

**FICCI joins the nation to congratulate ISRO on the Successful launch of
communication satellite GSAT-19
using its heaviest rocket, the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark-III
(GSLV Mk-III)**

New Delhi, 5 June 2017: Stating that ISRO has put one more feather in its cap and taken another step in demonstrating its strategic superiority in the Space Sector, **Dr. A. Didar Singh, Secretary General FICCI** mentioned that with the "launch of GSAT-19, India has achieved a remarkable milestone and the country will now onwards be able to launch heavy satellites from India itself. It's a historic moment for ISRO and Indian industry".

"We are proud that GSAT-19 is powered for the first time with indigenously-made Lithium-ion batteries which will further India to march towards self-reliance and accelerate scientific temper in the country, **said Dr Singh.**

Complimenting this success, **Dr Didar Singh further added** that there is still an unfinished agenda for the Indian scientific community and Industry should consolidate the scientific achievements of ISRO and commercialise the technology towards building a strong space technology based industry. This will not just help the growth of Indian industry but also increase the scientific and diplomatic cooperation between India and friendly nations. FICCI is proud to be associated with Deptt of Space for indigenisation and commercialisation of space technologies and services.

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