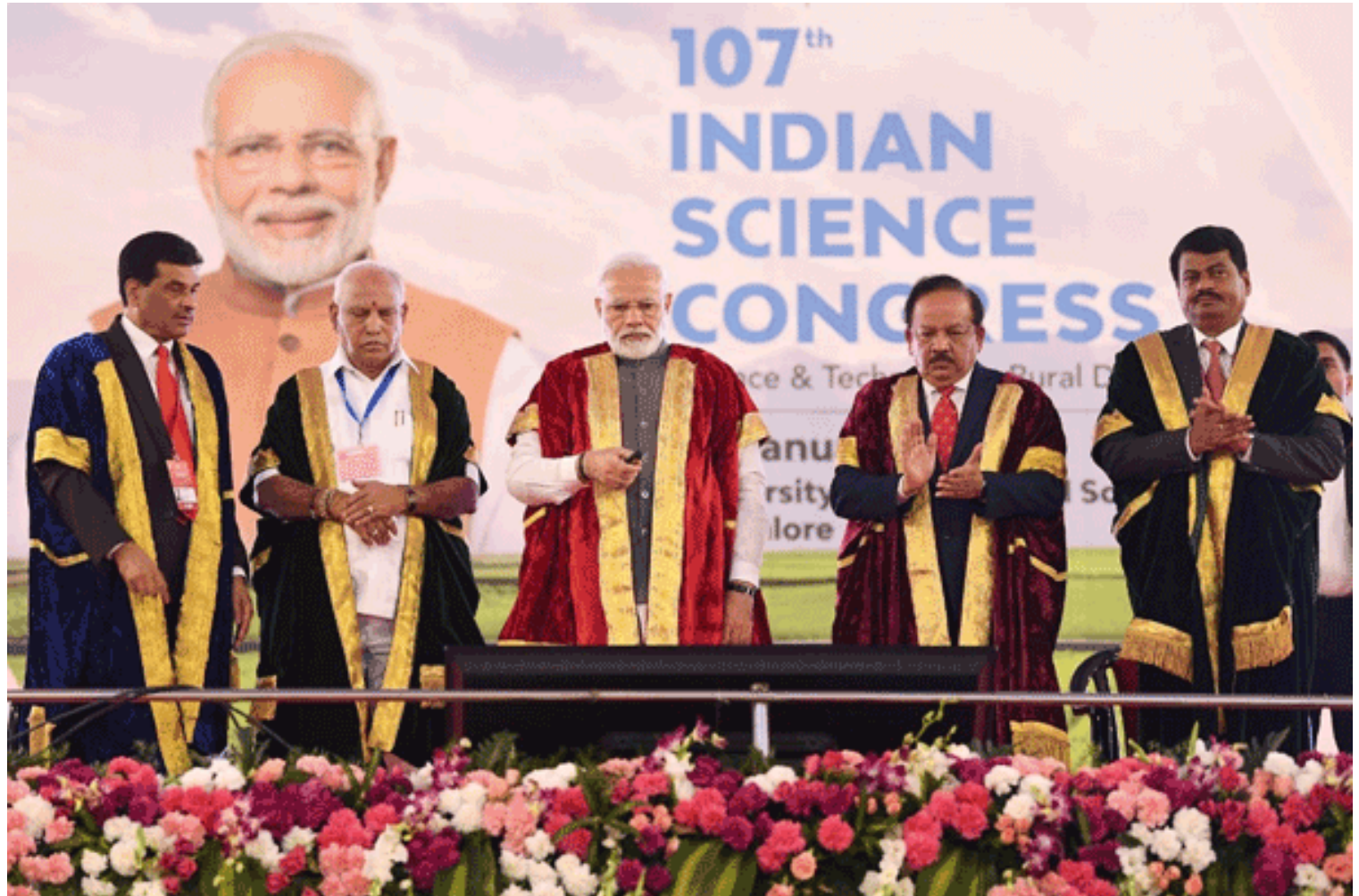


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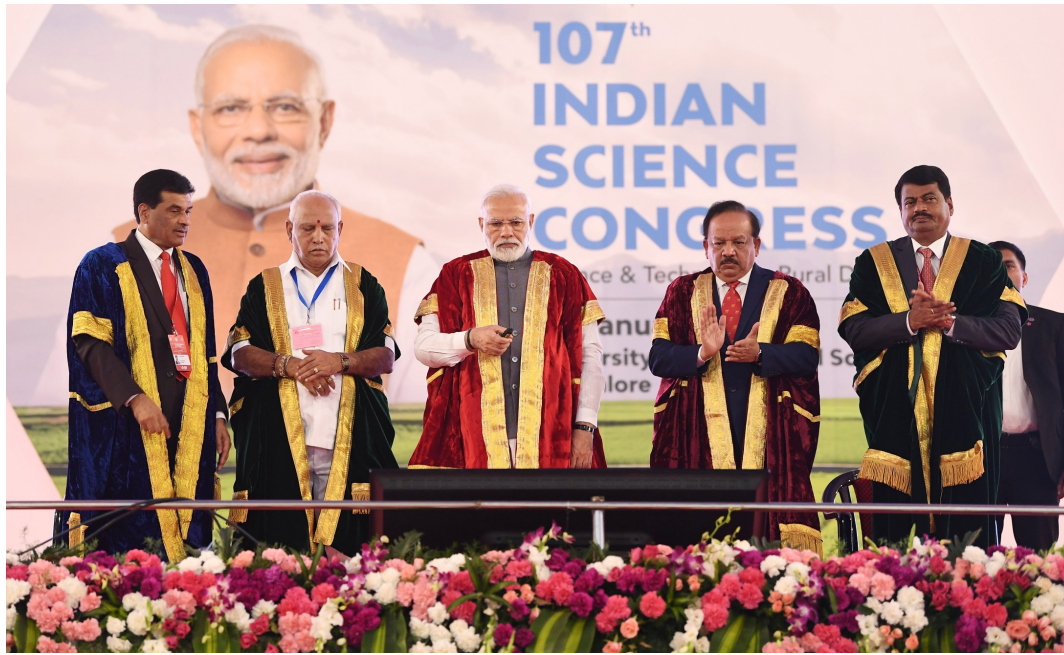
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The Indian Science Congress, the largest gathering of scientists and science students in the country, has been postponed.

- The traditional five-day event, which **typically begins on January 3**, will not take place on its customary date, and there is uncertainty about when, or if, the congress will be held this year.



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About Indian Science Congress:

- The Indian Science Congress is a unique event that **gathers scientists and researchers** from premier institutions and laboratories, along with **science teachers from colleges and universities**.
- It provides a platform for **interaction with students and the general public** on various scientific matters.
- The Indian Science Congress is organized by the **Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA)**, a registered society, and is **funded** primarily by the **Department of Science and Technology (DST)** in the Union Ministry of Science and Technology.
- The Indian Science Congress has been an **annual event since 1914**.
- The **108th edition of the Congress** took place in **Nagpur from January 3-7, 2023**.
- The Indian Science Congress is traditionally **inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India** and serves as a permanent fixture on the Prime Minister's calendar.
 - It is typically one of the Prime Minister's **first public engagements of the new year**.

About The Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA):

- The Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) was founded by **British Chemists Professor J. L. Simonsen and Professor P.S. MacMahon**.
- Modeled after the **British Association for the Advancement of Science**, ISCA aimed to **stimulate scientific research in India** through an annual meeting of research workers.
- The ISCA's objectives include advancing and promoting science, **organizing an annual congress**, publishing scientific proceedings, journals, transactions, and managing funds for the promotion of science.
- The first ISCA meeting took place from **January 15-17, 1914**, at the **Asiatic Society, Calcutta**, with Honourable Justice Sir Asutosh Mukherjee as the inaugural President.
- The ISCA aims **to foster scientific collaboration and research** by providing a platform for

scientists to convene and share their work.