Around the moon in 10 days

Artemis II lifts off to take humans to satellite vicinity after 50 years; mission to open door for $127 billion lunar economy by 2050

SHINE JACOB
Chennai, 2 April

The Artemis II space mission was launched from Florida, United States, on Wednesday, sending four astronauts on a historic 10-day flyby journey around the moon.

"Flyby" is the journey of a spacecraft to record data.

This will mark the first entry of humans beyond the low-earth orbit in more than five decades.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) said later in the day that it was part of a larger strategy to set up a "Moon Base".

The mission includes the first woman and first non-white to fly into cislunar space, the area between the earth's orbit and the moon.

The four astronauts are Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, and Christina Koch from the United States; and Jeremy Hansen from the Canadian Space Agency.

The last time humans travelled beyond low-earth orbit was in December 1972 through Apollo 17.

Nasa's SLS (Space Launch System) rocket lifted off from Launch Pad 39B at the agency's Kennedy Space Center, Florida, at 6:35 pm on Wednesday, sending the four astronauts aboard the Orion spacecraft on a planned test flight around the moon and back.

According to industry sources, this will open up the lunar economy further by 2040, and will create business opportunities for startups and private companies in countries like India.

Based on a PwC estimate, revenues expected from lunar-surface activities between 2026 and 2050 are projected to be $93.9 billion-127 billion, scaling up sharply in the 2040s as commercial markets mature and mission frequency increases.

The mission is designed to test the Orion crew capsule and essential life support ahead of future Artemis missions, including the planned moon landing for Artemis IV in 2028.

"Artemis II is the start of something bigger than any one mission. It marks our return to the moon, not just to visit, but to eventually stay on our Moon Base, and lays the foundation for the next giant leaps ahead," said Nasa Administrator Jared Isaacman.

About 49 minutes into the test flight, the SLS rocket's upper stage fired to put Orion into an elliptical orbit around the earth.

A second planned burn by the stage will propel Orion, which the crew named "Integrity", into a high-earth orbit extending about 46,000 miles beyond the earth.

After the burn, Orion will separate from the stage, flying free on its own.

"This will be a huge boost for India, which is planning its manned mission to space soon and landing an Indian on the moon surface by 2040. This will help our startups and private players to find new markets," said Lieutenant General (Retd) A K Bhatt, director general, Indian Space Association (ISpA).

However, raising concerns, there were some faults with regard to the toilet of the Orion spacecraft. The Artemis II crew, working closely with mission control in Houston, was able to resolve this quickly.

Ahead of the apogee raise burn on April 1, the Artemis II crew reported a blinking fault light, and mission-control teams assessed the data and worked with the crew to troubleshoot and resolve the issue.

India connection

For the first time, there will be reportedly an Indian connection to one manned moon mission. Though no Indian-owned space company is on the Artemis prime contractor list, several Indian-born scientists are likely to be part of the mission at various stages.

They include Kavya K Mamyapu from Hyderabad, who reportedly leads the development of exploration spacesuits for the Artemis programme within the Flight Operations Directorate at Nasa's Johnson Space Centre in Houston, Texas.

Based on a Nasa statement, its prime contractors — Aerojet Rocketdyne, Axiom Space, Bechtel, Blue Origin, Boeing, Amentum, Jacobs, Lockheed Martin, Maxar Space Systems, Northrop Grumman, and SpaceX — currently have more than 2,700 suppliers across 47 states, contributing to the lunar spaceport at the Kennedy Space Center.

During a planned multi-hour lunar flyby on Monday, April 6, the astronauts will take photographs and provide observations of the moon's surface as the first people to lay eyes on some areas of the far side.

Although the lunar far side will only be partially illuminated during the flyby, the conditions should create shadows that stretch across the surface, enhancing relief and revealing depth, ridges, slopes and crater rims that are often difficult to detect under full illumination. Crew observations and other human health scientific investigations during the mission, such as AVATAR, will inform science during future moon missions.

