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# DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA



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## NEWS IN CHINA

- An action plan for the development of an aerospace industry cluster was released by Jiangsu province. The development plan of the provincial government has set the target to develop the aerospace industry whose output value would be over \$22 billion by 2025. The industry would also nurture other specialised enterprises, innovative platforms, and industrial bases. The province will focus on industries that manufacture large aircraft and support the fields of navigation machines and drones. Known for its strong manufacturing industry, the provincial government has formulated several policies to provide fiscal and tax support for enterprises.
- The Chinese embassy in the United States held an open house event on the theme “Yunnan: A Many-Splendored Life” to present the Yunnan province of Southwest China. Foreign Minister Qin Gang sent a congratulatory letter stating that China is “ready to work with the US . . . to build a stable and constructive bilateral relationship.” Wang Hao, the Vice Governor of Yunnan, led a delegation to the embassy. Around 15,000 American visitors attended the event. Xu Xueyan, the Chargé d’Affaires, talked about the four D’s of the themes of the open house event: diversity, development, decarbonisation and dynamism. The open house provided a variety of exhibitions, performances, and an interactive experience.
- Researchers from Nanjing Institute of Geography and Limnology as well as those from the United States and Estonia have conducted a study on the colours of lakes in China since the 1980s. They discovered that the lakes have become “bluer and greener” in recent decades due to higher temperature and rainfall. According to the study published in the Geophysical Research Letters journal, the visual wavelengths of 68 per cent of the lakes have become shorter in between 1984-2021. The researchers explained the reasons for such

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changes in colours. The deep lakes of Qinghai-Tibet are deep and blue due to climate warming, humidification, and the expansion of the lake, the colours are becoming bluer. On the other hand, the shallow lakes in eastern China exhibit colours of green and yellow due to the increase in vegetation in the region and decrease in sediment resuspension. These findings are helpful in understanding the changes in the lake colours and to respond to climate change.

- Chinese custom officials seized ivory products weighing around 35 grams in Changsha, Hunan Province. According to Changsha custom officials, the ivory items found in an imported package include an ivory necklace and an ivory pendant. As a part of its commitment to the protection of wild animals, the Chinese government had suspended the imports of ivory and related products in 2015 and ended the sales of the same by the end of 2017. According to the General Administration of Customs, the volume of seized ivory and related products has dropped from 9.2 tonnes in 2019 to just 68 kilograms in 2021. This presents a significant decline in the ivory smuggling cases in the country amid crackdown on such crimes.
- Zhuangshang village of Ruicheng county, Shanxi province has won the title of zero-carbon village in China. It was jointly recognized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, the United Nations Development Programme, and the Global Environment Facility. Du Kanglei, the village Party chief said that Zhuangshang had started to replace coal with clean energy from as early as 2019. In

Zhuangshang village, the roofs of the farmhouses have blue photovoltaic panels that generate electricity, the motorcycles have been replaced by the eclectic tricycles, and barren lands have been transformed into photovoltaic facilities.

- A five-century old stele has been discovered in Hebei province of China. According to the local authorities, the stele that belongs to the Ming era (1368-1644) is carved on a bluestone and was found in Zhaopai village of Xingtai City, Hebei Province. The stele was erected at the tomb of Zhao Siming, a local official. It contains more than 800 Chinese characters which provide details about the study and work experience of Zhao Siming. It also gives detail about an important traditional moral value, filial piety. A lineage atlas of the Zhao family is also inscribed on the other side of the stele. Lan Jianhui, a local expert in history and culture, said that the discovery of the stele will help study the Ming-era politics, history, culture, and customs in the region.

## SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **A micro-documentary on Chinese diplomatic efforts in South Sudan trends on social media:** The documentary trending on social media talks about a group of young people who overcame the difficulties during the political and security turmoil in South Sudan and dedicated their youth for the cause of their motherland. A post-95 young diplomat, Ye Shuang's work in South Sudan is shown in the documentary. #这就是祖国你永远可以相信她 and #中国政府自苏丹撤离中国公民纪实
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trended on Weibo in this context. Statements like “this is the motherland, you can always believe her” and “you can always trust the Chinese government” have been quoted by the Chinese netizens. Chinese citizens and institutions in Sudan have faced great security risks since the conflict broke out in mid-April. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs played a crucial role in the safe evacuation of the Chinese nationals. It also assisted more than 200 foreign nationals from 8 different countries. The Chinese netizens applaud the efforts of the MoFA as it performed a realistic version of a “journey of thousand miles”. More than 1500 Chinese nationals were safely evacuated from war-torn South Sudan in 15 days.

also collaborate with the military to simulate innovation like China did with the production of sophisticated technology and weapons. The regulatory policies of the government should ease restrictions for the industry. On a positive note, India is also emerging as an important player in the aerospace industry. With its workforce, infrastructure and a growing market, India has become the world's third-largest aerospace market with a surge in the number of aircraft orders in recent years. A key supplier of components to global aerospace companies, India is now trying to present itself as a major aerospace hub.

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## INDIA WATCH

- China has a flourishing aerospace industry facilitated by government investment, technological innovation, and strategic partnerships. China has invested heavily in research and development as well as in infrastructure development. This allowed China's aerospace industry to compete in the global market. Strategic partnerships with international aerospace manufacturers like Boeing and Airbus acted as multipliers for industrial development, enabling China to gain access to technology and resources. India can learn from the successes of China in the aerospace industry and must invest in research and development, take advantage of new and emerging technologies, and develop strategic partnerships as well. To help rapid expansion of the industry, subsidies can be introduced, loans and tax breaks can also be provided. India should
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