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NEWS IN CHINA

- The Chinese Navy has <u>expanded</u> the scope of selection to integrate female carrier-based aircraft pilots. In addition to ordinary high school students and military school graduates, fresh graduates of science and engineering majors in ordinary colleges and universities will also be included in the recruitment of pilots, and pilot selection of flight talents will be carried out among college students and soldiers of the naval forces. This is also the first time that the Chinese Navy has organized the selection of female carrier-based aircraft flight cadets, and the first female carrier-based aircraft pilot is expected to be born among the qualified candidates.
- The Ministry of Public Security have recently deployed public security organs in order to crack down on illegal crimes taking place in the country as part of the 'Kunlun 2023' special action reported Xinhua News Agency. The news outlet reported that the Ministry of Public Security intends to strengthen cooperation. interdepartmental connection executions, improve the case transfer and joint rectification mechanism, food safety, drug safety, intellectual property protection. pollution prevention and control, wildlife protection, environmental resource safety, and biological safety, and effectively guarantee the people's "safety on the tip of their tongues", safety of medical drugs, and safety of production and life.
- China's Sichuan Daily reported that the world's first 3,000-ton OMB multi-nozzle opposed pulverized coal pressurized gasifier was <u>manufactured</u> and shipped as the largest daily coal input in the world. This gasifier developed by Dongfang



Electric Group Dongfang Boiler Co., Ltd., Yankuang Lunan Chemical Industry Co., Ltd., and East China University of Science and Technology had achieved a significant breakthrough in the coal chemical filed. The technology as stated by the media house, would increase the gas composition by 10% in essential equipment's for energy saving as well as carbon reducing projects undertaken by the agency. Lin Guangping, Secretary of the Party Committee and Chairman of Dongfang Boiler Co., Ltd during the ceremony introduced the technical research team that led the initiative.

- According to a recent report, China accounts for 16 of the 20 world's most vulnerable regions to climate change, including the world's most important manufacturing hub. The report released by climate risk agency XDI covers more than 20,2600 regions around the world, using climate models and weather and environmental data to assess the economic damage that rising temperatures may cause by 2050.
- A large-scale <u>collapse</u> in an open-pit coal mine of Alxa Zuoqi Xinjing Coal Industry Co., Ltd. in Inner Mongolia, takes place in the region. Multiple staff and vehicles were buried in the coal mine collapse. An expert team of 43-member was deployed in the autonomous region while 51 people were still missing at present.

SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

Putin's Speech trends on social media:
The speech <u>delivered</u> by Russia's President
Vladimir Putin during his annual address to

the federal assembly sparks debate on the Russia-Ukraine War and China's position. Putin also went on to blame the West for distorting truths. Hashtags such as "Putin States Russia is Invincible" (#普京称俄罗斯是不可战胜的#) and Putin Reiterates That Ukraine Provoked the War" (#普京重申是乌克兰挑起战争#) were trending after his speech on Chinese social media. Users also debated if Russia had the military capabilities to withstand the war for a year with some suggesting that Russia was considering nuclear options due to its losses in the battlefield.

INDIA WATCH

• India and China, as two of the most populous countries in the world, face significant challenges in the form of Climate Change that can affect the livelihoods of its citizens directly. As per a report published by Cross Dependency Initiative (XDI) on Climate risk, China accounts for 16 of the 20 most vulnerable regions to climate change while 9 out of 50 regions that face high climate risk to a fragile physical infrastructure come under India. The report also draw attention to the actual risk both the countries face in mitigating against the challenges posed by Climate change and therefore initiatives that have policy-oriented outlook must be followed upon in order to reduce the ongoing threat that such challenges pose. The report also highlighted that, India, China and the U.S. are home to 80% of the most vulnerable cities. This should also draw attention to the collaborative effort India and China have been initiating in advocating funds from larger the developed world in causing environmental damage to the developing world.

As part of this collaborative effort both the countries should work towards formalizing their initiatives with policies that can substantively mitigate the risks that climate change poses.