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DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA

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SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **Netizens angry after players wore masks while playing:**

The Chinese national women's team was seen playing volleyball wearing N95 masks which spurred discontent within the netizens. They believe that wearing the masks will affect their health instead of ensuring safety. This move was seen as a part of China's infamous zero-covid policy and was condemned on a global scale. In the second set, when the players removed their mask, they went on to win it thus proving how masks were actually affecting their performance. Photos of [players wearing masks](#) were circulated on the social media platform, Weibo, which gained more than 16 million views.
- **Chinese grieve Kazuo Inamori's death on social media:**

[Kazuo Inamori's death](#) sparks grief not just amongst the Japanese, but also the Chinese. His death was the most discussed topic on China's social media today. He was a master of business management and was a well-known tycoon in the Chinese business community. He tightened the relations between China and Japan by facilitating conversation and encouraging scholarships amongst the students. People are sharing his philosophies and mottos in the social media platforms as a mark of remembrance and tribute to a great figure.

NEWS IN CHINA

- More than 200 people were arrested by the police in Henan province of China. The arrested people were suspected of being involved in a [scandal](#) with the rural banks. The gang, under the leadership of Lu Yi, increased the interest rate for

the depositors to 13-18 percent. The citizens expressed their discontent and brought these issues to the attention of the authorities by carrying out month-long protests. In the month of June, red health codes were introduced by the state in this province to put a pause to these protests.

- The Ministry of Finance released a report today implementing the fiscal policy. The policy is aimed at improving social development and stabilizing the economy. Loan discounts, subsidies, and other incentives are provided to the micro, small, and medium sized enterprises to create a smoother flow of cash. Special bonds need to be created for the local governments in order to facilitate key projects.
 - According to Cathay Financial Holdings, a domestic financial services firm, an improvement was observed in the economy of Taiwan. The improvement was attributed to the decreasing cases of COVID 19 in the state. As compared to an index score of minus 36.2 from the last month, a score of minus 24.1 expressed confidence of the people towards the economy. While many are happy with the growing economy, income, and the financial market, there are many who aren't satisfied with the current trends. People have started going out to restaurants and colleges as coronavirus cases have been coming down.
 - The Chinese Foreign Ministry said on Monday that the Chinese embassy in Cambodia was asked to assist the government of Cambodia in tracking and arresting the scam victims from Taiwan. A few people from Taiwan got involved in gambling, fraud, and other illegal activities. Zhao Lijian, a spokesperson from the Foreign Ministry, claimed how they received calls for help on Weibo which were further sent to the embassy for a resolution. Many citizens from Taiwan are stuck in this loop of fraud and are calling for help. The Chinese government claims that it will safeguard the rights and interests of the Chinese irrespective of whichever country they reside in.
 - The Chinese Communist Party will organize its 20th national congress from October 16. The party's achievements will be reviewed in this congress along with stressing on the significant policies of Xi, for instance the 'common prosperity'. It is likely that in this congress, President Xi Jinping will commence his third term. An attempt will be made at discussing policies that will strengthen international relations with the developing states. More than 2000 delegates will choose around 200 members for the Central Committee in the congress.
 - President Xi Jinping expressed his aim to propagate Chinese culture and perspective through the foreign experts with the assistance of Foreign Language Press, facilitating communication and connections between China and the rest of the world. A gap between China and the West can be seen in terms of how the latter perceives the former where misinterpretation plays a major role in creating conflicts and misunderstandings. An attempt to better understand China is being done through such initiatives where the foreign experts share their love for Chinese culture. The stories from China
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need to be highlighted in order to reflect what China truly is.

- As the current trends in China take us towards an uncertain future with a local banking crisis, and turmoil in the real estate, the state has made a bold move to strengthen the local areas. It has sent high ranking officials, including cabinet ministers, to assist and demand the local governments to stabilize their growth. Inspections were carried out in 19 provinces which are aimed at improving the figures, which seemed unpromising in July. The state believes that if the local level is strengthened, a significant improvement can be observed.

INDIA WATCH

- It is believed that in the upcoming 20th national congress, Xi will be anointed as the “great leader”, marking his third term. While the media already considers him to be the “people’s leader”, there are certain setbacks with Xi’s presidential legacy which may further lead to questions regarding his legitimacy. During his tenure, he has been subjected to harsh human rights accusations from the global community with regard to the treatment of the Uyghur Muslims. He has shied away from taking responsibility for the democratic protests in Henan by simply putting the entire city under a lockdown.

