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Mars City

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- The UAE has unveiled plans to build the first city on Mars by 2117.
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- The country looks to transport people to the Red Planet over the next few decades.
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- It announced the 100-year national project on which it would collaborate with specialised international organisations and scientific institutes.
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- It will also try to find faster transportation methods for travelling to and from Mars.
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- The plan will involve scientific research programmes to nurture national cadres specialised in space sciences at universities in the UAE.
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- It will also entrench a passion for space in younger generations.
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World Government Summit

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- The World Government Summit is a **UAE-based international organization** that serves as a platform for global dialogue attempting to revolutionize how governments operate and how policies are made.
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- It acts as a knowledge exchange hub between governments, futurism, technology and innovation.
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- It aims to bring government, business and civil society together.
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- The 2017 Summit announced Japan as the Annual Guest of Honor this year.
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Appointments Committee

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- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) is composed of the Prime Minister of India and the Minister of Home Affairs.
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- It decides appointments to several top posts under the Government of India.
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- Originally the Minister in-charge of the concerned Ministry was also the part of the committee but now has been excluded from the committee.
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National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM)

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- NIDM is an institute for training and capacity development programs for managing natural disasters in India, on a national as well as regional basis.
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- It was constituted under an Act of Parliament in 1995 & was re-designated to give the present name of NIDM by the Disaster Management Act 2005.
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- NIDM also serves as international SAARC Disaster Management Centre (SDMC) and works as focus for its operation and planning.
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