PM highlights war on single-use plastic

At G7 session, he speaks of conserving water, harnessing solar energy and protecting flora and fauna

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA BIARRITZ

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his address at a G7 session on environment here on Monday, highlighted India's large-scale efforts towards eliminating single-use plastic, conserving water, harnessing solar energy and protecting the flora and fauna for a sustainable future.

Mr. Modi is attending the G7 summit in the French town of Biarritz on a special invitation of French President Emmanuel Macron.

India's commitment

"Reiterating India's commitment to tackle global challenges PM @narendramodi attended the dedicated session of #G7Biarritz summit on 'Biodiversity, Oceans, Climate'; Underlined India's contribution to address reducing biodiversity, climate change, water stress & ocean pollution," External Affairs



Global stage: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his Italian counterpart, Giuseppe Conte, and German Chancellor Angela Merkel in Biarritz on Monday. • AFP

Ministry spokesperson Raveesh Kumar tweeted.

In his address to the Indian community at the UN-ESCO headquarters in Paris last week, Mr. Modi said India would achieve most of the Conference of the Parties (COP21) climate change goals

set for 2030 in a year and a half. As many as 195 nations took part in the 21st session of the COP21 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Paris from November 30 to December 12, 2015.

The nations negotiated

and adopted the Paris Agreement in which India made four commitments, including reducing greenhouse gas emission intensity of its GDP by 33-35% below 2005 levels by 2030, under its Nationally Determined Contributions.

The country pledged that

Modi speaks good English, says Trump

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks very good English, but he just doesn't want to talk, U.S. President Donald Trump said jokingly on Monday before they met for formal talks in Biarritz. Mr. Modi had answered questions by presspersons in Hindi.

40% of its power capacity would be based on non-fossil sources and the country would create an additional "carbon sink" of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent through additional forest and tree cover by 2030.

Imports from U.S. to grow, trade Ministers to meet soon

Modi to meet CEOs of energy firms in the U.S. in September

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday informed President Donald Trump that India planned to further step up imports, including of oil, from the U.S. and an estimated \$4 billion of imports were already "in the pipeline".

The Modi-Trump meeting assumes significance in the wake of the strain in the bilateral relationship on trade and economic issues.

Meeting on the sidelines of the G7 summit here, the two leaders agreed that preferably before the Prime Minister visited the U.S. in September, the Commerce Ministers of the two countries would discuss a whole range of trade issues.

Briefing presspersons on the 40-minute meeting bet-



Donald Trump

ween Mr. Modi and Mr. Trump, Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale said Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal was supposed to go to Washington earlier, but it did not happen.

Mr. Trump had previously described India as a "tariff king". Before meeting Mr. Modi on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Osaka, Japan, he had demanded that India withdraw "very high" tariffs on U.S. goods.

"The Prime Minister spoke of the importance of energy imports from the U.S...," Mr. Gokhale said.

He noted that Mr. Modi would travel to Houston, America's energy capital, on September 22, and was expected to have a meeting with the CEOs of top U.S. energy companies. The objectives were to see how India could import more oil and how the country could invest in the U.S. energy sec-

Mr. Gokhale said Mr. Trump spoke warmly of the fact that India had become a major energy importer. The President indicated that he was willing to send top administration officials to Houston to ensure that the bilateral energy relationship made progress.

Two injured in stone throwing in Kashmir

Shops, educational institutions and offices remain closed

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Ajay Kumar, 16, from Udhampur and Mehmooda from the Kawdara area here were injured in separate incidents of stone throwing on

The incident comes a day after a civilian was killed in stone throwing at Anantnag in south Kashmir, the police

"Mr. Kumar was injured in Pulwama's Kakapora. He sustained injuries in the right eye and nose. Mr. Mehmooda was injured in the right eye and nose. Both were admitted to Srinagar

hospitals," the police said. "Whosoever will be involved in stone throwing will be dealt with sternly under

Third death

The death in Ananthnag is the third of a civilian in street protests since the Au-



Agitation front: The police detaining a doctor during a protest in Srinagar on Monday. • NISSAR AHMAD

special status of Jammu and

One youth from the Safakadal area here drowned after security forces chased local protesters. A 65-year-old man died after inhaling gas of a tear-smoke shell, according to his family members. Over 60 protesters were injured in the Valley since the revocation of the special status.

tutions and private offices remained closed for the 22nd day in Kashmir, even as the authorities lifted restrictions in the jurisdictions of 69 of the 109 police stations in the Valley. The number of private vehicles plying on the roads showed an upward trend in the commercial hub of Lal Cowk on Monday, but the old city witnessed little traffic. Public transport re-

J&K villages cut off, say panchayat members

'We are starved of basic rations'

They are frustrated with the "bunch of lies" propagated on television channels on the "normal situation" in Jammu and Kashmir and are in Delhi to "bust" the government's claims. "If the government bullets don't kill, starvation will," Talib Hussain, a panchayat member from Anantnag district,

Mr. Hussain is accompanied by his friends, Iqbal Ahmed, another panchayat member, and Mumtaz Ahmed Khan, who resigned as panchayat member recently. All three belong to the Jammu and Kashmir Panchayat Congress formed in 2018. Mr. Hussain and Mr. Khan belong to the Bakharwala tribal community.

