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DAILY
**CONVERSATIONS
IN CHINESE
MEDIA**



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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Weibo accounts of K-pop fans blocked:** China has blocked 21 fan accounts that are all Korean Entertainment artist support club accounts. The statement has officially stated that these accounts "spread irrational star-chasing content on Weibo, and the orientation was seriously wrong".
- **Crackdown on 'effeminate men':** Beijing has taken steps to curb dominant influence of 'effeminate men' in the Chinese entertainment industry and popular culture. This week, the National Radio and Television Administration issued an eight-point plan to curb arts and entertainment shows. One point mentions boycotting "sissy idols" and recommends following "traditional Chinese culture, revolution culture, socialist culture". This has sparked outrage on Weibo.

II. News in China

- Xi Jinping's 'common prosperity' campaign has dominated the news; via this outlook, Xi wants to refashion China's economy by redistributing wealth and philanthropic activity, among other policy areas. As the pitch on 'common prosperity' rises, many companies have heightened efforts to stay in the good books of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). Now China's Alibaba has announced that it will donate 100 billion yuan towards promoting "common prosperity".
- A reporter from China Central Radio and Television had an exclusive interview with Afghan Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid's office in Kabul. Mujahid answered questions on a number of concerns such as the domestic security situation in Afghanistan, foreign policy and the Panjshir war. Mujahid welcomed the Chinese media represented by the head office and hoped to achieve good communication with the outside world through the Chinese media. He stated that the Taliban believe China has "good leadership and development experience".
- An interesting piece titled "The 100-year history of the Chinese Communist Party in preventing and resolving major risks" has been carried by CPC News. It gives insight into how China has historically manoeuvred domestic policies and foreign outlooks to mitigate risks and how it plans on continuing to do so in the future.
- Reportedly, preparations for the "Common Destiny-2021" international peacekeeping exercise have been completed; troops from China are present in high numbers with the armies of Mongolia, Pakistan, Thailand and other countries also sending personnel.

III. India Watch

- Indian EAM S. Jaishankar has thrown light on the current status of India-China diplomatic ties. While speaking virtually at the JG Crawford Oration 2021 at the Australian National University, Jaishankar stated that the Galwan clash "took the Sino-Indian bilateral ties in a completely different direction"; that "managing ties with China remains high on the Indian government's agenda"; that Galwan was unlike the 1975 clash with no fatalities especially as India saw "there was a very large Chinese military presence in very operational mode at the border without a good reason"; and that "Days of unilateralism are over, bilateralism has its own limits and multilateralism is simply not working well enough".
- Such as outlook by Jaishankar has highlighted the permanency of change in India-China ties; even if India tries to maintain ties with China, there will be no going back on certain policies (for instance, in the technology and mobile applications centre). Moreover, by saying that unilateralism is a thing of the past but also concurrently not showing full faith in bilateral-multilateral groupings, Jaishankar has hinted that New Delhi's foreign policy overtures are likely to build a on a mix of both while now focusing more overtly on isolated national interest while being a team player.