Following a successful lunar flyby, the astronauts will return to the earth and splash down in the Pacific Ocean.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Nasa's SLS rocket at Launch Complex 39B, ahead of its mission, at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on Thursday

Cislunar leap

- First woman and person of colour set to enter cislunar space on historic mission
- Orion systems to be tested to support upcoming crewed moon landings
- Indian-origin scientists contribute across key areas of the Artemis programme
- Minor onboard glitch detected and resolved mid-flight by crew and ground teams

Easter long weekend offers a pre-summer escape window

AKSHARA SRIVASTAVA
New Delhi, 2 April

The Easter long weekend is emerging as a key travel occasion for those seeking a quick break before the summer season sets in.

According to travel platform Pickyourtrail, the long weekend beginning with Good Friday is fast becoming a major getaway window. Bookings on the platform have risen 5-8 per cent year-on-year, pointing to a growing appetite for short, well-planned international trips.

Couples aged 28 to 32, primarily from metro cities, are driving this trend.

"This cohort is financially independent, experience-first in mindset, and increasingly prioritising shared travel moments over material spending — encouraging the rise of premium short-haul trips," the platform said.

On Booking.com, while Bengaluru and Mumbai remain the top-searched hubs due to ease of access, Rishikesh, Varanasi, and Ooty feature among the top five most-searched destinations. Varanasi has recorded a 135 per cent spike in searches compared to last year, while heritage destinations such as Jaipur and Udaipur continue to gain traction, with search increases of 75 per cent and 49 per cent, respectively.

"Seasonality is also playing a key role in shaping travel choices. As temperatures rise, travellers are increasingly gravitating towards cooler climates, driving demand for hill stations such as Mussoorie (78 per cent), Munnar (41 per cent), Varkala (39 per cent), Ooty (22 per cent), and Kodaikanal (20 per cent)," the platform added.

At hotels, this demand is pushing up occupancies and room rates.

"The Easter long weekend this year is seeing particularly strong momentum. We've observed a meaningful uptick in both enquiries and confirmed bookings across our portfolio, which are leisure-led destinations," said Amruta Nair, founder of Araiya Hotels & Resorts.

Several properties in the chain, such as Aalia Jungle Retreat & Spa, are already sold out, while those in Uttarakhand are emerging as frontrunners. This is driven by a growing preference for nature-led, restorative whycation (purposeful, intentional journeys rather than just sightseeing) getaways rather than travel for its own sake, Nair added.

Room rates at the chain, driven by a dynamic pricing model, have risen by 10-12 per cent during high-demand long weekends starting Good Friday.

At luxury villa rental firm StayVista, bookings have risen 35-45 per cent compared to a regular weekend baseline. "For key drive-to markets like Lonavala, Alibaug, Goa, and Coorg, the spike is even higher at 50-60 per cent, driven by early planning and group travel demand," said Amit Damani, cofounder of StayVista. He added that occupancies are expected to touch 90-95 per cent across top destinations, with premium and large villas already nearing sellout.

Damani also pointed out that short-haul destinations within driving distance of metro cities are seeing increased interest, aided by shorter planning cycles of a week to 10 days, compared to two to three weeks earlier.

This demand is leading to a 20-30 per cent increase in average nightly rates during long weekends. For high-demand properties and premium villas, rates can rise by as much as 25-40 per cent.

At the Fairmont Udaipur Palace, demand is also quickly filling up rooms. "The entire city is seeing a surge from places like Mumbai, Delhi, Gujarat and parts of South India. It has lifted occupancies across the city, and we are seeing the same trend," said Rajan Malhotra, director of sales and marketing at the property.

Demand underway

- Short international trips see 5-8% growth
- Young metro couples fuel premium travel demand
- Varanasi, hill stations record sharp search spikes
- Rates rise as occupancies surge, bookings tighten

CBSE rolls out new curriculum with AI course

AUHONA MUKHERJEE
New Delhi, 2 April

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Thursday released its new curriculum, which will be rolled out over the next few years. The curriculum includes a compulsory third language from Class 6, a computational thinking (CT) and artificial intelligence (AI) course from Class 9, and optional advanced mathematics and science assessments in Class 10.

The overhaul will also make art education, physical education and wellbeing, vocational education, and interdisciplinary studies compulsory as part of the Board's transition to a new framework aligned with the National Education Policy 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education 2023. The CBSE has uploaded the new curricula on its website.

