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**CONVERSATIONS
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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Weibo buys e-sports team:** Weibo has bought the Chinese e-sports team called Suning; the same was announced on its social media handle.
- **Elon Musk announces plans for Tesla in China:** In a tweet, Elon Musk announced that Tesla will launch Model S Plaid in China in 2022.

II. News in China

- The State Administration for Market Regulation released a report stating that China has 150 million market entities, creating up to 700 million jobs.
- People's Bank of China's policy report highlighted that the stock of social financing grew by 10%, and money supply by 8.3%. PBOC stated that they will increase re-lending by 300 billion yuan and expand on their assistance services to small and medium-sized businesses.
- Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi delivered a speech titled "Opposing Division Through Solidarity, Promoting Development Through Cooperation" at the Global Town Hall themed, "Managing Competition, Conflict, and Cooperation in a Pandemic World". He said that he hopes the US does not seek conflict and respects China's sovereignty and territorial integrity while calling for resisting division and instead working in solidarity.
- China has sent over 1,000 tonnes of humanitarian aid to Afghanistan via the China-Xinjiang-Afghanistan freight train.
- Speaking at the ASEAN conference, Xi Jinping stated that China is not looking to dominate or bully the Southeast Asian region. Xi was addressing concerns of neighboring countries about China's rising power in the region.
- China's Hu Binchen candidacy for Interpol's executive committee was met with backlash from the global community and activists, stating that his election would put Chinese dissidents at risk.
- A report published by a Chinese cyber security company stated that Indian hacker groups have been increasingly targeting Chinese and Pakistani institutions, specifically the military departments.
- Indian Navy inaugurated a destroyer ship, called the "Visakhapatnam" destroyer that is equipped with India's first stealth-guided missile destroyer.
- China's latest statistical yearbook showed strong indication of the country's looming demographic crisis, as birth rates and marriage registrations continue to decline. The country has reported its lowest national birth rate — calculated by the number of births in the total population — in over four decades.

III. India Watch

- As China looks to portray India as a cyber-hacker state, it is important to remember that cyberwarfare through state-backed hackers institutionalized by states like China and Pakistan poses a proven traditional as well as non-traditional security threat. Targets of these hackers are not only the defense institutions but also power grids and individuals. India in this aspect needs to strengthen both offensive and defensive cyber capabilities.
- China along with Pakistan has developed close ties with the Taliban after the US withdrawal and fall of Kabul. China has begun trade with the Taliban and continued providing humanitarian aid through a rail network that connects China-Xinjiang-Afghanistan. India lacks such direct connectivity with Afghanistan which is also a pathway to Central Asia.