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DAILY
**CONVERSATIONS
IN CHINESE
MEDIA**



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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga's resignation trends:** Amidst sour public sentiment towards Japan, Suga's opinion poll numbers from September 2021 were widely circulated as having been at an all-time low. General narrative was that Suga's constant apologies to the Japanese people for not handling the epidemic well, for missteps by his government and for his son getting "exposed" to political collusion has led to this decision in a bit to maintain some dignity.

II. News in China

- Xi has given a speech at the Global Trade in Services Summit of the 2021 China International Fair for Trade in Services. He spoke of digital trade, cross-border services and setting up a Beijing Stock Exchange.
- Xi will attend the opening of the sixth Eastern Economic Forum on Friday via video link from Beijing at the invitation of Vladimir Putin.
- As the Afghan government by the Taliban begins to be formed, China has stated that it is carefully watching. Meanwhile, it has highlighted that the Chinese Embassy in Afghanistan is an important channel for China-Arab exchanges, and the embassy will continue operating normally. China has reiterated that it hopes all parties in Afghanistan will comply with the wishes of their own people and the expectations of the international community, build an open and inclusive political structure, pursue a moderate and prudent internal and external policies, and thoroughly cut themselves with various terrorist organizations, friendly with countries around the world, especially neighboring countries.
- European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs has produced a report titled the EU-Taiwan political relations and cooperation. NPC Foreign Affairs Committee, State Council's Taiwan Affairs Office, China's EU Mission and CPPCC Foreign Affairs Committee have all reacted sharply to this.
- Law and Society Alliance held a discussion to commemorate the release of its report titled 'Mapping Chinese Footprints and Influence Operations in India'. The report tries to identify how deep and extensive the Chinese foothold in India is.
- During its ongoing deployment to South East Asia, the South China Sea and the Western Pacific, the Indian naval task-force has successfully conducted its major exercise with Singapore called SIMBEX.
- Lithuanian Foreign Ministry said Ambassador Diana Mickeviciene had been recalled from Beijing.

III. India Watch

- Via a combination of financial investments as seen in the entertainment industry to spreading the 'China Model' in the socio-political realm through Confucius Institutes, Beijing's clout within Indian sectors has grown rapidly. Chinese influence over the years has slowly permeated into India's political environment as well; the Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) has refrained from criticising or rebuking China.



Image 1: India-Singapore SIMBEX exercise takes place in South China Sea