educational outreach, and commercial activities with NASA and ISRO.
  - Rakesh Sharma was the first Indian to travel to space in 1984 aboard the [Soviet](#) Soyuz T-11 mission under the Interkosmos program.
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# National Teachers Awards 2025 | Uttar Pradesh | 26 Aug 2025

## Why in News?

**Madhurima Tiwari (Mirzapur)** and **Ram Lal Singh Yadav (Bhadohi)** from Uttar Pradesh have been selected for the National Teachers Awards, to be conferred on Teachers' Day (5 September 2025).

- Teachers' Day marks the birth anniversary of [Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan \(1888-1975\)](#).

## National Teachers Awards

- About:** The awards, established in 1958, are presented annually on Teachers' Day (September 5) by the [President](#) or [Vice President](#) of India, under the supervision of the **Ministry of Education (MOE)**.
  - The [National Teachers Awards \(NTA\)](#) are given annually to exceptional teachers from across the country in recognition of their contributions towards improving the **quality of education and student development**.
  - It carries a certificate of merit, a cash award of Rs. 50,000, and a silver medal.
- NTA 2025: Forty-five teachers** from across India will be recognized in 2025 for their **dedication, innovation**, and contributions to improving student enrollment, reducing dropout rates, and introducing creative teaching methods.
- Significance:** The NTA recognizes **primary, middle, and secondary school teachers** for their outstanding efforts to improve education, inspire students, and make a tangible difference in their communities.

## Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

- Birth:** He was born into a Telugu family in Tiruttani town of Tamil Nadu, on 5th September 1888.
- Academic Achievements:** He held several prestigious positions, including the King George V Chair at Calcutta University from 1921 to 1932, the second Vice-Chancellor of Andhra University from 1931 to 1936, and the fourth Vice-Chancellor of [Banaras Hindu University](#) from 1939 to 1948.
  - Moreover, he was Professor of Eastern Religion and Ethics at the University of Oxford from 1936 to 1952.
- Political Career:** He became the first **Vice President of India (1952-62)** and later the second President of India (1962-67).
- Philosopher:** He is widely acknowledged in philosophical circles as a **“bridge-builder”** between India and the West.
- Recognition:** In 1954, he was awarded the country's highest civilian award, [Bharat Ratna](#).
  - In 1931, he was awarded with **knighthood** by King George V, former King of Britain, for his remarkable academics.