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SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **Wang Baoku uses his talent for language to track down missing people in China:** [Wang Baoku](#), a 51-year-old police officer from Wuhan in central China who is fluent in nearly all Chinese dialects, has assisted in the reunion of more than 50 missing people with their families during the last 11 years. According to Changjiang Daily, he developed his ability to identify languages while serving in the military, and can easily recognise where a person is from after listening to just a few words or sentences. Last year, Wang helped reunite a critically ill homeless man to his daughter who had been looking for him for 20 years. With the retroflex commonly heard in Chengdu dialect, Wang recognised the last character of his name pronounced as "Yuan" and focused his search to Chengdu until he succeeded in reuniting the family.

NEWS IN CHINA

- On Tuesday afternoon, Xi Jinping presided over the [second meeting](#) of the presidium of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC). The conference agreed to send draft resolutions to delegations for discussion on the report of the 19th CPC Central Committee, the work report of the 19th CPC Central Commission for Discipline Inspection, and modification to the CPC Constitution. The meeting approved preliminary nominee lists for the candidates of members, alternates of the 20th CPC Central Committee as well as members of the 20th CPC Central Commission for Discipline Inspection. Additionally, the Party congress election procedures as well as other issues were authorised.

- Wang Huning, the first secretary of the secretariat and the fifth-ranking party official in charge of running party operations is expected to lead the National People's Congress (NPC), China's legislature. Already a member of the Politburo Standing Committee, Wang would soon become a symbol of continuity in China's unexpected power shift. Also known as "the brains behind the throne" in Chinese politics, Wang is acknowledged as one of the creators of President Xi's "Chinese dream" vision. The 67-year-old academic turned politician is also the brains behind Hu Jintao's "Scientific Outlook on Development" and Jiang Zemin's "Theory of Three Represents."

- Chinese official on Monday said that China has been improving its ability to ensure food security over the last decade, with higher annual grain output and stable market operation. "China has ensured that its food supply remains firmly in its own hands," Cong Liang, head of the State Grain and Reserves Administration, told a press conference on the sidelines of the Communist Party of China's 20th National Congress. For seven consecutive years, China's grain output has remained above 650 million tonnes. The figure will reach a new high of 682.85 million tonnes in 2021. China has 128 million hectares of farmland, 700 million tonnes of grain storage capacity in standard warehouses, and 6,000 emergency-responding grain processing enterprises, demonstrating its ability to ensure food security.

- On Tuesday, Chinese military experts urged nations from across the world to hold talks and negotiations about arms control in

space in order to prevent the militarization of space and space conflicts in light of increased satellite deployments, and capabilities in conflict, following General Jay Raymond, the head of the US Space Force, who recently described the ongoing conflict in Ukraine as the "first war where commercial space capabilities have really played a significant role." It is an important but sensitive question over whether future warfare will expand to space from land, sea and air, stated Huang Zhicheng, a Chinese expert in aerospace science and technology. Although space militarization at the moment is restricted to information support, people should nevertheless be wary of it.

- On the first day of CPC's 20th National Congress, a video of the June 15, 2020, Galwan battle between the Indian Army and the PLA in East Ladakh was shown, with the then-Chinese military leader honoured as a hero of the ceremonial assembly in Beijing. India has been labelled as an enemy by the Xi Jinping government before the Han people. The Xi regime attempted to portray the Galwan clash as victory for the PLA by claiming to have lost four men as opposed to 20 soldiers of the Indian Army, to highlight the patriotic PLA's military superiority and explicitly label democratic India as a key foe of the Communist rule. President Xi emphasised his ongoing efforts to make China more economically and militarily powerful so that it will be able to challenge the West, led by the US. He also stressed his determination to use force or not in order to annex democratically-ruled Taiwan to China.

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- China's commitment to the globe highlighted in a crucial CPC blueprint boosts worldwide confidence. International observers praised China for its commitment after President Xi Jinping presented a report at the CPC's 20th National Congress, which stressed the need to achieve high-quality development, ecological civilisation, and building a human community with a shared future. Adhere Cavince, a Kenya-based international relations scholar, expressed his confidence that China would continue to be an "anchor of global economic stability." B. R. Deepak, director of the Center for Chinese and Southeast Asian Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi stated that the idea of a shared future essentially reflects the fundamental principles of traditional Chinese culture like peace and equality.
 - Science Technology Daily reports that on October 15, China launched its first electric riverboat for cold climates on a tributary of the Songhua River in northeast China. The ship can accommodate 53 passengers and is intended for small-scale river cruises. It is around 27 metres long and six metres wide and can run for eight hours without charging. The riverboat, known as "Ling Hang Zhi Xing," or star of navigation, is intended to move at a speed of 12 km/h and is built to operate in extremely cold weather at minus 30 degrees Celsius. The ship design is a joint venture between Heilongjiang Shipping Group, Harbin Engineering University, and Harbin Electric Corporation.

INDIA WATCH

- India has sent a strong message that normal relations between China and India will only be feasible when there is peace and calm in the border areas, only days after China's President Xi Jinping played a tape of the Galwan skirmish on the first day of CPC's 20th National Congress. External Affairs Minister of India, S. Jaishankar states "Peace and tranquility in the border areas clearly remain the basis for normal relations. From time to time, this has been mischievously conflated with the sorting out of the boundary question." He acknowledged that both the relationship and stability of the continent have faced significant challenges in recent years. Neither India, nor China will benefit if the current standoff continues. India is exploring a wide range of alternatives and domains in its quest for a more stable and balanced relationship with China.
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