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Time for good economics: Modi, now a 2024 poll favourite, can use his standing to make India world's 3rd largest economy by 2029

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BJP's victories in the east (Manipur), west (Goa), north (Uttarakhand) and middle (Uttar Pradesh) of India and its poor showing in Punjab signify two facts. One, incumbency has done little to dent the immense popularity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

And two, India is not Punjab. The year-long agitation by farmers and commission agents may have provided naysayers a platform to denounce government policies day after day and to predict its demise no sooner than elections were held but it found little resonance with the people of India outside Punjab.