

South Korea's May 2026 Space Missions: Nuri Rocket, Lunar Plans, and Artemis

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1. Which South Korean rocket is scheduled for potential launches in May 2026?

- A) KSLV-III
- B) Nuri**
- C) KSR-1
- D) Electron

2. South Korea plans to participate in which upcoming NASA mission in April 2026?

- A) Artemis III
- B) Artemis I
- C) Artemis II**
- D) Artemis IV

3. What is a primary objective of South Korea's participation in the Artemis II mission?

- A) To land the first Korean astronaut on the Moon.
- B) To deploy a K-RadCube satellite to measure cosmic radiation.**
- C) To test a new lunar rover design.
- D) To establish a permanent lunar base.

4. Which of the following is NOT a satellite mission South Korea is planning or involved with around May 2026?

- A) NEONSAT-2 through 6 constellation
- B) Korea Multi-Purpose Satellite-6
- C) Next-Generation Medium Satellite-4
- D) A mission to Jupiter's moon Europa**

5. What is a key goal for South Korea's space program regarding the Moon in the coming years?

- A) To establish a lunar tourism service by 2030.
- B) To launch a privately-led uncrewed lunar lander by 2030.**
- C) To mine lunar resources for commercial export by 2028.
- D) To send a crewed mission to orbit the Moon by 2029.

6. The Korea AeroSpace Administration (KASA) is focused on developing homegrown technology. What is a stated aim for a future launch vehicle development?

A) To create a vehicle capable of reaching Mars by 2030.

B) To finalize development plans for next-generation launch vehicles by 2025 and commence preliminary design in 2026.

C) To build a rocket solely for scientific observation satellites.

D) To develop a single-use rocket for deep space missions.

7. What is the significance of the Nuri rocket's planned launches in 2026 and beyond for South Korea's space industry?

A) To transition from a state-led program to a commercially driven model.

B) To focus exclusively on military reconnaissance satellite deployment.

C) To solely conduct scientific research missions.

D) To abandon further development of domestic launch capabilities.

8. Which major international space summit is scheduled to take place in Daejeon, South Korea in June 2026?

A) The Global Space Policy Conference

B) The International Space Summit (ISS 2026)

C) The Asia-Pacific Space Cooperation Conference

D) The Future of Space Exploration Symposium