

A photograph of an astronaut in a white spacesuit floating in space. The astronaut is positioned in the lower-left corner, with their helmet and part of the suit visible. The background is a vast view of Earth from space, showing a curved horizon, blue oceans, and white clouds. The text 'TW@N' is overlaid in large white letters on the right side of the image.

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THIS WEEK @ NASA

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Preparing the space station\h
for solar array upgrades ...

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Rolling out the spacecraft\h
for our Artemis I mission ...

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And the Webb Space Telescope team reaches another\h\h

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milestone ... a few of the stories to\h
tell you about – This Week at NASA!

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On March 15, NASA astronauts Kayla Barron and Raja\h
Chari conducted a 6-hour and 54-minute spacewalk\h\h

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outside the International Space Station to prepare\h
the station for upcoming solar array upgrades.\h\h

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They built a support bracket onto which a future\h
ISS roll out solar array or iROSA will be mounted.\h\h

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So far, two of six iROSAs have been\h
deployed on station, with the other four\h\h

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arrays to be delivered on future missions.\h
The arrays will eventually help increase the\h\h

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station's total available power from\h
160 kilowatts to up to 215 kilowatts.

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On March 17, teams at our Kennedy Space Center\h
began the rollout of the Space Launch System or\h\h

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SLS rocket and Orion spacecraft for our upcoming\h
Artemis I Moon mission. After the 4-mile journey\h\h

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from Kennedy's Vehicle Assembly Building to Launch\h
Pad 39B, the integrated SLS rocket and Orion will\h\h

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eventually undergo a final prelaunch test known as\h
the wet dress rehearsal. This involves loading the\h\h

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rocket's fuel tanks with propellant and conducting\h
a launch countdown. The primary goals for Artemis\h\h

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I are to demonstrate Orion's systems in a\h
spaceflight environment and ensure a safe\h\h

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re-entry, descent, splashdown, and recovery ahead\h
of the first flight with astronauts on Artemis II.

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Our James Webb Space Telescope team has\h
reached another milestone in the critical\h\h

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process of aligning the telescope's mirrors.\h
After completing "fine phasing," a key alignment\h\h

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stage in the commissioning of Webb's Optical\h
Telescope Element, they found that every optical\h\h

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parameter that has been checked and tested
is performing at, or above, expectations.\h\h

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Although there are months to go before Webb
ultimately delivers its new view of the cosmos,\h\h

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reaching this milestone means the team is
confident that Webb's first-of-its-kind optical\h\h

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system is working as well as possible. Learn
more about the Webb mission at webb.nasa.gov.

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Flight operations for our Ingenuity Mars
Helicopter have been extended through September.\h\h

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In the months ahead, Ingenuity, the first aircraft
to operate from the surface of another world, will\h\h

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support our Perseverance rover's exploration of
Jezero Crater. Ingenuity's mission extension comes\h\h

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on the heels of the technology demonstration's
21st successful flight on the Red Planet,\h\h

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since April 2021. It was originally expected to
attempt just up to 5 flights in 30 Martian days.

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Deep Space Station 53, or DSS-53, is the
newest member of our Deep Space Network.\h\h

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This family of giant antennas\h
enables engineers and scientists\h\h

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on Earth to communicate with a growing number\h
of spacecraft exploring our solar system.\h\h

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The 111-foot DSS-53 antenna is now operational\h
at the network's facility outside Madrid, Spain,\h\h

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one of three such ground stations around the\h
globe. NASA officials and dignitaries from Spain\h\h

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and the U.S. attended an inauguration\h
ceremony to mark the antenna's debut.