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DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA

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NEWS IN CHINA

- A meeting of the 14th_National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) was held in Beijing. Members of the body put forward various issues of concern, An issue about the medical system was raised regarding the covid pandemic when people didn't visit primary hospitals but they went to tertiary hospitals which overburdened the system. Zhang Weiban, member of CPPCC said that he will focus on construction of a three-tier medical system. Another member of the CPPCC Lu Ming was concerned about rural system reform and the economy. He raised the issue of decline in rural population, as well as the lack of activity in such areas where population dropped significantly. He spoke about how to make better use of land resources at such places to increase property income of residents. The Platform economy he mentioned plays a significant role in promotion of consumption and improving people's livelihood. Other issues such as aesthetic and construction education and transformation of scientific and technological achievements in universities were also raised.
- China Rural Development Volunteer Service Promotion Association (RDV SPA) and Three Gorges Group Public Welfare Foundation come together for Rural Revitalization. These two organizations plan to work on the China Social Support Network, Bright Project Cataract Rehabilitation Project, the Preschool Learning Putonghua Action and the Rural Revitalisation Special Advantage Industry Cultivation project. Three Gorges Group has donated funds to support projects such as China Social Assistance Network and Preschool Putonghua Action. Three gorges group will also help in rural governance, rural construction and rural development.

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- China Information Economics Association, Internet Innovation and Service Management Research Centre of Sun Yat-sen University and Guangzhou Dawan District Modern Development Research Institute jointly prepared a [Digital Economy research report](#) which says that China's Digital Platform companies created 240 million jobs. The report is titled as "2023 China's Digital Economy Frontiers: Platforms and High Quality Full Employment". Professor Xie Kang of the School of Management said that, "The internet platforms provide a variety of employment choices for the development of China, it also helps maximize the degree of personal freedom of choice". Digital platforms also ensure regional balance of employment and social equity. Platforms such as WeChat, Douyin, Kuaishou, JD.com, Taobao, Meituan et al are accounting for 27% of China's total employment. The report had suggested a "Dual Mode" mechanism for the Digital Platforms to generate more employment.
 - Construction of the [Tengchong Irrigation District Project](#) in Yunnan Province has started. This is a major water conservatory project. The Ministry of Water Resources said that 93 of the 150 major water conservation projects have started. Five new projects which are going to start in 2023 are Yangjiaping Water Conservation Project in Hubei province, Jinmen water supply source guarantee project in Fujian province amongst others. The Tengchong Project has a total investment of 3.869 billion yuan. The conserved water from this project will mainly be used for irrigation purposes in the surrounding area. An officer from the Water Conservancy Engineering Construction Department said that water conservation projects will be accelerated in 2023. The Kurgan water conservancy project in Xinjiang province which borders India has been sanctioned as well.
 - The [Second Plenary Session](#) of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China was held in Beijing. The Chinese President Xi Jinping presented a work report to the plenary session on behalf of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee. In this plenary session review of the reform plan of the party and state institutions. The report also contains names of the leaders of state institutions to be recommended by the Political Bureau of the Central Committee to the First session of the Fourteenth National People's Congress.
 - China gets the world's first [GST membrane LNG storage tank](#). Hudong-Zhonghua Shipbuilding Company is one of the builders of world's first on-land GST membrane full containment liquid natural gas storage tank, it is located in Hejian of Hebei province. This facility will secure natural needs for 800,000 local households. The daily processing capacity of the project can exceed one million square cubic meters. It can reduce 58,100 tons of carbon emissions every year. This facility will also help to check environmental pollution of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region. The LNG containment system has multiple advantages such as large capacity, high safety and short construction period. This new technology also reduces 27 percent carbon emission and 90 percent steel usage.
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SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **Homecoming of Cultural Treasure moves several Chinese netizens:** Shan Jixiang's speech has touched the hearts of many Chinese people and his appeal to protect and preserve cultural relics has gone viral on social media platforms. His video has garnered more than 18 million views. It has been forwarded and reposted widely on Weibo. He said that it is immoral to steal or illegally occupy other countries' historical relics. Moreover it is also unjustified to keep the cultural relics of other countries by citing the excuse of protection. He wants more and more cultural relics to come home. A Weibo user said that everyone can contribute to bring the national treasure back, another social media user said that it is everyone's duty and responsibility to bring cultural relics home. It was evident on social media that Shan Jixiang's appeal had found resonance among youth of China.

INDIA WATCH

- The Paris Agreement calls for reduction of carbon emissions by 45% till 2030 and reach net zero by 2050. India's own target for reaching net zero emissions is 2070. Recent development of "GST membrane LNG storage tank" in China could prove to be a breakthrough in storing and supplying green fuel to urban settlements and industrial areas as well. LNG is less polluting than other fossil fuels, it emits 40% less carbon dioxide than coal and 30% less than coal and it does not emit soot, dust or particulate matter. GST membrane storage tanks if established near big cities like New Delhi and Mumbai could solve

pollution problems significantly. India's large quarter of energy needs are still fulfilled by thermal power which uses coal. These GST membrane tanks could help run LNG based power plants which will save the environment from soot, dust, sulfur dioxides and such other pollutants. This storage technology could prove to be a gamechanger not just only for India but also for the world.