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**CONVERSATIONS  
IN CHINESE  
MEDIA**



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## I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Photos of people quarantied in makeshift cargo quarantine containers went viral:** The pictures of cargo containers upgraded to house COVID patients in quarantine centres went viral on Twitter as many netizens shared their concerns. This is seen as part of the 'no covid policy' of Beijing as looks to flag off Winter Olympics.
- **Woman Cuts Up 32 Wedding Dresses:** The video of a woman went viral on social media from Jiangjin District as following an argument with store staff she ruined 32 wedding dresses – worth at least \$11,000 – because she wanted her \$550 deposit back. The shop refused due to their policy of not refunding advanced payments. She was charged for bad behavior and got arrested following that she apologized for her actions. This act will lead to deduction of her social credit score that will impact social security and other privileges provided by CCP to the urban population. She will also face criminal punishment for misconduct. The store has also made a statement that they had agreed to make celebration arrangements for 100 days of her baby in exchange as the woman is pregnant.

## II. News in China

- Chinese President Xi Jinping attended the 2022 World Economic Forum via Video Conference from Beijing and delivered a speech in which he said states must “forward with firm confidence and perseverance to create a better world in the post-epidemic era”.
- A media symposium held by the China Environmental Protection Industry Association responded to the claim that there is a decisive decline in the investments towards environmental protection industries. The Deputy Director, Wang Zheng said that the trend has changed from the previous years where investors rushed to blindly invest in the industry, and now the investments in the ecological and environmental industries are more rational in nature, sustainable in action, and for a broader period. He also informed that the state's own capital has been flowing into this sector to make the industry stronger and bigger.
- National Bureau of Statistics in China released data which says according to preliminary accounting the annual GDP is 114.367 trillion yuan which is an increase of 8.1% from the previous year. According to the data, the major developments were the grain output reaching a new peak and animal husbandry production growing steadily, and industrial production especially high-tech manufacturing growing rapidly. It also noted that the service industry continues to recover an increase by 13.1% over the previous year.

- As per the website of the Beijing Winter Olympics, the Olympics Organizing Committee has made changes to the previous decision to sell tickets to domestic audiences. The new decision is to sell tickets, not to the general public but will be distributed by assigned authorities who will invite a group of spectators who are strictly directed regarding the COVID protocol.
- According to the data released by the National Bureau of Statistics, the per capita disposable income of Chinese nationals across the country in 2021 was 35,128 yuan, an increase of 8.1% which is in alignment with the country's economic growth.
- A spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that the freight rail line from Dandong to Sinuizhou railway port has been restarted connecting China's borders to North Korea. China-DPRK freight transportation had been suspended for a while as part of its epidemic prevention policies. After friendly negotiations between the two parties, the rail line has been reopened to facilitate normal trade between the two countries.

### **III. India Watch**

- China's GDP expanded to 8.1% from the previous year which is its fastest growth in 10 years despite the effects of the pandemic. According to the official figures, China is reaching over 17.9 trillion USD. Industrial output increased by over 9.6% and total foreign trade volume went up by 21.4% reaching over 6.9 trillion USD. This growth has crossed the government's own expectations of the economy. Although this expansion is still applaudable, by the end of 2021, the country was faced with a lot of economic challenges which are still blooming such as the real estate crisis, recent COVID outbreaks, and China's strict zero COVID policy. It is highly predicted by the world's renowned economists that China will face struggles in the growth of the economy in 2022.