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News 1 - India, NASA to study Ladakh region under Spaceward Bound Program.



India and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) of America have entered into a partnership to explore Ladakh's environment under NASA's Spaceward Bound Program. A team of scientists from NASA, the Mars Society, Australia and Lucknow's Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany will start an expedition in August 2016 in Ladakh. During this 10-day expedition, the scientists will judge and ascertain the similarities of specific sections of Ladakh's topography and microbial life to the surroundings of Mars.