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I'm Janet Petro, the director of NASA's
Kennedy Space Center and every year I take

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a moment to update you our friends our
partners and our community leaders all

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about the incredible things happening at our
Spaceport. I'm going to tell you all about how

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we're anticipating more than 90 launches, how
we're enabling more science than ever before,

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and how we're preparing for the
future of deep space exploration.

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Rather than just talking though
maybe I could just show you. Come on!

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So I think what we're going to have
today is something a lot of people

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don't get to see and that's a unique view
of the Kennedy Space Center from the air.

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The Biden Harris Administration recently released
the President's budget for fiscal year 2024. This

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robust budget request reflects strong bipartisan
support for the nation's space program and will

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allow NASA to continue exploring the secrets of the
the universe for the benefit of all. For every

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dollar spent at Kennedy It ultimately results in
a 1.82 for Florida's economy and every job at our

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Spaceport results in about 11.9 jobs in the state.
This pad stands empty today but just a few short

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months ago NASA's historic Artemis I mission
launched from 39b. The successful test of the

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space launch system rocket and Orion spacecraft
paved the way for a series of increasingly complex

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missions that will return humans to the moon
for the first time in more than half a century

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With our eyes on Mars the moon will serve
as improving ground for the science and

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technology that will sustain human exploration
deeper into our universe than ever before.

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Built to support the Apollo missions of the
past had 39a received new life in 2013 when

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it was leased to SpaceX. Today launches from
this historic pad are a regular occurrence

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as crew and cargo are routinely delivered to the
International Space Station for NASA's commercial

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crew program. Our Partnerships with SpaceX and
Boeing are instrumental to supporting a steady

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Cadence of missions to station. These missions
are rapidly expanding science off Planet while

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also sustaining an economy in low earth orbit.
As we head south along the coast some of the

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many missions that will help us explore the
unknown launch are right here on our Eastern

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range. NASA's launch Services Program
specializes in launching missions that

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Advance science on multiple fronts helping us
understand more about our home planet and the

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universe that surrounds us. These buildings may
look unremarkable but inside are the Laboratories

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clean rooms and testing areas for the science
and technologies that support research on the

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International Space Station and enable the
future of human deep space exploration.

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Inside the operations and checkout building\h
technicians are working on hardware for future\h\h

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Artemis missions, including the Orion\h
crew capsules for Artemis II and III,\h\h

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as well as a European service module that\h
will power the Artemis II Crewed vehicle.

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Next door in the space station processing\h
facility teams support science aboard the\h\h

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International Space Station. The build robots to\h
explore the lunar surface and develop NASA's deep\h\h

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space Logistics program. These technologies will\h
help us both on our planet and also in deep space.

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To support this new era of space exploration\h
Kennedy is also upgrading key infrastructure.\h\h

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A very visible example is the NASA causeway\h
bridge over the Indian River. This critical\h\h

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pipeline to Kennedy and the Cape Canaveral\h
space force station truly is a bridge to space.

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The Spaceport has always been a place\h
where technology and nature coexist.\h\h

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Kennedy is home to more than 1500 unique
species of plants and animals and we pride

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ourselves in stewarding this land and
these resources for future Generations.

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I'm sure you recognize the Vehicle Assembly
Building, perhaps the most iconic structure

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in Kennedy. It's here we assembled the
Artemis I Moon rocket and soon we will

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be stacking the space launch system for the
crewed Artemis II mission around the Moon.

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I hope you've enjoyed this brief glimpse into
the incredible things happening at Kennedy. 2023

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will be another busy year of Florida Space Coast
filled with Innovation exploration and discovery.

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That's why we say we don't launch just rockets
here at the Kennedy Space Center. We're launching