"The crackdown began on August 4 itself, with many of us getting polite calls from the police to come down to the station to discuss law and order. Only those of us who did not res-

Mr. Khan said. "The police are slapping PSA [Public Safety Act] like it's distributing toffees," he alleged. The three friends could plan to drive down to Delhi only because they live in neighbourhood villages.

"The cities are better off. In villages, we are starved of even the most basic rations. Most of the provision stores are shut. Hospitals don't even have basic medicines," Mr. Ahmed said.

Even to get curfew passes they have to reach the Collector's office. ATMs were open only on Id, but most of the rural population don't have access to them. So they got ₹2,000 a family as withfrom drawals government.

The only way to communicate with the government was through security forces. Government orders were conveyed through them, rations were being delivered by them and instructions to send children to school came from the sta-

Mayawati questions visit by Rahul, other leaders to J&K

BSP chief says it will allow Centre to politicise the issue

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT LUCKNOW/NEW DELHI

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati on Monday questioned the visit by Opposition leaders led by former Congress president Rahul Gandhi to Jammu and Kashmir, saying it would provide the Centre and the Governor an opportunity to politicise the issue.

Mr. Gandhi and other leaders landed in Srinagar on Saturday and sent back to Delhi from the airport.

They should have waited for the situation in Kashmir to become normal before making a visit. It would take time for things to turn normal after the scrapping of special status granted by Article 370, she said.

The BSP chief reiterated her party's support to the Centre on scrapping the special status to I&K, saving it was because of Bhimrao Ambedkar's stand on the issue.



basaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar was always in favour of the country's equality, unity and integration. For this reason, he was not at all in favour of a separate Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir State," she said.

Akhilesh's warning

Hours after Ms. Mayawati's comments, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav questioned the restrictions imposed on the residents of them [people of Jammu and Kashmir] today, will happen to you and me tomorrow," he said.

People of J&K had been "imprisoned in their homes" for more than 20 days. "Are the people there happy? If this was such a good decision, why wasn't it taken after consulting the people," he asked.

Governor's invitation

Opposition members who were part of the delegation told The Hindu they had gone to J&K on the invitation of Governor Satya Pal Malik.

CPI general secretary D. Raja said, "Our visit was on the public invitation of the Governor. Ambedkar is being misquoted. He opposed the concept of Hindu Rashtra but didn't oppose Article 370. As chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Constitution, if he had opposed strongly, it wouldn't



Dharmendra Pradhan and Gaiendra Singh Shekhawat at a press meet in New Delhi on Monday. • SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

BJP to start month-long outreach programme

Ministers, MPs, CMs to participate

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The BJP on Monday announced a month-long outreach programme across the country, including in Jammu and Kashmir, to make people aware of the importance of the Centre's decision to remove Jammu and Kashmir's special status under Article 370 of the Constitution.

From September 1 to 30, Union Ministers, MPs, Chief Ministers and State leaders of the BJP would hold public awareness events in 370 places in the country and large-scale events in 35 cities, BJP leaders and Union Dharmendra Ministers Pradhan and Gajendra Singh Sekhawat said at a press conference here.

Of the places selected for outreach grammes, nine were in Jammu and Kashmir. They include Srinagar, Anantnag, Baramulla and Sopore in Kashmir, which has faced a communications shutdown since August 5. Asked why the party felt

the need for such a programme, Mr. Sekhawat said there was a need to make people understand the significance of the "historic move". Asked if the restrictions in Kashmir would be lifted soon, Mr. Sekhawat said he expected that they Answering a question on

Opposition leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, not being allowed to go to Srinagar, Mr. Pradhan said there were some "perennial trouble creators" who had "isolated themselves from the rest of the country" on the issue of Article 370. He said the decision was a "unique moment" in Independent India's history that had brought people together.

Several local leaders from Ladakh joined the BJP in the presence of the two Union Ministers and Ladakh MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal.

'Withdraw media curbs in Kashmir'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

Slamming the Press Council of India for failing to protect press freedom in the country, journalist unions have called for a withdrawal of the curbs placed on the media in Kashmir. Their protests come in the context of a PCI affidavit filed in the Supreme Court justifying the government's actions, citing overriding concerns of national security.

"The Press Council of India had been constituted to uphold the neutrality and independence of journalism in India. However, under the prevailing circumstances, its role has also come under shadow by acting as an organ of the government," said a statement issued jointly by the Press Association, the Press Club of India, the Indian Women's Press Corps, and the Editors' Guild.

All four organisations have called for a public meeting here on Tuesday to demand that the government "immediately restore conditions in Jammu and Kashmir to facilitate gathering and relay of news by all media personnel."

Journalists in Chennai will hold a protest meeting at the Madras Reporters' Guild on Tuesday. N. Ram, Chairman of The Hindu Group's publishing company, Carnatic singer T.M. Krishna, and V. Geetha of the Tamil Nadu Women's Coordination Committee, will speak.

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