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DAILY
**CONVERSATIONS
IN CHINESE
MEDIA**



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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Chinese woman's blog on being stuck at blind date's house after city lockdown:** More than a hundred covid infection cases have been reported in the city Zhengzhou since last week. The city was placed in an abrupt lockdown when Wang was having dinner at her date's place. Since the lockdown forced her to be stuck at that place she has been documenting her life which has gone viral across Weibo.

II. News in China

- Zimbabwean President Mnangagwa delivered a televised speech expressing his gratitude to the Chinese government for their decision to provide Zimbabwe with a new batch of COVID vaccines at a time when the country faces the fourth wave of the pandemic and is fighting against the omicron strain.
- A press conference hosted by the State Council announced that the Beijing Winter Olympics will fully implement the concept of the 'green, shared, open and clean' Olympics. The organizing committee had made sure to fully utilize the 2008 Beijing Olympics venues to cut down on carbon emissions from the source so that the ecological venues are protected. It was highlighted that Beijing Winter Olympics would achieve the goals of carbon neutrality, promote urban and regional development, and get benefits to the people. All twenty-six venues in the three major competition areas will be using green electricity (zero carbon emission during the production process).
- Ministry of Commerce announced that it will continue to provide guidance and services and strengthen training for small and medium enterprises to make better use of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement and Free Trade Zones.
- The State Administration of Cultural Heritage held a press briefing on four major archaeological discoveries from Tibet. The discoveries found in Tibet are Paleolithic wilderness sites, pre-historic settlement sites, comprehensive sites of buildings and cemeteries, and a Tubo period cemetery.
- Ministry of Commerce released data regarding the annual use of foreign capital nationwide which shows that in 2021 China made use of 1149.36 billion yuan with an increase from the previous year of 14.9 per cent. Among the top industries, the high tech industry showed rapid growth, attracting a lot of investments, resulting in an increase of 17.1 per cent in foreign capital.
- The Lithuanian National Radio and Television reported that a poll commissioned by the Lithuanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs showed that nearly two-thirds of the Lithuanian respondents voted against the current anti-China policy of Lithuania and only 13 per cent voted in favor. 47 per cent of the respondents showed distrust towards the foreign policy of the country.

- The Chinese and Indian militaries held the 14th round of the commander level talks on the Chinese side of the Mordo/Chushule meeting point. The talks involved representatives of defence and foreign ministries of both countries, for exchange of views on promoting the settlement of issues along the Line of Actual Control. The two sides promised to continue to maintain communication through military and diplomatic channels, to reach a solution.

III. India Watch

- Since 2001, China has made a lot of investments in green construction materials and sustainable energy for the Olympic village. China has also directed efforts to improve the air and water quality in the country. The Beijing 2022 sustainability plan was developed by the People's Government of Beijing Municipality and Hebei Province. The document acts as a guide to move towards a sustainable and green Olympics and its implementation. The plan voices the mission of "green, open, inclusive and clean" act as a strategic roadmap to a wider movement. China wants to use the Beijing Olympics to showcase its green credentials and to put across the message that China is far ahead in its goal to go carbon zero. But there are still a lot of environmental concerns regarding artificial snowmaking techniques and the use of coal for the upcoming games.