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# DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA

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## SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **Videos of wholesome acts trend in China:** A video showing a Chinese father caressing his two-month-old baby while wearing cling film over his head has gone viral in mainland China. As stated by the baby's mother, he used the plastic wrap to keep bacteria from his lips from passing on to his daughter. He was opposed by some netizens, who believed that exposing the infant to microorganisms could strengthen the baby's immune system. A video in the southern Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region, rescuing a five-year-old boy who was playing on a scooter and was about to roll into the middle of a busy road was trending in Chinese media. The police have presented a 17-year-old lad a Good Samaritan award for rescuing the kid.

## NEWS IN CHINA

- The "Renewable Energy and Jobs: Annual Review 2022" report outlines several significant regional and national developments. Global employment in renewable energy increased by 700,000 new jobs in a single year to 12.7 million last year. The development of Southeast Asian nations as important solar photovoltaic (PV) manufacturing centres and biofuel producers is one example of this. China is the world's top producer and installer of solar PV panels and is adding more jobs in the offshore wind industry. China alone is responsible for 42% of the global total, followed by Brazil and the European Union. Asia is home to about two thirds of these jobs.
- In the past three months, the water level in Poyang Lake, typically a flood exit for the Yangtze River, has dropped from .

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19.43 metres to 7.1 metres. Given the lack of rain, the level is predicted to decrease considerably more during the next few days. In the neighbouring province of Anhui, ten reservoirs have dropped below the "dead pool" threshold, rendering them incapable of releasing water downstream

- Since 2001, when China joined the World Trade Organization, the country has been developing its network of free trade zones. China has ratified 19 FTAs with 26 nations and areas so far, with participants from Asia, Oceania, Latin America, Europe, and Africa. The nation will expand the percentage of trade in goods with no tariffs and open up the market to investment and service-related trade. According to the spokesman, around 35% of China's overall foreign trade is comprised of trade with its free trade partners.
- "Extensive Consultation, Joint Contribution, Shared Benefits, Cooperation for a Shared Future" served as the theme of the seventh China-Eurasia Expo. In terms of the number of attendees, participating nations, and productive outcomes, this year's expo has surpassed all prior ones. More contracts worth over 1.17 trillion yuan have already been inked, at 448, than at prior expos. Through its five points of entry, Xinjiang, a key region of the Silk Road Economic Belt, is connected to eight nations.
- The World Trade Organization (WTO) laws may have been broken by the U.S. inflation reduction act's discriminatory clauses regarding electric vehicle subsidies, according to China's Ministry of Commerce (MOC). According to MOC, the relevant

laws, which give tax incentives for EVs subject to final assembly in North America, discriminate against other comparable imported goods. China will continue to monitor and assess how the act is put into practise after that, and when necessary, it will take action to protect its legitimate rights and interests.

- 23 Chinese nationals are missing after their boat capsized off the shore of a tourist- and gambling-friendly coastal town. Cambodian rescue crews are looking for them. The boat capsized early on Thursday off the coast of Sihanoukville, rescuing 18 people. A nearby island's survivors are being questioned by authorities. What led to the boat's sinking was unclear. There are multiple casinos in Sihanoukville, and police raids on suspected cybercriminals, some of whom had ties to China, have taken place there recently, according to authorities.

## INDIA WATCH

- Over the past ten years, China's economic landscape has changed significantly. In 2020, China's gross domestic product (GDP) surpassed the 100 trillion yuan mark, marking a new high point for the second-largest economy in the world. Over the past ten years, China's economic landscape has changed significantly. In 2020, China's gross domestic product (GDP) surpassed the 100 trillion yuan mark, marking a new high point for the second-largest economy in the world. With approximately 100 million rural poor people already out of poverty after eight years, China declared the end of absolute poverty in 2021. China today has over 400 million middle-class citizens, up from over 100 million in 2010.
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With initiatives to advance reform and opening-up, China is aiming to make new gains in economic development. And also, China is in pursuit of sustainability and its efforts to decarbonize the economy, tackle pollution and protect the natural ecosystem are reflected in major air and water quality indicators. The country is top globally in its installed capacities of wind, photovoltaic, hydro and biomass power. Despite the pandemic's interruptions, China has been engaged in establishing trade facilitation platforms such as the China-Eurasia Expo, the 19 Free Trade Agreements that China has ratified with 26 nations, etc., and the 14th Five-Year Plan (2021-2025) of the country has objectives for the new development stage. For the first time, actual foreign direct investment in the Chinese mainland exceeded 1 trillion yuan. It was the first double-digit increase the nation had experienced in almost a decade.

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