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## NATIONAL NEWS

- **India** for the **first time ranks** among the top ten in the **Climate Change Performance Index**, CCPI, which goes further to prove that all efforts and activities being currently undertaken by the government are setting a tone of vast improvements.
  - Government aims to increase the share of non-fossil fuels to 175 GigaWatt by 2022 and further take it to 450 GW.
  - **Related Keys**
    - Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) is an instrument designed by the German environmental and development organisation Germanwatch e.V. to enhance transparency in international climate politics.
- The University of Agricultural Sciences in Bengaluru is all set to host the **107th Indian Science Congress** from 3rd till 7th of this month. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the conference to be attended by over **15,000 delegates**.
  - The General President of the Indian Science Congress Association, Prof. K S Rangappa has informed that 1500 scientific papers and 5700 posters will be laid in 14 scientific disciplines.
  - **Related Keys**
    - **University of Agricultural Sciences in Bengaluru Established – 1964**
    - University of Agricultural Sciences in Bengaluru Vice-Chancellor Dr. S. Rajendra Prasad

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- **Palau's pioneering ban on "reef-toxic" sunscreens takes effect.** The tiny

Pacific island nation introduced strict environmental measures.

- Palau is renowned for its marine life and is regarded as one of the world's best diving destinations. But, the government is concerned this poses an environmental cost.
- **Related Keys**
  - Palau Capitals: Ngerulmud, Melekeok
  - Palau Currency: United States Dollar

## SCIENCE AND TECH UPDATES

- **The Indian Space Research Organisation** (ISRO) said the training of astronauts for India's ambitious '**Gaganyaan**' manned space mission will start from the third week of January in Russia. Four astronauts have been identified for the mission.
  - **K.Sivan also reported** the work related to **Chandrayaan-3 and Gaganyaan** was going on simultaneously.
  - **Related Keys**
    - ISRO Founded: 15 August 1969
    - ISRO Headquarters: Bengaluru

## APPOINTMENTS

- **Vinod Kumar Yadav** has **assumed** the **charge of Chairman, Railway Board** after being reappointed.
  - The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the reappointment of Vinod Kumar Yadav as Chairman, Railway Board for a period of one year.
  - **Related Keys**
    - Railway Board Founded 16 April 1853
    - Railway Board Headquarters New Delhi, India

## WORDS OF THE DAY

- **Bemused** - puzzled or confused.
  - Similar Words - perplexed , baffled.
  - Antonyms - thoughtless, stable.
  
- **Benevolent** - well meaning and kindly.
  - Similar Words - warm-hearted , good-natured.
  - Antonyms - unkind , tight-fist.

  
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