Speaking at the launch of the framework, CBSE Chairman Rahul Singh said the Board has begun preparing textbooks and curricular structures for the transition, with several reforms already being implemented for the cohort entering Class 9 this academic year.

"Textbooks for CT and AI for Class 9 are being readied, and are almost ready for implementation. We will introduce the textbooks for Class 9 next year for the 2027-28 academic year," Singh said. The revised curriculum will then extend to Class 10, while at the senior secondary level, it is likely to be introduced as two electives in Classes 11 and 12, added Singh.

Under the plan, CT and AI will become a compulsory subject in Class 9 from the 2027-28 session, with the first cohort appearing for board examinations in 2029.

A day before detailing the broader curriculum overhaul, the CBSE launched a new curriculum on CT and AI for Classes 3 to 8, marking the formal introduction of structured AI education in early schooling.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR FRESH LODGEMENT / RE-LODGEMENT FOR TRANSFER REQUESTS OF PHYSICAL SHARES (2nd Reminder)

In view of new SEBI Circular No. HO/38/13/11(2)2026-MIRSD-POD/ I/3750/2026 dated 30th January, 2026, **Notice to Shareholders** is hereby given that, for ease of doing Investment an **another Special Window** for Transfer and dematerialisation of physical Securities has been opened for **fresh lodgment** of shares sold/purchased & executed before 1st April, 2019 and also for re-lodgment of Transfer requests of Physical shares originally lodged prior to 1st April, 2019 and which were rejected/returned/not attended to due to deficiency in the documents /process/or otherwise.

The aforesaid Special window was opened from **5th February, 2026 and will remain open till 4th February, 2027** and all such transfers shall be processed and would be mandatorily credited to the transferee(s) in demat mode only and shall be under lock in period of 1(one) year from the date of registration by the RTA / Company and shall not be transferred/marked/pledged during the said lock-in period.

Since the transferred shares will be issued only in demat mode once all the documents are found in order by the Company / RTA, the transferee(s) must have a demat account and submit the following documents viz. (a) Original share certificates (b) Transfer Deed executed prior to April 01, 2019 (c) Proof of purchase (d) KYC Documents (e) Latest client Master List (CML) not older than 2 months duly attested by DP & f) Undertaking cum Indemnity as per prescribed format available in website of the Company while lodging the documents for transfer with the Company/RTA.

Eligible shareholder(s) are requested to contact the Company or its Registrar and Share Transfer Agent (RTA) viz. Niche Technologies Private Limited, at e-mail id **nichetechpl@nichetechpl.com** or their office address at 3A Auckland Place, 7th Floor, Room No. 7A & 7B, Kolkata 700 017, Tel. 033-2280 6616 / 17 / 18 or the Company at **investors@dollarglobal.in** for further assistance.

FOR DOLLAR INDUSTRIES LIMITED
Sd/-
Abhishek Mishra
Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

Place: Kolkata
Date: 02.04.2026

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL WINDOW FOR TRANSFER AND DEMATERIALISATION OF PHYSICAL SECURITIES

In continuation of earlier intimation dated February 06, 2026, NOTICE is hereby given to inform the Shareholders that, pursuant to SEBI Circular No. HO/38/13/11(2)2026-MIRSD-POD/ I/3750/2026 dated January 30, 2026, a special window of one year has been introduced to facilitate investors in lodging/ re-lodging transfer requests for physical shares (and more particularly clarified the applicability of this special window / matter in the referred SEBI circular which is available on Company's website i.e., **www.geeceeventures.com**, along with this Notice to Investor).

This special window shall remain open from **February 05, 2026 to February 04, 2027** and is available for transfer deeds for physical shares that were sold/purchased prior to April 01, 2019, and also available for such transfer requests which were originally lodged prior to April 01, 2019 and were rejected / returned/ not attended to due to deficiency in the documents / process/ or otherwise.

All securities transferred under this window shall be mandatorily credited to the transferee's only in demat mode and shall be under lock-in for a period of one year from the date of registration of transfer. Such securities shall not be transferred / lien-marked / pledged during the said lock-in period.

