DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA





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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- Elon Musk mocks China's e-vehicle company, BYD: <u>Netizens</u> on Weibo discussed Elon Musk's remark and mocking of China's e-vehicle company BYD. Musk said that he does not see any competition from BYD in near future, but netizens talked about the growing strength of BYD in Chinese and global markets.
- Netizens discuss Wang Yi's visit to India: Chinese people <u>talked</u> about Foreign Minister Wang Yi's visit to New Delhi. Many have optimistic expectations that India-China relations will improve with this visit.
- Netizens discuss the claim to the origin of COVID-19 from a USA company:
 A post claiming the British media's <u>report</u> that the COVID-19 was made by an
 American company trended on Weibo in China. The post received around half a
 million likes and around 50000 thousand people shared and commented on it.
 People said that the world is one step closer to finding out the truth about the
 virus. The post also mentioned that the US has a total of 336 biological laboratories
 around the world.
- **US request to join hands against China and Russia:** Netizens on Weibo discussed the US secretary of State <u>pressing</u> on India to join hands against China and Russia.

II. News in China

- Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi has <u>arrived</u> in New Delhi after his surprise visit to South Asian Countries. Mr. Wang is due to meet EAM S. Jaishankar and NSA Ajit Doval on Friday. This visit and meetings could be very crucial in finding a way forward for resolving the two-year-old military stand-off at the Line of Actual Control and PLA transgressions along the LAC.
- After the huge <u>success</u> of the Beijing Winter Olympics and the Winter Paralympics games, China is taking measures to embrace the popularity of the ice and snow sports events going on in Anhui. It was designed along the theme of the Winter Olympics so that the children can easily "connect" and feel the joy brought by sports.
- The fire department team engaged in search and rescue operations after the China Eastern Airlines Flight Accident that has <u>reported</u> that 21 relics of victims and 183 aircraft wreckage have been recovered on the fourth day of operations. There is more than 1600 personnel deployed in the search and rescue operations while around 700 people conducted further on-site investigations and telephone inquiries on 266 villages under 17 townships.
- The Sixth Plenary Session of the 19th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China has <u>adopted</u> the resolution on the "Major Achievements and Historical Experience of the Party's Centennial Struggle". The committee also noted that over

the past 100 years the CCP has always "fulfilled its original mission, united and led the people of all ethnic groups in the country to strive unremittingly for national independence, people's liberation, and the realization of national prosperity and people's happiness, which has fundamentally changed the future and destiny of the Chinese people. The cause of socialism with Chinese characteristics has made great achievements that have attracted worldwide attention."

• The Ministry of Education has <u>announced</u> 2,400 new "Quality Courses in Basic Education". These courses aim to deepen the teaching reform in basic education courses, promote the professional development of teachers, and comprehensively improve the quality of basic education teaching.

III. India Watch

• The Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi has come to India on a surprise state visit. This visit comes after two years of military stand-off at the LAC started which has put the relationship between the two neighbors in a cold state. Wang Yi arrived in Delhi a day after his visit in other South Asian countries talking about "sharing hopes for Kashmir", which caused deep tensions between India and China on a large number of other issues. But still there are some optimistic expectations that the relations between the two countries will improve with this visit.