Learning Text

1. A massive coral reef garden the size of 60 football stadiums is to be created in the UAE - and is set to drive up eco tourism while safeguarding vital marine life.
2. Work is under way on the Fujairah Cultured Coral Reef Gardens, the largest project of its kind in the country, which will include the cultivation of 1.5 million coral reef colonies over the next five years and will span 300,000 square metres, helping to provide a boost to food security efforts.
3. The ambitious project was launched by the Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, in partnership with Fujairah Municipality, Dibba Fujairah Municipality and Fujairah Adventures and under the patronage of Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad bin Mohammed Al Sharqi, Crown Prince of Fujairah, on Saturday.
4. The preservation of the country’s biodiversity is also a prime area of focus for the UAE leadership today as outlined in the UAE Vision 2021. The Ministry of Climate Change and Environment has put in place multiple programs that aim to carry out the country’s national strategy for biodiversity in collaboration with other local environmental authorities in the country.
5. The protection of fish within the coral reefs will allow it to breed and grow. The Ministry is keen on promoting the project as an ecotourism destination. It is also anticipated to encourage the spirit of volunteerism and community work as the cultivation of the coral reefs will depend heavily on the volunteering efforts of the youth.

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