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## SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

 Chinese epidemiologist mocked for "racist and discriminating" advice: As a result of an individual who arrived from overseas developing rashes while in COVID-19 quarantine, China on Friday reported its first case of monkeypox in the city of Chongqing. <u>Wu Zunyou</u>, China's top epidemiologist, then issued a warning to its residents, advising them to avoid skin-to-skin contact with foreigners and new immigrants in order to avoid catching the illness. Many Chinese online users mocked Wu's ideas, calling some of them "racist and discriminating," according to some. "How offensive is that? What about people like me who have been residing in China for almost ten years and have not spoken to our families in at least three or four years as a result of the country's closed borders?" a Weibo user wrote in response to a Global Times piece regarding Wu's suggestions

## NEWS IN CHINA

 Xi Jinping, General Secretary of the CPC Central Committee, President of the State, and Chairman of the Central Military Commission, sent a message on the "<u>Three Rural</u>" front to the vast majority of farmers and workers throughout the nation on the occasion of the arrival of the fifth Farmers Harvest Festival. According to Xi Jinping, this year has seen us overcome the effects of last year's rare autumn rains and autumn floods in the north, the late sowing of winter wheat in a significant portion of the country, the local outbreak of the new crown pneumonia epidemic, and the challenges of extreme heat and drought in the south.

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to get the World Championships off to a strong start. The Chinese side won the opening game by a slim margin of 25:23. The Chinese side constantly held the lead at the start of the second game, and the Argentina squad thereafter pursued to 12 levels. With the help of a smash and a serve from Li Yingying and two successive errors made by the opposition, the Chinese side scored four straight points to increase their lead. When the Chinese team was ahead 21:15, the opposition launched a 6:1 offensive blitz against them. The Chinese team then maintained their lead and triumphed once more at 25:22.

- Yesterday was the 44th meeting of the <u>Standing Committee</u> of the 15th Shanghai Municipal People's Congress. During this meeting, a special investigation into the city's production safety and urban operation safety rules and regulations was carried out. The conference was attended by Jiang Zhuoqing, director of the Municipal People's Congress Standing Committee. The meeting was attended by Wu Qing, Executive Deputy Mayor and Member of the Municipal Party Committee.
- A historical resolution was passed by the <u>Chinese Communist Party</u> last year, which, among other things, noted that China has "broken new ground in its diplomatic endeavors despite profound global changes and turned crises into opportunities amid complex conditions on the world scene. China's international influence, allure, and ability to alter the world have all significantly increased as a result of these initiatives. Only the elite hold this opinion. A recent survey found that 78% of Chinese people thought

foreigners had a favorable opinion of their country.

- <u>Chinese President Xi Jinping</u> made headlines during the 76th UN General Assembly last year when he said that China will stop constructing new coal-fired power plants abroad. As a result, China has now gone an entire year without manufacturing any new coal. The news was significant since China was the main source of public funding for foreign coal-fired power facilities.
- <u>Fumeng County</u> has implemented ten livelihood initiatives this year totaling roughly 640 million yuan in investment. Behind the numbers is a piece of the people's livelihood answer sheet that is warm and evocative of how they truly feel. Fumeng County has insisted on using the project for the people's livelihood as a crucial starting point for advancing the cause for the people's livelihood for a long time. The county has worked to address the most pressing, direct, and practical concerns of the people and has handed over the projects for the people's livelihood one after another. a viable solution for people's livelihood.
- On September 23, <u>SF Express</u> apologized for the social issues generated by the ongoing hot searches in a statement. The Red Star Capital Bureau observed that since September, SF Express has repeatedly been on the verge of public opinion due to the "guarantee for price protection and compensation." The "insured price compensation controversy" has led to continuous arguments about express insured prices and SF Express

services even today.

 <u>Sun Lijun</u>, a former vice-minister of public security, was given a death sentence with a two-year reprieve on Friday for accepting bribes, manipulating the stock market, and illegally possessing firearms, making him the most prominent official to date to face punishment for corruption. Several members of this gang, including former justice minister Fu Zhenghua and three former police chiefs of Shanghai, Chongqing, and Shanxi province, were also convicted separately last week. Sun was deemed the ringleader of his political clique and will spend the rest of his life in prison.

## **INDIA WATCH**

• A recent survey found that 78% of Chinese people thought foreigners had a favorable opinion of their country. Unfortunately for the nation, the reality is even gloomier. China's standing and appeal internationally have declined over the previous five years. Few nations, with the significant exception of Russia, have stronger relations with Beijing now than they did in 2016, despite growing international criticism of Beijing. Conversely, China's ties with nations like Germany. South Korea. Canada. and India have significantly cooled. This stands in stark contrast to the early 2010s, when President Xi Jinping was warmly welcomed in London and Washington and China was recognized as an economic opportunity and a helpful partner. Although China's hard strength will keep expanding, its international status won't necessarily follow. No matter how much Beijing lashes out, if nothing is done, it will be simpler for foreign governments to enact anti-China

policies, which will have an impact on the wealth and security of 1.4 billion Chinese. China still has the potential to lead the world and garner respect and admiration from all corners of the globe, but only if it changes its foreign policy to one that is driven by patience, wisdom, and a longterm outlook. This is where the soft power outlook comes into play; India has always paid a lot of attention to maintaining friendly relations with other countries. Specially since the Modi government came into power this has been put more into importance. India can easily use this as an advantage to get an upper hand over China in the world power race.