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Al Neyadi invites residents for a chat over a cup of coffee

Emirati astronaut shares video on how brew is prepared in environs of the ISS

LIVE CALL TODAY

Residents can interact live with the Sultan of Space today at Dubai Opera from 2.30pm, with doors opening at 2pm. Due to limited seating, book a place by visiting the Dubai Opera website. The Mohammad Bin Rashid Space Centre had earlier announced the launch of 'A Call With Space,' an exclusive event featuring Al Neyadi, which will be held across the UAE.

UAE SPACE MISSION

DUBAI
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Whether it is on Earth or in space, UAE astronaut Sultan Al Neyadi loves to start his day with coffee. The 'Sultan of Space', who is on the longest Arab space mission onboard the International Space Station (ISS), yesterday showed how astronauts prepare coffee on the ISS and invited residents for his first live call with the public scheduled today.

"Just like on Earth, a day in space doesn't begin without coffee. That's how I started my first morning aboard the International Space Station," he wrote on the post with the coffee video. "I'm excited to meet you all tomorrow [Tuesday] on our live call. Have a great day!" Al Neyadi added.

Spoilt for choice

In the video, Al Neyadi shows that astronauts prepare coffee using coffee powder sealed in special pouches. Showing a box stacked with pouches strapped inside, he says: "We have a variety of options, but today I'm choosing a Colombian medium roast coffee."

He then shows the

water dispenser behind him and takes the first step for making the coffee by adding the required amount of hot water (250ml). Then he plugs in the coffee pouch into the water dispenser and fills it up.

Al Neyadi also enjoys listening to the water dispensing into the pouch and says "...and there we have it."

"Lastly, don't forget the straw," he adds as he pulls out a specially designed straw from a transparent bag hanging on his left side.

Previous interactions

Al Neyadi had held a live call with His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai on March 7.

On the same day, he also held a HAM radio call with the students of GEMS Jumeirah College where almost 20 students got a chance to ask him questions.



Watch video of Al Neyadi making coffee in space



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