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*DAILY*  
**CONVERSATIONS  
IN CHINESE  
MEDIA**



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## I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Chinese League of Legends professional team wins World Championship:** Edward Gaming, a professional esports team from China went trending on Weibo after winning the League of Legends World Championship 2021 title. EDG's success garnered 2.6 billion views on Weibo.
- **Shenzhou-13 crew's spacewalk overwhelms the Chinese public:** Weibo congratulated Zhai Zhigang and Wang Yaping for their spacewalk. Wang Yaping became the first Chinese woman to go on a spacewalk.

## II. News in China

- The energy crisis in China is slowly easing as manufacturing coal has received a boost from the government, in order to combat power shortages in face of the upcoming winter.
- The US passed a resolution supporting Lithuania attempting to strengthen and expand its relations with Taiwan. This comes at a time when there are current tensions between Beijing and Taipei.
- China announced that it is holding the supporters of "Taiwan independence" criminally liable. Additionally, China did not rule out using force to re-integrate Taiwan into the mainland. The announcement provoked anger from Taiwan.
- Data released by the General Administration of Customs show a surge in exports for China in October. Exports rose to \$300.2 billion, by 27.1 percent. Imports rose by 20.6 percent and left a trade surplus of \$84.54 billion.
- The National Meteorological Centre sounded orange alerts, China's first snowstorm alarm, estimating over 1.8 inches of snow in Northeastern parts of China. The temperatures in Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou fell down to 14 degrees celsius.
- The National Health Commission struggles to contain the latest outbreak of COVID-19 cases as it reported 89 new cases on 7th November.
- China has doubled its coal imports from nearly a year ago, reaching 26.9 million tons of coal imports in October.
- India is hosting a high-level meeting with Afghanistan, with its National Security Advisor Ajit Doval chairing the meeting. While Pakistan declined the invitation, China may attend the meeting that is aimed at a regional consensus on the future of Afghanistan.
- To celebrate Xinhua News Agency's 90th anniversary, Xi Jinping sent a congratulatory letter to celebrate their anniversary.
- The results of the 31st China News Awards hosted by the All-China Journalists Association were announced; 346 works from all levels of media won awards.

- Tibet Autonomous Region Fire Rescue Corps held the launching ceremony of the 2021 "119" Fire Publicity Month at the Potala Palace, which fully demonstrated the effectiveness of the reform and transformation of the fire rescue team in Tibet.

### **III. India Watch**

- As the fire department in TAR attempts to showcase its resillience by the Fire Publicity Month, news of a forest fire breaking out in Chayu County, Linzhi, Tibet has emerged. The current fire fighting work is still continuing. It is understood that as of the afternoon of November 2, the fire on the southern line of the fire site was generally controllable. Fire fighting operations were being carried out near the second isolation zone on the north line of the fire site. At the same time, rescuers continued to dig the third isolation zone. Such instances highlight the growing threat to TAR due to climate change; as China continues to use TAR's minerals and resources with uncontrolled mining, India and Indian strategic communities must look to build a stronger climate policy that protects Tibetan climate rights.