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DAILY
**CONVERSATIONS
IN CHINESE
MEDIA**



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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Official Weibo account of the Eastern Theater of the PLA posts footage of exercise:** The official Weibo account of the Eastern Theater of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) released the latest footage of a beach landing exercise organized by the 73rd Army brigade. According to reports, combat readiness, weapons and equipment, battlefield environment, tactical coordination, etc., were the focus and they strictly followed the requirements of actual combat to truly test the ability of officers and soldiers to land on the beach.

II. News in China

- The Chinese Communist Party (CPC) National People's Congress announced that Jiang Chaoliang, who was dismissed for mishandling the outbreak of Covid-19 in Hubei as Secretary of the Hubei Provincial Party Committee, assumed the post of deputy chairman of the Agricultural and Rural Committee of the CPC National People's Congress.
- National Textbook Committee issued the "Guide to the Teaching Materials of Xi Jinping thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era". The "Guide" puts forward the learning requirements for different stages of "Xi Thought" from elementary school to graduate school.
- Xi has sent a congratulatory message to China-Shanghai Cooperation Organization Forum on the Digital Economy Industry and the Smart China Expo 2021. People's Daily has also carried a piece on digital economic growth in Chongqing.
- Hambantota Port construction is 'advancing steadily'; it has carried out its first refueling operation. The freight volume in the first half of the year has reportedly increased by over 180% year-on-year. (See image 1)
- People's Daily has carried a long piece titled "Pragmatic advancement of China-Africa space cooperation". This shows the continued focus China has been providing to its digital and economic footprint in Africa.
- Song Liang, former Vice Governor of Gansu Province, to be arrested on charges of allegedly accepting bribes and furthering corruption.
- Central and State Organs Working Committee's Theory Learning Center Group has stated that "We must resolutely safeguard General Secretary Xi Jinping as the core of the CPC Central Committee and the core position of the whole Party" so as to "resolutely safeguard the authority and centralized and unified leadership of the CPC Central Committee".

III. India Watch

- Hong Kong media has pointed out that Jiang Chaoliang is a close confidant of Wang Qishan (Vice President of China) and they have worked together in Guangzhou and Shenzhen. When Jiang Chaoliang was dismissed in February, 2020 due to the outbreak of Covid in Wuhan and Hubei as a whole, it was seen as a breaking down of relationship between Xi Jinping and Wang Qishan but now his political revival is a sign that Wang Qishan's and Xi's relations have improved.
- The Guide issued by the National Textbook Committee essentially means content of Xi Jinping thought will be taught across educational institutions in the form of main and elective subjects. The primary school stage focuses on guidance and planting the seeds of loving the party, the country, and socialism in the young hearts. At the junior high school stage, the emphasis is on the combination of perceptual experience and knowledge learning, to promote the formation of basic political judgments and political opinions, and to lay a solid ideological foundation. The high school stage focuses on the combination of practical recognition and theoretical study to promote rational recognition and improve political quality. The university stage focuses on forming theoretical thinking and enhancing mission responsibility. The postgraduate stage focuses on in-depth research, forming the quality and ability to propagate, interpret, and research new ideas, and achieve integration.
- It is a very prominent sign of indoctrination from a young age for students that promoted the spirit of 'great party-building'. At present, the total number of "Xi Jinping Thought" research centers in China has increased to 18 which were established after it was enshrined in the Chinese constitution in the 19th Party Congress.



Image 1: Latest picture of Hambantota Port in Sri Lanka