

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath at a public meeting in Varanasi, Saturday. Express

## CALLS FOR PLEDGE TO ADOPT'SWADESHI'

## PM: India to be 3rd largest economy, must be vigilant about own interests

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DAYS AFTER US President Donald Trump called India a "dead economy", Prime Minister Narendra Modion Saturday said India was on its way to becoming the world's "third-largest economy" and must remain vigilant about its economic interests amid the "instability and uncertainty" that the global economy is facing.

Addressing a public meeting in his parliamentary constituency of Varanasi, Modisaid: "As we talk about economic progress, I want to draw your attention to the current global situation... The global economy is currently facing multiple uncertainties and an atmosphere of in-

stability. In such a scenario, countries across the world are focusing on their own interests. India is on the path to becoming the world's third-largest economy. So we, too, must remain vigilant about our economic interests."

At a time when India has been resisting giving duty concessions to the US on agriculture

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