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DAILY
**CONVERSATIONS
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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Netizens eagerly waiting Rihanna's new album, shows US pop culture influence in China:** Since 2016 fans of Rihanna in China are eagerly waiting for her album. In response to a question that if she was recording a new song, her reply "Soon, soon" has dominated the Chinese social media, which normally is quick to question Western culture and icons.

II. News in China

- National Film Administration and the China Film Art Research Center have stated that the number of screens of Chinese films in 2021 is going to be the largest in the world.
- Australia, the United Kingdom, and Canada have made their position clear on the diplomatic boycott of the winter Olympics, agreeing to it and stating they will not be sending any diplomatic representation. Japan is thinking about a diplomatic boycott while South Korea is currently not considering the the same. On the Australian diplomatic boycott, the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson has stated that: China has not invited any Australian government official and China barely cares if they attend the Beijing Winter Olympics or not.
- Yang Yue, 53-year-old member of the Standing Committee of the Jiangsu Provincial Party Committee, has not been nominated as a provincial standing committee member. In addition to Zeng Xin (55), secretary of the Political and Legal Committee of Guangxi who has reportedly surrendered because of his involvement in a case, there are also two standing government officials in Tibet, vice-chairmen of the party leadership group Jiang Jie (56 years old) and Bai Ma Wangdui (54 years old) who have not been nominated to their provincial standing committee.
- Under the "Xinjiang is a wonderful land" campaign of the Chinese government, The Chinese Consulate-General in Osaka has issued a message asking people from Japan to enlist their names who will travel to Xinjiang after the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. The message published by the embassy said, "Xinjiang is a wonderful land. However, in recent years, slanders and lies about Xinjiang have emerged endlessly, causing great misunderstandings and greatly damaging the image of Xinjiang and China. So, in order for you to personally confirm Xinjiang Uyghurs in the autonomous region, the Chinese Consulate- General in Osaka is enlisting interested persons from Japan to plan to travel to Xinjiang after the end of the new epidemic next year. At present, 435 people have signed up.

- The Chinese embassy in New Delhi also organized an online event under the “Xinjiang is a wonderful place” campaign in which educational institutes, think tanks, media and business houses participated.
- The U.S. Department of Commerce announced a ban on the export of military equipment to Cambodia. According to SIPRI defense, exports from the USA to Cambodia were already nil and it is seen more as a political statement over the refurbishment of Ream Naval Base, Sihanoukville (Cambodia’s main port city) through support from China since 2019.
- It was reported that Southeast Asian government and private-sector organizations were targeted and cyber attacked across Southeast Asia. These cyber-attacks are likely to be state-sponsored. Insikt, a US-based private company, has claimed that they had been compromised over the last nine months by hackers using custom malware families such as FunnyDream and Chinoxy.
- After the Helicopter crash of Indian CDS Bipin Ravat - China-based news platforms have presented it in the form of results associated with the use of old outdated equipment while other news outlets connected it to disappointment of Indian citizens. Pakistani outlets have taken an altogether different note, saying the crash was a result of insurgency attack; the same has been shared by Chinese media outlets and Weibo as well. (See Image 1, 2 and 3)

III. India Watch

- Chinese audience appreciates quality entertainment, many western and Indian actors are popular in China. Bollywood movies such as Dangal and Chak De India have done tremendous business in China. The country has emerged as a huge market and consumer of entertainment in the recent past but handling censorship to infiltrate the Chinese market is not that easy. These have been well taken by the dominant group in Hollywood and thereby restrains on carrying content and actors with connections to Tibet, Taiwan, and Tiananmen are maintained. On the other hand, Chinese representation in Hollywood has increased and scripts like Chinese space adventures have gained popularity. Bollywood's close ties with China must be set up for governmental review, in a bid to ensure a more honest and broader scope for retelling of Indian narratives especially via the lens of patriotic movies that have until now remained focused on Pakistan-based terror groups.

