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## National News

### RSS key to Modi's rise: China scholar

Steeled by the firepower provided by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on a roll, notwithstanding latent internal tensions, says a leading Chinese scholar. In a detailed analysis posted on the Chinese website, guanchao.cn, on the prospects of the BJP, Mao Keji has focused on the Pracharak-based organisational core of the RSS, as the foundation for the national rise of the BJP under Mr. Modi. Mr. Mao highlights that Mr. Modi's slogan of developmentalism, echoing the "Gujarat model," strongly reinforced the bond between the BJP and the RSS, yielding tangible political benefits.

## Demure

Quite, Modest, Reserved.

## Deferential

Showing respect for others authority.

## Business News

### SoftBank suffers \$1.4 bn. loss in India

Japanese telecom and Internet giant SoftBank Group (SBG) has reported a valuation loss of \$1.4 billion (¥160,419 million) on its two major investments in India. SoftBank is the largest investor in cab-hailing app Ola and e-commerce marketplace Snapdeal. The valuation loss disclosure was made by SoftBank in its annual report for the year ended March 31, 2017. SBG reported a loss on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) at ¥160,419 million (\$1.4 billion) compared with a gain of ¥114,377 million (\$1.1 billion) in the previous year, according to a statement. The loss resulted mainly from a fall in the fair value of financial instruments at FVTPL from March 2016 to March 2017.

## Deride

To laugh at mockingly, scorn.

## Despot

One who has total power and rules brutally.

## State News

### Mango farmers may lose 30% of their crop

Mango farmers in the surrounding areas of Rangareddy and Chevella are staring at a massive 30% loss in crop due to Tuesday night's thunderstorm that destroyed mangoes ready for plucking in hundreds of acres. Shamshabad, Shadnagar and other surrounding regions of the city were the worst affected while the crop was not affected in Bibinagar, Vikarabad, Medak and surrounding areas. "Hundreds of small farmers are affected. While those who have leased out their farms to harvesters will not be affected, others who wanted to harvest on their own will be hit hard. In the next few days there will be a drop in the prices of mangoes and after that there will be surge due to decline in supply," said Imtiaz, a mango farmer and exporter from the city.

## Diligent

Showing care in doing one's work.

## Elated

Overjoyed, Thrilled.