

PM HIGHLIGHTS WAR ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

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

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his address to 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 flora and fauna for a sustainable future.

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

“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 Ministry spokesperson Raveesh Kumar tweeted.

In his address to the Indian community at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris last week, Mr. Modi said India would achieve most of the Conference of the Parties (COP 21) climate change goals set for 2030 in the next year and a half.

The 21st session of the COP21 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was held in Paris from November 30 to December 12, 2015, with the participation of 195 nations.

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 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.

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