Image 1: Baidu search result wrt CDS Crash (Original)



Image 2: Translated Image of Baidu search result

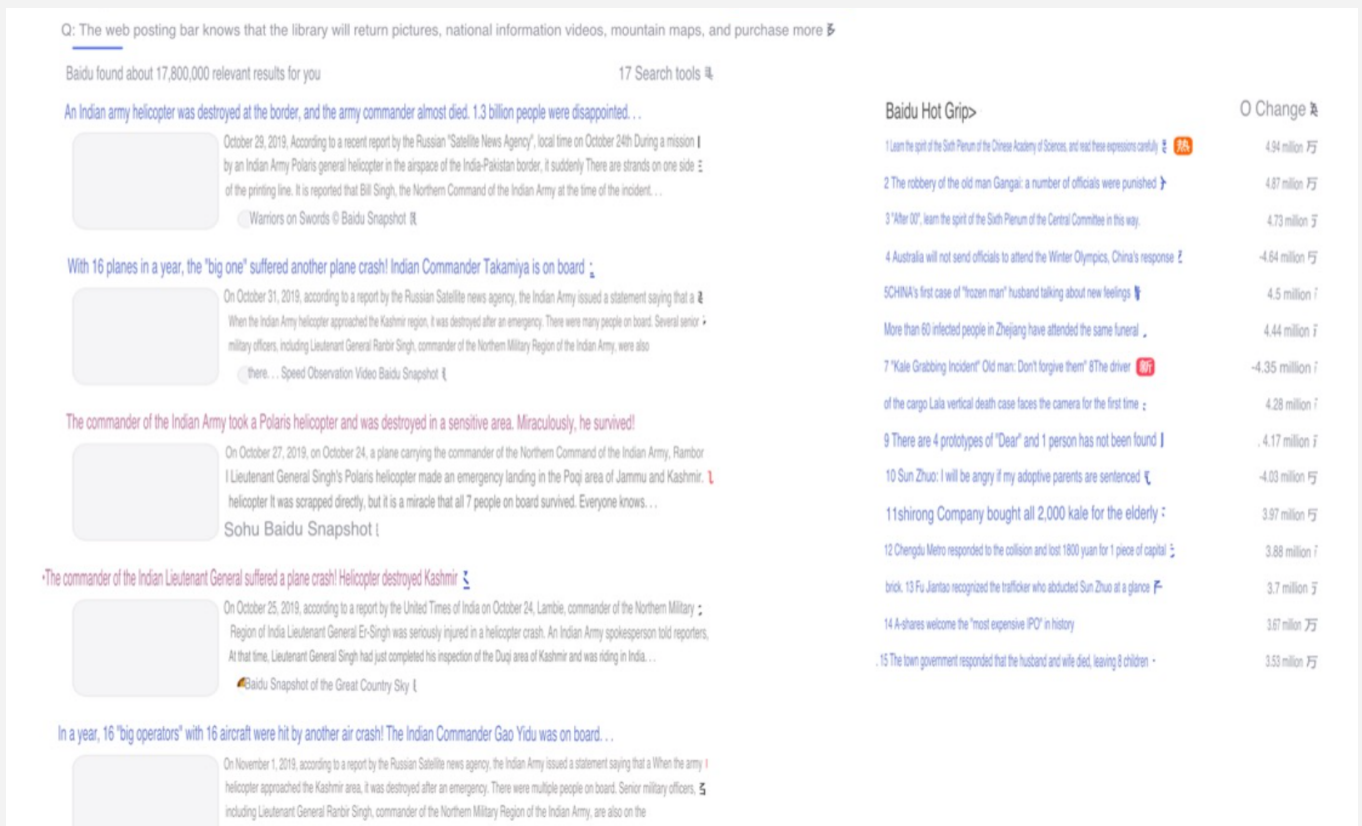


Image 3: Pakistan Strategic Forum's Take on CDS Crash

