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**CONVERSATIONS  
IN CHINESE  
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## I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Iceland embassy tourism trends:** On May 12, Embassy of Iceland in Beijing posted about its country welcoming tourists and how this is going to be the liveliest travel season ever. This update attracted numerous jokes and memes from Weibo users claiming to be Icelandic, and needing to return to their country away from the dreadful lockdown.
- **Tour guides under economic stress:** On May 12, Local social media website updated about the local tour guides at Huangshan, an iconic Chinese tourist site, are struggling to make a living after three years of COVID-19-related disruptions. These guides not able to make their living due to strict lockdowns and restrictions on movement along with break on tourists from outside.

## II. News in China

- On May 12, the juvenile courts in Beijing have reprimanded 137 parents and guardians with a total of 116 duty notifications or guidance over family education since China's Family Education Promotion Law. This law was implemented in the beginning of 2022. The family education directives were focused on four kinds of problems hidden in the cases. The court noted that guardians do not care about their children, pay no attention to their life and friends, as well as physical and mental state of teenagers, which has diverted children towards a criminal behaviour.
- On May 12, Shanghai residents who declined nucleic acid tests were threatened with negative results and forced to be sent to the cabin. The public security comes to urges residents for the test stating the law and specific terms which will be violated in case of denying for the nucleic acid tests.
- On May 13, the government announced that Beijing will conduct three supplementary rounds of mass nucleic acid testing in 12 districts from Friday to Sunday, as the Chinese capital battles against the latest resurgence of COVID-19 infections. The 12 districts include all the urban and major suburban districts, namely, Dongcheng, Xicheng, Chaoyang, Haidian, Fengtai, Shijingshan, Fangshan, Tongzhou, Shunyi, Changping, Daxing and Beijing Economic-Technological Development Area, Xu Hejian, a spokesperson for the Beijing municipal government, told in a press briefing.
- On May 12, Shanghai removed restrictions from several companies including foreign firms to make provision for their resumption of work and minimizing the virus' impact on the supply chain.
- On May 13, Chinese President Xi Jinping and his counterpart of the Republic of Croatia, Zoran Milanovic congratulated each other on the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. Xi highlighted

that since the establishment of diplomatic ties 30 years ago, China and Croatia have always appreciated each other and treated each other as equals, adding that bilateral relations have endured the test of international fluctuations.

- On May 13, China's National Immigration Administration (NIA) discarded false overseas media reports about border control practices. He said that such rumours aim to distort and discredit the country's entry and exit policies. Such propaganda is intended to destabilize the country's legal, targeted and effective entry-exit management measures introduced for upholding regular COVID-19 response

## **India Watch**

- China is denying the accusations by overseas media outlets about the disinformation suggesting China has suspended issuing passports to citizens, or prevented people from leaving the country. On the other hand, China has also stated that it would “strictly limit” “non- essential” outbound travel by its citizens amid mounting efforts to curb the outbreak of coronavirus that has already provoked weeks of city lockdowns. The move clearly reflects the government's decision to stay with its zero-Covid policies as it battles the most severe outbreak since the pandemic emerged in Wuhan more than two years ago.
- In addition, Chinese National Immigration Administration said it would tighten its reviewing process on issuing travel documents such as passports, and strictly limit those looking to leave. As citizens are being forced to undergo several rounds of nucleic acid tests and are being kept in isolation against their will, it is imperative that government has taken decision on behalf of its citizens and will hardly allow citizens to go out of the country.