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*DAILY*  
**CONVERSATIONS  
IN CHINESE  
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## I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Rising fuel prices:** With fuel supplies plummeting and prices rising, China has begun rationing diesel in several petrol stations. Many users on Weibo pointed out that truck drivers have had to wait for several days to refuel their vehicles.
- **Crackdown on High rise buildings:** China has started to crackdown on high-rise buildings in small cities across the country, restricting how tall a building can be built, receiving positive reactions and approval from users on Weibo.
- **Rising Prices on Foods:** As winter approaches, Weibo users voiced their concerns over rising prices on food. Multiple users took to social media to raise concerns over vegetable prices costing more than pork.

## II. News in China

- Xi Jinping along with other PBSC members attended the 13th Five-Year Plan period in Beijing that set up an exhibition highlighting China's scientific and technological achievements.
- A military conference was held on Monday and Tuesday that discussed weapons and equipment. Xi Jinping attended the conference and highlighted the steps that China has made to develop modern and technologically advanced weapons and equipment.
- Xi's letter to the People's Publishing House marked the 100th anniversary of its foundation.
- Xi spoke to France's Emmanuel Macron to discuss the ongoing cooperation in nuclear energy, aviation, and aerospace, and expand their ties to cooperate in fields such as AI, ocean affairs, and green cooperation while maintaining China-France relations to ensure stability in the world.
- Xi met and spoke to Pakistan's Imran Khan, calling Pakistan China's most "reliable iron-clad brother". Khan emphasized his support for the one-China policy, while Xi emphasized the need to expand their cooperation on COVID-19, counter-terrorism, and security.
- Xi called China's relations with Papua New Guinea the "role-model for peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation." Papua New Guinea's Prime Minister James Marape called China a "sincere partner and reliable friend", welcoming Chinese cooperation and investment into the country.
- Speaking at a press conference related to pandemic cooperation, Luo Zhaohui, chairman of the China International Development Cooperation Agency and former ambassador to India, stated that China has supplied 1.5 billion COVID-19 vaccines to over 100 countries, as well as providing necessary medical equipment such as masks, clothing, and respirators.

- Li Keqiang at the 24th China-ASEAN Summit proposed deeper health cooperation; from vaccine production to distribution and research to data integration and risk analysis, enhancing the Free-Trade Agreement between the two, developing green energy industries and infrastructures, and contributing USD10 million to the China-ASEAN cooperation fund.
- Vice Premier Liu He held “pragmatic, candid and constructive” talks with US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen. The two spoke about strengthening macro policy communication and coordination.
- Dagmar Freitag, Chairman of the Sports Committee of the German Bundestag, who is stepping down to bid farewell, has backed international dignitaries to boycott the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing in protest of human rights abuses in China.

### **III. India Watch**

- As the winter Olympics in Beijing approach closer, the politics behind the same is beginning to grow. With calls in the US to boycott the same --even some nationalist groups in India have supported a boycott --the camaraderie behind sports politics could emerge as a potential way to build some trust back into the India-China developmental partnership.
- China's 50 years at the UN come as a further reminder of India's still pending non-permanent presence in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). It is time for India to revamp its UN diplomacy beyond the Group of 4 with Japan, Brazil, and Germany and instead focus on an individual bid that helps build the future of the Asian security architecture.