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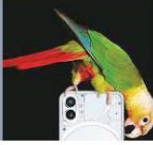


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Sultan of Space Al Neyadi receives Nasa's gold pin

He will wear it as 'symbol of commitment'

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After spending a month on the International Space Station (ISS), UAE astronaut Sultan Al Neyadi yesterday tweeted images of him receiving the prestigious Nasa gold astronaut pin.

He shared two images — one of the gold pin presentation ceremony in which Nasa SpaceX Crew-6 commander Stephen Bowen can be seen attaching the pin to Al Neyadi's T-shirt bearing the Expedition-68 patch — and a close-up shot of the pin.



'It is a great honour'

Al Neyadi wrote in the post: "It is a great honour for me to be part of this historic mission, representing my country, the UAE, and to receive Nasa's golden

astronaut pin. I will wear this pin as a symbol of the commitment I made when I started on this journey."

Nasa lapel pins denote the astronaut corps. Astronauts receive a silver pin on completion of their basic training while they earn the prestigious gold pin by flying into space.

From the images, it looks like the ceremony took place before the Crew-6 became part of Expedition-6, which officially began last week.

Meanwhile, Nasa said Al Neyadi began this week by focusing on the 'Foam and Emulsions' physics experiment that may lead to newer research and expanded commercial opportunities in space.

Foams and emulsions appear in many food, consumer, and personal care products and are used in a variety of industries.