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## I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Written Notices released to CEOs of Top US companies – Apple and Google to revise the standards of App Stores in lieu of concerns with Chinese social media:** A letter to Apple CEO Tim Cook and Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai was released on [Twitter](#) by Brendan Carr, one of the FCC commissioners. TikTok was declared to be in violation of the app store standards of the two businesses by the letter, which cited reports and other events.
- **Chinese social media, TikTok, heavily endorses jobs in Moscow:** More than a dozen job openings in Moscow are listed on the [TikTok](#) corporate website, including positions for revenue planning managers, industry analysts, and monetization strategists. Although Byte Dance, the parent company of TikTok, is situated in Beijing, some of the Russian job postings ask for Mandarin Chinese speakers, with one claiming that "fluency in Mandarin would be [a] considerable advantage" for applicants.

## II. News in China

- General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, President of the State, and Chairman of the Central Military Commission, [Xi Jinping](#), travelled to Hong Kong on a special train in the afternoon of June 30 in order to attend the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the motherland and the July 1 inauguration of the sixth administration of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. To show their warm welcome, hundreds of young people from Hong Kong and others from all walks of life waved the national flag, the flag of the special administrative area, and bouquets of flowers. Peng Liyuan and Xi Jinping waved to the cheering crowd.
- For the first time, [NATO leaders](#) express alarm about the threat China poses to the global order. According to the secretary general of NATO, Beijing's efforts to increase its nuclear arsenal, hacking activities, and growing connections with Moscow are "serious challenges." Using economic pressure to "create strategic dependencies and boost its influence," NATO warned that China's government was "rapidly expanding" its nuclear capacity without enhancing openness or acting in good faith toward weapons control. Zhao Lijian, a spokesman for the Chinese foreign ministry, responded by stating that NATO should quit "trying to launch a new cold war."
- As he travelled outside of mainland China for the first time since the pandemic began to attend the 25th anniversary of the transfer of power from the British to the Chinese, Chinese President Xi Jinping declared on Thursday that [Hong Kong](#) had "risen from the ashes." According to Ho-fung Hung, a professor of political economy at Johns Hopkins University, "after the revolt and protests in 2019 and 2020, the

Beijing government wants to convey that everything is under control — the opposition and rebellious forces have been wiped out." It's a victory lap, and Xi Jinping will attempt to present himself as the one who brought about Hong Kong's alleged "second return."

- President Xi Jinping announced Covid Zero to be the most "economic and effective" policy for China. He used the move to demonstrate the superiority of the nation's governmental structure. According to comments he made that were captured by state media on Wednesday, China would rather to accept some short-term economic setbacks than risk the safety and health of its citizens at the hands of the virus.
- App for commercial freight in China created. The two internet businesses that have been under Beijing's cybersecurity investigation for the past year, together with ride-hailing behemoth Didi Global, are finally beginning their new user registrations, according to Full Truck Alliance and Chinese online recruitment agency Kanzhun. The announcements from Full Truck and Kanzhun raise concerns about Didi's future because new user registrations are still prohibited even if they seem to indicate that the inquiry may be concluding.
- 25 more Chinese firms are targeted by US sanctions, including a company that claimed its equipment might help Russia track Ukraine's submarines and frogmen. Highlander, a marine technology business, has acknowledged that it is one of the most recent Chinese entities to be put to the US trade sanctions list. Highlander was previously accused by the US Commerce Department of acquiring US-made products for use in military purposes, constituting a threat to national security.
- According to a statement released on Wednesday by the CPC Central Committee's Organization Department, there will be more than 96.71 million Communist Party of China (CPC) members worldwide by the end of 2021. The membership was 15.9 percent higher than when the 18th CPC National Congress was convened in late 2012 and was up 3.7 percent from 2020, according to a report from the agency released in advance of the CPC's 101st founding anniversary on July 1.

### **III. India Watch**

- China has made constant efforts to ensure and present a united front with Hong Kong, The General Secretary's visit was a strategic move as a symbol of solidarity. However it cannot wash off the democratic protests that took place recently in 2019 and 2020.
- The Zero Covid Policy is heavily criticized by many economists. It is predicted to adversely affect the economic growth of Chinese economy. President Xi Jinping's persistent stand to continue the same, calls for answers to validate the same.
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- Alarms raised by NATO leaders on the rising arsenal of the Chinese army are extremely valid. It further enhances the risks of nuclear gear supply in the world, while an ongoing crisis (Russia- Ukraine conflict) is already gaining momentum. The additional factor of non-compliance to arms control further worsens the situation. Strict measures to counter the actions of China should be taken by the international community to promote stability in the world order.
- The growing membership of CPC as indicated by reports, is further weakening the chances of establishing a democracy in the system. It is only going to further weaken and crush the pro- democratic protests in the county and is growing as symbol of a centralised rule.