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DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA



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NEWS IN CHINA

- The [Vice Mayor of Hangzhou](#) was presented in court over a lawsuit. Over 200 people were present in the court, representing various departments of the municipal government. Vice Mayor Xu Moumou was disciplined by the [Municipal Ecology and Environment Bureau](#) for establishing hidden pipes for discharging water pollutants. He was commanded to change and make corrections and was also fined for this deed. Xu had appealed to the government to reconsider this punishment. However, his application was not taken into consideration and due to this Xu had also sued the court themselves. He later applied to the Intermediate Court where he accepted the fact that his actions had harmed the environment.
- During the 23rd session of "2023 Xianghui Anniversary Celebration Series Academic Reports", a report called "[Ecological Transformation and Atmospheric Environment Governance of Mega Cities](#)" was published by two proficient professors, Chen Jianmin and Wang Xiangrong. Both professors from the Department of Environmental Science and Engineering of Fudan University stressed on the imminence to "realize ecological transformation and explore low-carbon green development paths." They proposed a dual drive of environmental governance and ecological construction and finding a balance between ecology and development.
- The [Ministry of Ecology and Environment](#) conducted a conference, where the deputy director of the Department of Ecological and Environment Monitoring gave a speech on carbon monitoring. The second phase of carbon monitoring will also take place and it will mainly focus on three areas, expansion of the [pilot projects](#) is necessary, for most of the thermal power, steel, and other industries. They would also focus on expanding the technical system. They would also

focus on constructing a sturdier foundation for the monitoring system. It is also necessary to toughen the base of the method. There has been progress in many aspects, mostly in the establishment of the network, exploring these methods and in-depth analysis of the methods.

- Fever clinic visits have increased this year. However, it is not as high as it was in 2022 concerning the epidemics. Many experts were interviewed regarding the increasing number of patients visiting the fever clinics. A researcher from the Department of Communication and Prevention of the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Wang Liping, mentioned that this epidemic has spread more locally. There has been an increase in coronavirus cases. It has increased since the end of April. However, he says that even though patient visits have been increasing, the overall increase has been less. This has been called the Eryang. He has requested that Chinese citizens keep maintaining their hygiene habits.
- The seventh National Science and Technology Workers Day was held in China. A speech was delivered by Xi Jinping at the "Three Sessions of Science and Technology". At this session, General Secretary also wished the scientists of China to appreciate their work and encourage them to keep doing it. Xi Jinping mentioned that politics should not be mixed with the scientific experiments that are being conducted as this would prove fatal for them and bar them from conducting a proper experiment.

SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **Netizens urge the public to quit smoking:** A post on the ill effects of smoking went viral on Chinese social media. The post details the harm done to a human body through second-hand smoke, "third-hand smoke" and long-term exposure to smoking. Weibo users commented on the post with an overwhelming majority agreeing with the post and highlighting the problem of smoking in public places and urging others to quit the act of smoking.

INDIA WATCH

- China has taken steps towards reducing carbon emissions. It had launched a carbon dioxide monitoring satellite called the TanSat. For the very first time, it had detected the man-made carbon dioxide emission signatures. On similar lines, India has also taken steps towards carbon emission reduction. It had targeted to reduce carbon emissions by a billion tonnes. India is trying to bring changes in the infrastructural and technological areas which can reduce aggregate carbon emissions. It has encouraged the expansion of renewable energy. Its National Solar Mission helps in reducing the cost for solar energy production. At a more individual level, the use of LED bulbs and appliances also help in the reduction of high amount of consumption of energy.

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