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DAILY
**CONVERSATIONS
IN CHINESE
MEDIA**



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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Youth Day Celebrations:** May 4th is the official “Youth Day” in China, honoring people aged 14 and up. Many articles and hashtags related to ‘Youth’ trended on Weibo. Also, the centenary year anniversary of the Communist Youth League of China is on May 5th.
- **A new trend of Camping:** With various coronavirus restrictions, Chinese citizens prefer to visit the outskirts of their cities for the May 1st holiday. Natural attractions and campsites have become popular instead of long-distance or traveling abroad.
- **Prominent market analysts’ social media accounts were frozen:** Hong Hao’s Wechat and Weibo accounts were removed after he made negative remarks regarding China’s economy. Following this, he resigned from his job at the Bank of Communications. However, it is unclear as to which post led to the ban.

II. News in China

- Ma Moumou, a manager of the R&D department of a technological company, has been accused of being a foreign agent for anti-China forces, establishing an illegal organization, brainwashing young students, and secession. He also planned to establish a “Continental Provisional Congress” to overthrow the government with the help of foreign forces.
- The Chinese Navy's aircraft carrier 'Liaoning' has conducted actual combat training in the western Pacific waters. According to the Chinese Navy, the training was not directed against any party. The carrier sailed between Japan's Okinawa island and Miyakojima. This is the first time since December 2021 that a Chinese aircraft carrier has passed through the area.
- On 4th May, the Chinese scientific expedition team successfully erected the world’s highest automatic weather station on Mount Everest.
- China’s passenger transport has shrunk in Q1 with a year-on-year decline of 22.5 percent. Road passenger trips and water passenger volume have both decreased. The total number of passenger trips via public transport in major Chinese cities decreased by 10.7 percent.
- China has clamped down on a writer who criticized the cult of personality around Chinese President Xi Jinping. Tian Qizhuang submitted an ‘opinion’ regarding Xi’s personality cult, calling it a breach of the CCP charter.
- The police questioned Shanghai activist Ji Xiao Long after speaking out about rights abuses in the city. He had criticized the "zero-COVID policy. Officers confiscated his ID card, passport, and cell phone, rendering him unable to go anywhere. Officers also questioned him regarding his comments made to various overseas media. Ji has been arrested before, with three and a half years imprisonment.

India Watch

- China is ranked second in Germany's new foreign economic policy, with German media calling India the 'new China.' There is also a broad consensus in Germany to develop stronger relations with India. India must build on this momentum.
- As per reports, The People's Liberation Army (PLA) recruits graduates well-versed in Hindi for intelligence gathering purposes and a possible interception at the Line of Actual Control. Hindi-speaking Tibetans are also being recruited.