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**CONVERSATIONS
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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Chinese University announced strict punishment for social media posts about lockdown:** A university in Shandong Province is now under lockdown due to the COVID outbreak. Students who are locked inside have been warned to not post any “inappropriate remarks” on social media. “It will be a criminal offence if your remarks get more than 1000 views”, says the notice.

II. News in China

- On Tuesday, China authorities tightened antivirus controls at ports. More measures have been taken as its government flights with coronavirus outbreaks; there has been shutdowns in major cities to find every infected person. Continued focus on the ‘Zero COVID’ policy is seen.
- On Monday, one of China’s top diplomats and Director of the Chinese Communist Party’s Foreign Affairs Office Yang Jiechi with U.S National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan met in Rome. U.S security Council spokesperson Emily Horne has made it clear that Ukraine would be on the agenda, alongside their bilateral relationship. “The two sides will discuss ongoing efforts to manage the competition between our two countries and discuss the impact of Russia’s war against Ukraine on regional and global security”, she said in a statement.
- The National Health Commission of China has reported 1,337 locally transmitted cases in the last 24 hour period, including 895 in the industrial province of Jilin. In a government notice it is said that in order to travel from one city to another or to leave the area, the government’s permission would be required.
- On Monday, the United States, China and Russia all made statements after the Financial Times and the New York Times quoted U.S officials saying that Russia was requesting economic and military assistance and supplies from China. It also stated that since its invasion of Ukraine, Russia had been asking China for equipments.
- A speech by General Secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, Xi Jinping, at a central conference on the work of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference marking the 70th anniversary of the organisation will be published. The speech by Xi Jinping will be published on Wednesday in the year’s sixth issue of the Qiushi Journal.

III. India Watch

- Russia’s military invasion of Ukraine lasted 20 days, and the position of China and the United States have been in the spotlight. On Monday, Russia, China and the United States all made a statement after the Financial Times and New York Times

report regarding Russia asking China for supplies. But U.S officials interviewed declined to specify what kind of support Russia was seeking from China. There are signs that China may be preparing to assist Russia, the report added, which could be detrimental for Russia-India ties and India's present silent diplomacy vis-à-vis Ukraine.