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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Chinese commentator talks about 'currency uprising' amidst Ukraine War:** Sima Nan, an <u>independent</u> Chinese commentator, has said that there is a "currency uprising" between China, Russia and India which has questioned the dollar hegemony. As per the post, the commentator said "The United States is trying to destroy the Russian economy with its dollar hegemony, and Russia has sounded the horn of a "currency uprising" to countries around the world, including China and India!"

- **'Shouting warrior' gets praised on WeChat:** On April 15, a 'shouting warrior' was being praised on WeChat for confronting visiting officials for not getting food and denying food delivery from outside. Such an overture is another example of the growing discontent amongst people in Shanghai.

II. News in China

- China <u>inaugurated</u> a new container liner route connecting Taicang Port in east China's Jiangsu Province and Vietnam. Two ships with the respective capacity of 1100 TEUs and 1400 TEUs will be used for this route. It will operate on a weekly basis and will help in enhancing the integrated development of Yangtze River Delta Region as well as boost the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

- On April 14, 322 Covid-19 <u>patients</u> have been released from Shanghai's makeshift hospital as per the National Exhibition and Convention Centre (NECC). The situation in Shanghai is not getting any better.

- On April 14, China Manned Space Agency (CMSA) <u>informed</u> that The Shenzhou-13 will get detached from the space station core module Tianhe at an appropriate time and land at the Dongfeng landing site in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. The space craft has completed all its designated tasks and will arrive soon.

- China is planning to further <u>enhance</u> the global services of BeiDou Navigation system Satellite (BDS). BDS was officially commissioned on July 31, 2020 opening the services of BDS-3 to all the users globally. China is planning to integrate BDS with other national space infrastructures to ensure the accuracy of its navigation capabilities.

- A large number of young people have been <u>arrested</u> in Hong Kong and restrained for their involvement in the Anti-Extradition movement. Reportedly, these youths will be "educated" to remove their biases and radical thinking.

- Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian has <u>described</u> China-Pakistan relations as "iron-clad brothers true to the name". Zhao said that China will give priority to Pakistan as always and that it is ready to work with the new government and build the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) further.

- Two trains <u>carrying</u> coal collided on Daqin Railway, a major route for coal transportation in China, causing congestion in coal transport from the west to the east. No casualties have been reported yet. Reportedly, the two trains were carrying about 20,000 tons of coal. Six rescue trains and 1000 staff has been dispatched for the line clearance.
- Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Mauritian <u>counterpart</u>, Prithvirajsing Roopun congratulated each other over the celebration of 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries.

India Watch

- China has offered its satellite navigation system BeiDou free of charge to the world with high level of accuracy critical for economic and military space infrastructure. BeiDou comes under China's Information Silk Road – another branch of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), having easy access to navigation to aircraft, submarines, missiles, as well as commercial services dependent heavily dependent on it. In addition, its collaboration with national space agencies will provide dangerous accuracy and precision at the local levels. India must assess the geopolitical risks emanating from the system swiftly and put up measures to protect its national security.