Eligible investors are requested to contact the Company's RTA, within the above mentioned period, at their office: **MUFG Intime India Private Limited** (formerly known as Link Intime India Private Limited) at C-101, Embassy 247, LBS Marg, Vikhroli (West), Mumbai - 400083, Tel No.:+918108116767, email: **investor.helpdesk@in.mpms.mufg.com** within stipulated time.

For Geecee Ventures Limited
Sd/-
Ms. Darshana Jain
Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

Place : Mumbai
Date : April 02, 2026

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Deepali Chowk Branch, Address: 217 Ground Floor, Tarun Enclave, Pitampura, New Delhi 110034 Ph : 7827107422 mail ID: ubin0571199@unionbankofindia.bank

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SEC. 13(2)

To, Dated: 26.03.2026, Place: New Delhi

1. THE BORROWER/S : 1(a). Mrs. Renu Dhingra w/o Naveen Dhingra, H No A 31 Plot No 68, M K Residency Sector 11 Dwarka Delhi 110075 **Also At:** D-218-219, Tagore Garden Ext. New Delhi 110027
<Flat No 302 3rd floor front side Plot No A46 Sainik Nagar Uttam Nagar Delhi 110059
1(b). Mr. Naveen Dhingra (Co-borrower), H No A 31 Plot No 68, M K Residency Sector 11 Dwarka Delhi 110075 **Also At:** D-218-219, Tagore Garden Ext. New Delhi 110027 <Flat No 302 3rd floor front side Plot No A46 Sainik Nagar Uttam Nagar Delhi 110059
2. THE GUARANTOR/S : Mr. Amit Kukreti S/O S C Kukreti, Flat No - 121 Plot No 6 B Sapna Ghar Dwarka Sector 11, New Delhi 110075 Sri Madan,

Notice under Sec.13 (2) read with Sec.13 (3) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

You the addressee No. 1 herein have availed the following credit facilities from our **Deepali Chowk Branch** and failed to pay the dues/instalments/ interest / operate the accounts satisfactorily and hence, in terms of the RBI guidelines as to the Income Recognition and Prudential Accounting Norms, your account/s has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset as on **28/02/2026**. As on **28/02/2026** a sum of **Rs. 14,45,940.02 (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty and paise Two Only)** is outstanding in your accounts.

The particulars of amount due to the Bank from No. 1 of you in respect of the aforesaid accounts are as under:

Type of the Facility	Outstanding amount as on date of NPA i.e. as on 28.02.2026	Un applied interest Upto 28.02.2026	Penal Interest (Simple)	Cost/ charges incurred by bank	Total dues
Home Loan	Rs. 14,03,120.05	Rs. 42,719.97		-	Rs. 14,45,840.02
	Total Dues				Rs. 14,45,940.02

To secure the repayment of the monies due or the monies that may become due to the Bank, Mrs. Renu Dhingra & Mr Naveen Dhingra has executed documents on 03-06-2016 and created security interest by way of

Mortgage of immovable property described herein below:

Property situated at Front side, left hand side 3rd floor (bearing Pt No 302) with roof rights, built on eastern northern portion of built up property Bearing No. A-46, area measuring 50 sq. yards Part of Khasra No. 323, situated in the area of Village Matiala, colony known as Sainik Nagar, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi 110059 in the name of Mrs. Renu Dhingra W/O Mr Naveen Dhingra

Bounded as under: – East : Service Lane 108 wide, West : Road 20 ft. wide, South : Plot NO. A-45, North : Plot No. A-47

Therefore You are hereby called upon in terms of section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, to pay a sum of Rs 14,45,940.02 together with further interest and charges at the contractual rate as per the terms and conditions of loan documents executed by you and discharge your liabilities in full within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice, failing which, we shall be constrained to enforce the aforesaid securities by exercising any or all of the rights given under the said Act.

As per section 13 (13) of the Act, on receipt of this notice you are restrained /prevented from disposing of or dealing with the above securities without the consent of the bank.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Yours faithfully, AUTHORISED OFFICER

पंजाब नैशनल बैंक ...भरोसे का प्रतीक punjab national bank ...the name you can BANK upon!

