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DAILY
**CONVERSATIONS
IN CHINESE
MEDIA**



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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Video of panic buying after the announcement of lockdown in Shanghai is circulating on social media:** After the announcement of the four-day lockdown in Shanghai, various videos of panic buying are getting viral on Chinese social media. China is facing one of the largest COVID surges since March 2020 and until now had avoided strict lockdown in Shanghai to run business smoothly.
- **Chinese citizens are sharing singing and dancing videos on Chinese social media to show gratitude to their health workers:** There is this viral trend in Chinese social media in which people are doing a 'thank you' song and dance for healthcare workers. But many condemn the hype, saying these workers are tired enough already, "why make them watch your performance". Instead, they suggest doctors should be thanked by practicing better COVID prevention protocols.

II. News in China

- Sunac, the third largest property developer of China, has faced around a 22 percent fall in Hong Kong after the company said that It will not release the unaudited result for 2021 by March 31 deadline.
- Solomon Islands PM Manasseh Sogavare in his address to parliament said that it is very insulting to see the backlash against his country's security negotiations with China. She also added that there are no ongoing negotiations on making any military base in the country. The Solomon Islands had ended diplomatic ties with Taiwan in favor of China in 2019.
- Elon Musk said he has tested positive for COVID for the second time, while concurrently Tesla has suspended production at its car plant in Shanghai amid a partial city lockdown to contain the COVID outbreak there.
- Huawei CFO Meng Wanzhou made her first public appearance since returning from Canada at Huawei's annual report press conference. She kicked off the meeting by presenting the company's 2021 financials. It was her first time at the meeting in four years. She also added that the company is assessing the situation of Russian sanctions and their impact. The company has made a profit of 76 percent despite U.S. sanctions.
- A \$425 million undersea cable connecting China to Europe and Africa, which counts Huawei as a shareholder, has begun being laid in Kenya.
- Chinese President Xi Jinping and other Chinese leaders on Monday paid a silent tribute to mourn the deaths of the 132 victims of the China Eastern Airlines plane crash on March 21.
- East Turkmenistan's official Twitter handle shared that India does not share a border with China; rather, India's border is with Chinese Occupied East Turkistan and Tibet. The handle posted that "India will never be able to have peace along its

northern borders so long as China continues its occupation of East Turkistan and Tibet."

III. India Watch

- China is going to host the 3rd regional meeting on Afghanistan. The meeting was discussed during Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's meeting with his Afghanistan counterpart. The Foreign Minister of Pakistan , Iran, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan will attend this meeting. Chinese foreign ministry also confirmed that representative from Indonesia, Qatar and U.S. will also be present at the meeting. India's absence from the same further alienates it from Afghani and South Asian politics, showing a focused attempt by China to counter Delhi's strategic influence.