

Daily Space Snapshot

April 14, 2026 • Fresh stories, source-linked

TOPLINE

Launch cadence + lunar surface ops are leading today's signal mix.

Rise joined the Artemis 2 crew as a mascot of the moon, bearing 5.6 million names. But the mascot quickly took on a new meaning. "I stuffed that little guy in a dry bag we had in our survival kit, and hooked the bag onto my pressure suit." Reid Wiseman had one last decision to make before leaving his spacecraft post-splashdown: leave something behind in accordance with NASA's post-splashdown checklist, or not?



TOP SIGNAL

How Artemis 2 commander Reid Wiseman saved the mission's moon mascot: 'It's hard not to love this little guy. I can't let Rise out of my sight'

Image: Space.com



MARKET MOVE

Huge Northrop Grumman Cygnus XL cargo ship arrives at space station

Image: Space.com



POLICY

Live coverage: Space Station to capture, berth Cygnus XL 'S.S. Steven R. Nagel' cargo spacecraft

Image: Spaceflight Now



LAUNCH OPS

Launch Preview: Falcon 9 to launch Starlink satellites, New Glenn to launch with flown booster

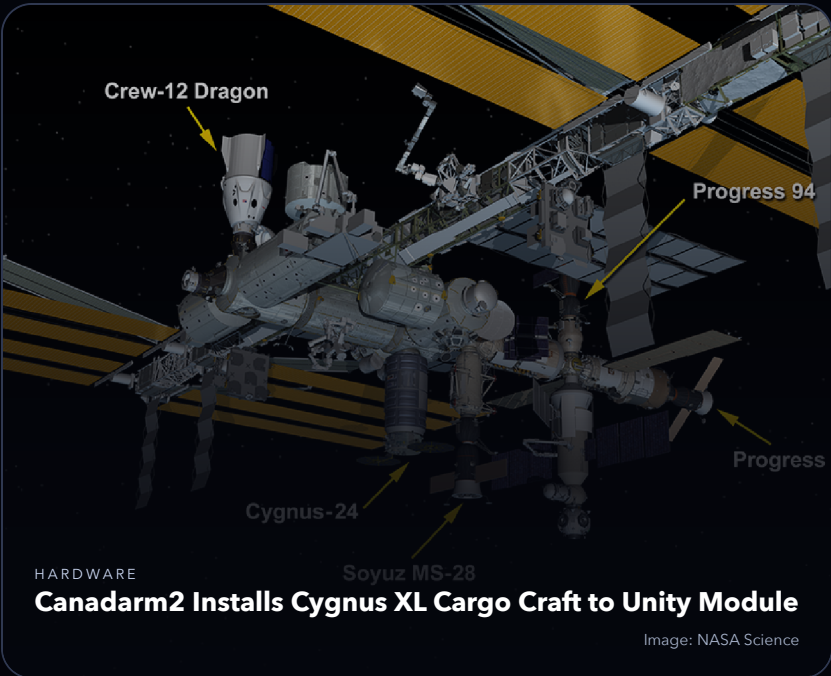
Image: NASASpaceflight



PROGRAM WATCH

The path to \$50 billion in new space investment

Image: SpaceNews



HARDWARE

Canadarm2 Installs Cygnus XL Cargo Craft to Unity Module

Image: NASA Science



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Canadarm2 Reaches Out and Captures Cygnus XL Cargo Craft

Image: NASA Science

SIGNAL METER

Topic Heat



LAUNCH WINDOW

Upcoming Launches

- Apr 14, 2026 • Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center, China**
8 x Jilin-1
- Apr 14, 2026 • Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida...**
Starlink Group 10-24
- Apr 15, 2026 • Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, U...**
Starlink Group 17-27
- Apr 17, 2026 • Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center, China**
CASC launch listing
- Apr 17, 2026 • Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida...**
BlueBird Block 2 FM2

NARRATIVE BALANCE

Signal Split

