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# DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA

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## SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **Video of the bride crying on her wedding day went viral on Chinese social media:** A video of a 20-year-old lady in China went viral on Chinese social media, where she was seen stating that she was not in love and just married the man to appease her parents. The bride, surnamed Yan, from Guizhou province in southern China, stated in an online post that she was not looking forward to marriage after marrying a guy she met on a blind date. Yan was seen not smiling in the video of her wedding and after turning away from the camera broke down in tears. Yan expressed her dissatisfaction with marriage but thought she needed to fulfill her parents' wishes and cultural conventions as soon as possible. Yan claims that she met a strange guy on a blind date and married him to appease her parents. "My family is putting pressure on me, and my neighbors are gossiping about me." Yan's tale has gone viral in mainland China, with over 11,000 comments on the video on Douyin, with some believing she won't be happy in her marriage and others hoping she will. Yan also heard her neighbors and relatives whispering "how she won't be happy and how she had no choice." In mainland China, pressuring young people to marry is still a cultural norm. According to statistics from an official study issued in 2016, the provinces of Henan, Sichuan, and Shandong were the worst offenders in terms of parents pressuring their children into marriage that year.

## NEWS IN CHINA

- On 10th January 2023, the Chinese government celebrated the Chinese People's Police Day. Li Bei, the spokesperson for the

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Ministry of Public Security, informed the public that in the year 2022, a total of 308 police officers and 179 auxiliary police officers died in line of duty and more than 4,334 police officers and 3,470 auxiliary police officers were injured. The Ministry of Public Security stated that these police officers gave their lives to keep the people safe and promote a stable development. The Ministry also introduced effectiveness and implementation of various measures of public security organs in the past year and have made new arrangements for the year 2023. The Ministry of Public Security has deployed new security organs across the country to commemorate the third People's police day which includes activities such as - organising and carrying out the activity of raising the flag of the police and singing the local police songs; the commemoration of the specific years of service of the officers; the retirement ceremony, focusing on commending advanced models and the selection of a few officers to maximise the morals and motivating the team, visiting the retired police officers and offering sympathy to the disabled officers and martyrs and holding offline and online police camp day to enhance a bond between the police and the civilians.

- The subway traffic heat index, created using subway traffic in the country, which declined in the month of December 2022, has risen again, and right now the current index stands at 87.2%, which is a sharp rise from 62.3% at its lowest when it was recorded in the month of December. The level of passenger flow in cities such as Shenzhen, Chengdu, Hefei, Changsha, and many other places has either reached or

exceeded the level that was recorded before the epidemic. Through the analysis of the flow of people across the cities, it has been found out that the temperature of the city has also heated up with people going back to work; the office occupancy rate has also recovered by 18% since last month. Cities such as Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Beijing, and other cities have also recovered, ranging from 29% to 43%. On the first day, construction of various parks and industrial cities gradually became busy. In cities such as Urumqi, Beijing, and Wuxi, the volume of the freight orders in the wholesale markets increased by more than 200% on a yearly basis.

- On January 10, 2023, the Chinese Meteorological Administration proposed concentrating on enhancing the capabilities of various systems, such as numerical forecasting, and accelerating the creation of an accurate system. Although, the deputy director of the Chinese Meteorological Administration has claimed that presently the forecasting system has already been further improved with the establishment of a 12.5 km global four-dimensional variational assimilation system and a 1 km hourly assimilation forecast system, the organisation is also planning to establish a high-resolution climate system model. In 2022, the warning time for severe convection was advanced to 42 minutes, and the accuracy for a rainstorm warning reached 91%. Additionally in the next step, the organisation is planning to improve the seamless intelligent business forecasting, which will continue to improve the business of the meteorological capabilities by each specific region, and the
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organisation also intends to improve the research and development route for tech models and help in strengthening the short-term monitoring, as well as continuing to conduct new research and developing new short-term objective forecasting technologies.

- Ever since the Winter Energy Supply Guarantee program was started by the state-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission, since then the National Pipeline Network Group has been given full advantage. The 50,000 Km National Pipeline Network Group set a new record high on 10th January 2023 as China's main natural gas pipeline network whose supply exceeded 40 million cubic meters. The Xishatun Gas Supply Station, which is located in Beijing, accounts for one-fifth of consumption of gas in Beijing, and the current consumption exceeds 20 million cubic meters. Since the beginning of winter, the Xishatun station has delivered more than 1 billion cubic meters of gas, and more than 10 billion yuan has been invested in the construction of 6 pipeline projects by the National Pipeline Group. On January 1, 2023, Gazprom increased its supply to 61 million cubic meters per day, and in addition to that, the gasification production of 15 LNG stations exceeded more than 260 million cubic meters. Seven stations that are affiliated with the National Pipeline Network Group will exceed more than 100 million cubic meters, and going with that pace, the liquid output will exceed 12,000 tons.
- On January 10, 2023, a report published by the Department of Finance and Economics reported that Apple has officially

introduced the Chinese market to the smart home field with two new products such as: HomePod and HomeApp. HomePod is a smart audio apple device which can link with any apple device or Apple smart good and can be configured with a speech recognition. HomeApp is a new system software that comes with a newly bought iPhone or iPad. Out of the two products, HomePod is the most notable product, although according to the report and on the official website of Apple, the company has introduced roughly 30 different home products that consist of cameras, lights bulbs, door locks, and many other goods that are all smart home products. The prices of these products range from 168 yuan to 1000 yuan.

## INDIA WATCH

- Apple suppliers such as Foxconn, Wistron, and Pegatron have recently started manufacturing the latest iPhone 14 series models in India, and now the company wants to start the production of MacBooks in the country. Currently, India offers more than Rs 7,350 crores of production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes, and the Indian Government intends to increase production by nearly Rs 20,000 crores, which will be a huge boost for the industry. Apple is expected to manufacture more devices in the country, starting in 2024 with an increase in the production of AirPods and Beats headphones in the country. This will further help India to diversify its supply chain and achieving its "Atmanirbhar Plan." It will also help in reducing India's dependence on China as the Indian government has already taken certain steps by focusing on the Make in India Initiative and taking efforts by
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providing production-linked incentives to domestic industries which will help the industries to increase their manufacturing capabilities in the long run. This will also help the tech giants of India to counter Chinese supply chains that are currently threatened by various factors such as COVID-19 and the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

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