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Summary: Chinese President Xi Jinping has directly accused the United States of leading other Western nations to suppress China's development. "Western countries, led by the United States, have implemented all-round containment and suppression of China, which has brought unprecedented severe challenges to the country's development." A key agenda for the ongoing legislative sessions in China is to provide a strategy to cut reliance on the US. As part of that plan, the central government proposed on Sunday to raise science and technology spending by 2 per cent in 2023 to 328 billion yuan (US\$47 billion). To that end, China will overhaul its mechanisms for allocating and using government research funds and will "grant scientists a greater say when it comes to determining technological road maps and spending research funds", according to a budget report released by the Ministry of Finance.

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