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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Future of China's makeshift hospitals:** Many believed Fangcang, China's Covid-19 temporary hospitals, would be obsolete by mid-2020. They have instead become an integral component of the country's future. Throughout the epidemic, public opinions of China's square cabin' COVID-19 hospitals have shifted dramatically. Patients' online diaries, videos, and images provide Chinese social media users a peek into life inside the Fangcang hospitals.
- **“Nong Ho, Shanghai!” Weibo Is Celebrating the ‘Revival’ of Shanghai:** Shanghai is once again the most popular topic on Chinese social media today. Although the city is not yet "back to normal," many citizens are now free to walk about. Basic public transportation has returned, companies and businesses have partially reopened, and footage of honking automobiles and congested junctions are spreading on the internet. Despite the fact that millions of individuals are eager to leave their homes, over 650,000 people in Shanghai remain restricted to their homes because their neighbourhood is deemed "high risk." Various hashtags relating to Shanghai's reopening are trending today on Weibo, a Chinese social media platform. 'Shanghai Is Back,' for example, had 700 million views.

II. News in China

- On Sunday, Chinese President Xi Jinping called for greater efforts to be made to create a beautiful China in which mankind and environment dwell in peace and contribute more to the collaborative construction of a clean and beautiful world. In a congratulations letter to the National Event on the Environment Day held in Shenyang, northeast China's Liaoning Province, Xi, who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the statements. According to Xi, the ecological environment is the cornerstone for human existence and progress, and preserving a healthy environment is a common goal of people from all countries. Since the CPC's 18th National Congress, China has placed a premium on environmental advancement and has undertaken fundamental, pioneering, and long-term efforts.
- China launched the Shenzhou-14 crewed spacecraft on Sunday, sending three astronauts to its space station for a six-month mission. The trio will work with the ground team to complete the Tiangong space station's assembly and construction, transforming it from a single-module structure to a national space laboratory with three modules: the Tianhe core module and the Wentian and Mengtian lab modules. According to the China Manned Space Agency, the spaceship was launched from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China at 10:44 a.m., on a Long March-2F carrier rocket. This is China's 23rd flying mission since the country's manned space programme was approved and launched, and the third

crewed mission for the country's space station project.

- On the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Greece, President Xi Jinping and Greek President Katerina Sakellariopoulou exchanged greetings on Sunday, with both leaders committing to deepen bilateral ties and world peace. They promote openness and win-win cooperation, collaborate on the Belt and Road, and pass on the wisdom of ancient civilizations as well as the Olympic spirit, bringing substantial benefits to the two countries and their people and setting an example for the international community of civilizations learning from one another, he said. In her address to Xi, Sakellariopoulou noted that since their diplomatic relations were established, Greece and China have built a partnership based on mutual understanding and respect that encourages collaboration and friendship. The Greek president expressed her optimism that the two nations will continue to work together to achieve the lofty aim of encouraging communication across civilizations and maintaining global peace.
- China will prioritise the uninterrupted and steady functioning of its industrial and supply networks as it attempts to resurrect its industrial economy following COVID-19 flare-ups in recent months. In a recent video teleconference on shoring up the industrial economy, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology stated that the industrial sector is the backbone and development engine of the Chinese economy. It promised to make modest policy changes to guarantee that the industrial sector expands at a fair pace in the second quarter of the year. Profit growth in China's top industrial enterprises has slowed recently, according to government data. In the first four months of 2022, the businesses with yearly primary business income of at least 20 million yuan saw their profits climb 3.5 percent year on year.
- Both Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi and Malaysian Foreign Minister Saifuddin Abdullah spoke by phone on Saturday, and both promised to protect the mature ASEAN-centered regional cooperation framework. Wang briefed Saifuddin on his visit to the Pacific island countries during a layover in Malaysia after a 10-day tour of the region. China and the island states, according to Wang, will continue to build the Belt and Road, increase mutually beneficial cooperation, and pursue joint growth and rejuvenation. Saifuddin, who described China as a nation with main responsibilities in the Asia-Pacific area, said regional countries want China to take the lead in increasing South-South cooperation in order to establish a more harmonious Pacific region.
- In a post published on its official website on the occasion of World Environment Day, the International Olympic Committee lauded Beijing 2022 for its efforts in low carbon, environmental protection, and sustainable development. According

to IOC data, 85 percent of all permanent venues used in Olympic Games from Athens 1896 to Pyeongchang 2018 are still in use, while 92 percent of permanent venues utilised in the twenty-first century are still in use. After the Games, the venues provide opportunities for local residents to participate in more sports and physical exercise. They also assist to rejuvenate towns and regions, according to the IOC.

- In central China's Hunan Province, archaeologists unearthed 25 graves dating from the late Shang Dynasty (1600-1046 B.C.). The Heiyuling tomb complex in Quzici Township, Miluo, is tens of thousands of square metres, according to the Hunan provincial institute of cultural relics and archaeology. Staff are cleaning and repairing more than 50 found objects, including pots and the fu, an ancient Chinese cauldron, according to Sheng Wei, a member of the institute's staff. The crew also discovered pits, homes, kilns, and other period remnants, as well as ceramics and stone tools, at two Shang Dynasty sites to the north of the tomb complex.

III. India Watch

- China and Malaysia believe that regional countries should protect the region's mature cooperation framework, which is led by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and try to prevent a new Cold War mentality from taking root in the region, which would result in a new camp confrontation. The relations between China and Malaysia have always been very realistic. They do expect that other big countries would play a positive role in the Asia-Pacific region's peace and stability. Recently, Chinese Foreign Minister, Wang travelled to Timor-Leste, the Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu, and Vanuatu. China is reviving its presence and bilateral relations with the Asia-Pacific Island nations and in the coming years, China will try to strengthen these relations.