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**CONVERSATIONS
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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **L'Oreal dispute solved:** Following a spat about pricing between L'Oreal and China's live streaming sales stars Li Jiaqi and Viya, L'Oreal has stated that it has solved the dispute. The dispute garnered 450 million views on Weibo.

II. News in China

- Xi Jinping spoke to the President of Israel, Issac Herzog, speaking about cooperating on projects such as the Haifa port, the China-Israel Changzhou Innovation Park, and the China-Israel (Shanghai) Innovation Park. He added that China is willing to expand and strengthen its relationship in fields of agriculture, health care, science, tourism, sport, education, and more. Israeli president reiterated his support for the One-China policy and the two leaders briefly spoke about Israel and Palestine.
- The State Council plans to digitise government services across China through making an e-government system available nationwide, providing integrated government services like certificates and licenses online, improving and expanding the database of the population, strengthen cyber security, and more.
- Speaking about coal, the State Council stated that coal is a reliable source of energy for the country while committing to clean and efficient use of coal by allocating 200 billion yuan.
- Han Zheng, the Senior Vice Premier of the State Council, met the Deputy Prime Minister of Russia, Alexander Novak at the 18th China-Russia Energy Cooperation Committee. The two spoke about deepening energy cooperation by promoting pipeline construction projects and promote renewable energy.
- Speaking at the opening ceremony of the 2021 Bloomberg New Economy Forum, Wang Qishan, the Vice President of the People's Republic of China, spoke about China continuing to open its markets, promoting trade and investment liberalization, and upholding true multilateralism.
- Li Keqiang, Premier of the People's Republic of China, attended a virtual dialogue hosted by World Economic Forum, stating that post-pandemic economic recovery remains slow and unstable. Like his colleague, Li reiterated that China remains committed to opening up its economy, and maintaining a strong macroeconomic operation.
- China is constructing new bases and upgrading existing bases on the India-China border. In addition to new bases, satellite photos indicate the People's Liberation Army is building helipads as well.
- India-China hosted the 23rd Border Affairs Consultation and Coordination Mechanism through video call. The two sides spoke about easing the situation at the border and had a "candid" conversation.

- As oil prices continue to rise and OPEC+ refuses to increase crude oil production, Biden reached out to Japan, South Korea, India, and China to release oil reserves and reduce oil prices.

III. India Watch

- PLA is working on logistical support along the India-China LAC border and opening up diplomatic channels to resolve the dispute at the same time. India needs to be aware of these developments and plan accordingly. As ancient Chinese philosopher, 'Sun Tzu' suggested through his work 'Art of War' - war is based on deception and thereby situational awareness needs to be maintained while negotiations.
- China is extensively working on infrastructure development programs across the globe and a partnership with Israel is capable of taking it forward but also makes it a target for Islamist Jihadists in West Asia that have already targeted Chinese Projects particularly in Pakistan.