



NASA is set to launch Artemis II on April 1, 2026, marking the first human mission to the Moon's vicinity since the Apollo 17 mission in 1972. It represents a major step in renewed lunar exploration and deep space missions.

The mission will be the first crewed use of the Space Launch System (SLS) rocket and Orion spacecraft. With powerful propulsion, it will carry astronauts on a deep space trajectory, travelling farther than previous human missions and reaching the Moon's neighbourhood within a few days.

APSC Relevance: Important for space technology, international space missions and advancements in human space exploration.