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**CONVERSATIONS  
IN CHINESE  
MEDIA**



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## I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Restaurant bans man for eating too much:** Handadi Seafood BBQ Buffet banned Kang, a food live-streamer, from its restaurant for eating too much, gaining over 360 million views on Weibo.
- **Yang Li's stand-up comedy goes viral:** Addressing issues on gender issues, Yang Li went viral on Weibo. Her performances brought both anger and support, as feminists in China came to her support.
- **China warms up to the idea of Metaverse:** As netizens start reading up more on Metaverse and companies warm up to the idea, metaverse gained 340 million views on Weibo.

## II. News in China

- The first Politburo meeting since the 6th Plenum took place on Thursday, where the committee reviewed National Security Strategy, talking about speeding up building new security structure, ensuring national sovereignty and stability on the borders. Additionally, the committee placed importance on political security through economic, social, security, and scientific security.
- So far, China has signed more than 200 Belt and Road Initiative cooperation agreements and documents with over 140 countries and 30 organizations. The BRI has been recognized by organizations such as the United Nations, G20, OPEC, and more. Trade with BRI reached \$10.4 trillion.
- Wang Yi met Yoshimasa Hayashi, the foreign minister of Japan, demanding that Japan follow principles set between Japan and China in political documents, see China as a cooperative partner and not a threat, avoid confrontation, and ensure an unwavering outlook on major issues such as Taiwan.
- After Lithuania opened a Taiwanese Representative Office, China's foreign ministry condemned the move stating that it is a violation of the one-China principle and undermined China's sovereignty and integrity.
- Zhao Lijian, the spokesperson for China's Foreign Ministry, stated that India and China have agreed to keep open communication in order to solve the dispute at the Indo-China border.
- Australian media comes to the defense of India and China after the COP26 controversy, stating that India and China have large amounts of coal reserves and few natural gas sources. Additionally, India and China's per capita emissions remain lower than almost all developed countries.

### **III. India Watch**

- India continues to receive condemnation from the global community over its continued usage of coal with focused criticism of “phasing down” of coal instead of “phasing out”. China faces similar criticism, despite both countries undergoing an energy crisis and the need to supply energy to its large population. Again, this highlights the assertion that India and China can find common ground on this front and present dual leadership vis-a-vis Asia's energy crisis.