

India ready to compete with the world: PM

BATTLE READY. Modi lauds Operation Sindoor, defence sector

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday hailed the emerging India-US trade deal and other significant trade pacts, including the India-EU FTA, surging economic growth and a strong defence sector, while simultaneously mounting a scathing attack on the Opposition. He said the new world order is leaning towards India.

Replying to debate in Rajya Sabha on a motion to thank the President for her joint address, Modi said, "We have done trade deals with nine big countries, and also a mother of all deals with the EU, which has 27 nations. Some people got tired and left (referring to the Opposition) but they will have to reply one day why no country in the world wanted a deal with us earlier."

With the PM's reply in the Rajya Sabha, both Houses of Parliament approved the motion.

Modi did not reply to the debate in the Lok Sabha be-



REPLYING TO DEBATE. PM Narendra Modi in the Rajya Sabha during the Budget session of Parliament on Thursday PTI

cause, as per Speaker Om Birla, he advised the PM not to come to the Lower House as there was "concrete information that Congress MPs could carry out unexpected act", an assertion strongly denied by the Congress.

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In the Rajya Sabha, Modi lauded Operation Sindoor and the defence sector and said the defence forces did not have the requisite equipment earlier, but his govern-

ment opened the treasures of the country for the jawans, claiming that this is why "they (the opposition) want to dig Modi's grave".

He said the country has been moving forward on the basis of policies, and reforms have been undertaken. "Today, India is ready to compete with the world. Our industrialists are seen as equals in the world now," Modi added. Further, the world is discussing the global south, and India is becoming its representative."