Asset Recovery Management Branch (ARMB), 1, Paltan Bazar, Clock Tower, District: Dehradun, E-mail: cs8218@pnb.bank.in, Mob. No. 9536582435, 9113111048

SALE NOTICE

Sale of Immovable Property mortgaged to Bank under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with provison to Rule 8(6) & Rule (9) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **constructive/ physical/symbolic** possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on" **As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of dues due to the Bank/Secured creditor from the respective borrower(s) ,and Guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

Lot No.	Name of The Branch / Name of the Account / Name & Addresses of The Borrower/Guarantor	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged/Owner's Name (Mortgagers of Property (ies))	Dt. of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI Act 2002 / Outstanding Amount as on / Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act. 2002 / Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical/Constructive	Reserve Price / EMD / Last Date of deposit of EMD / Bid Increase Amount	DATE & TIME OF AUCTION	Details of The Encumbrances Known To The Secured Creditors
	This notice is also be treated as 30 days statutory notice to under Rule 8(6) & Rule (9) Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002					
1	**Branch: ARMB Dehradun (821600)** M/S Devout Nord (I) Ltd (Through Its Directors) Regd. Office. House no J-17, Shivalik Nagar, Phase-2, BHEL, Ranipur, Haridwar, 249403, Uttarakhand, Works: Plot no 13, Sector 6 B IIE SIDCUL Haridwar-249403, Uttrakhand. Shri Sandeep Kumar Srivastava, Director Devout Nord (I) Ltd, House no J-17, Shivalik Nagar, Phase-2 BHEL, Ranipur, Haridwar, 249403. Shri Mohan Jha, Director Devout Nord (I) Ltd, Silver Spring, Block-O Flat no 14AB, S-J B S Halden Avenue, Kolkata, West Bengal 700105. Shri Vikas Goel, Director Devout Nord (I) Ltd, BU-268 VTC Pitampura Saraswati Vihar Delhi 110034. Shri Dinesh Singh, Director Devout Nord (I) Ltd, Flat no. 202, Sai Kusum Infinity, Bahadarpur, kankarbagh, Patna, Bihar 800020. Smt Madhu Srivastava W/o Shri Sandeep Srivastava,Guarantor- Devout Nord (I) Ltd, House no J-17, Shivalik Nagar, Phase-2 BHEL, Ranipur, Haridwar, 249403. Shri Devendra Sharma, Guarantor- Devout Nord (I) Ltd, Add-1 B-5 New Subhash Nagar, Jwalapur Haridwar, 249407. Add-2 Street no. 2, Pandeywala, Gughal Road, Jwalapur Haridwar, 249407.	Equatable Mortgage of immovable property Khata no -4, Khasra no 211/8/2 situated at Mauza Banuchhapar Tauzi no 951, Thana no 129 P S- Bettiah Muffasil Distt. West Champaran. Bihar-845438 in the name of Shri Sandeep Kumar Srivastava. Original Regd Sale deed having s.no 2712 dated 17.02.2011 in SRO Bettiah West Champaran, Bihar. Boundaries As per title deed: - East: Niz Nali 14ft wide road, West: Plot no-210, North: Sugandhi Devi & Part Plot no 211/8, South: Block no-6. Total Area : 1458.99 Sqft. Ownership: Mr Sandeep Kumar Srivastava S/o Sh. Ajeet Kumar Srivastava.	10.11.2025 **Rs. 4,84,16,998.38** (Rupees Four Crore Eighty Four Lakh sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Eight & Paisa Thirty Eight only) + plus interest and Charges - minus Recovery (if Any) thereon at contracted rate w.e.f. 30.10.2025 until payment in full. 30.01.2026 **(Symbolic Possession)**	Rs. 83,80,000/- Rs. 6,38,000/- **05.05.2026 up to 4 PM** Rs. 50,000/-	**05.05.2026** From 11.00 AM to 04.00 PM with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes	**Not Known to Bank**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS : 1. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions. 2. The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and **"WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"** 3. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. 4. The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website **https://baanknet.com/**. 5. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer **https://baanknet.com/**.

STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) & RULE (9) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Date: 02.04.2026 **Place: Dehradun** **Authorised Officer**