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## I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **China has yet again proved the censorship strictness in the country by removing posts of the US Embassy:** Chinese social media sites censor posts from the US Embassy. Weibo and WeChat in China apparently removed posts from the official account of the U.S. Embassy in China, showing once more Beijing's internet censorship attempts to remove any content deemed unfavourable of the Chinese government.
- **Chinese social media company seeks huge investments up to \$1.2 billion:** Weibo Corp. is looking for a syndicated financing of up to \$1.2 billion, joining other Chinese social media sites in seeking funding abroad. Unauthorized sources reported that the proceeds from the five-year loan will be used for general corporate operations, refinancing, and capital expenditures.

## II. News in China

- The Chinese and American foreign ministers will discuss sticking concerns at the G20 side-lines, but no progress is anticipated. In Bali, Wang Yi and Antony Blinken are anticipated to discuss China's record on human rights, the war in Ukraine, and American engagement in the Indo-Pacific. Washington was encouraged by a spokesperson for China's foreign ministry to take "active efforts to defend the political underpinning" of their bilateral relations. While both countries have continued high-level talks to try to manage the relationship, dialogue has not been enough to defuse tensions.
- In order to usher in a new "golden age" in bilateral relations, China is eager to deepen pragmatic collaboration with the Philippines, according to Chinese State Councillor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi, who spoke to reporters in Manila on Wednesday. Wang met with Philippine President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos, who took office last Thursday, as well as other authorities during his visit to the country. Wang is visiting Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Malaysia as part of an Asia trip.
- FBI and MI5 leaders give a stern warning over China's threat to the West. Also on Wednesday, a report on Chinese efforts to sway municipal and state elections was released by U.S. intelligence officials. Both officials reiterated earlier worries about Chinese economic espionage, which employs both human and hacker spies. And they said that China is stealing intellectual property from the West using intimidation, threats, and economic might as part of a plot to replace the United States and Europe as the preeminent global power rather than trade peacefully with them.
- The Biden administration's tariff plan on China only "cancels 10 billion of the 370 billion," according to US media, igniting debate in the country. The lifting of tariffs on

about \$10 billion of the \$370 billion in Chinese exports to the US; the opening of a new tariff exclusion process to enable businesses to obtain tariff exemptions for Chinese imports; the launch of tariff investigations into key Chinese industries; and the possibility of imposing new rounds of tariffs on the semiconductor sector has come to light.

- 'Hong Kong police' have threatened Jimmy Lai's detained UK lawyers. Concerns about Beijing manipulating the Hong Kong government have grown as a result of the discovery. The threats, according to a former lord chancellor, made it "impossible" for British judges to hold their positions on the former colony's top court.
- The G20 meeting with Penny Wong's Chinese counterpart is something she is receptive to. Australia's openness to cooperate with China is confirmed by the foreign minister, who also maintains that "coercive" trade sanctions must be lifted. The relationship between Australia and China, according to Wong, is "complex and consequential," and the new Canberra government intends to remain "calm, considered, and disciplined" in its public pronouncements on the relationship. She borrowed this phrase from Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.

### **III. India Watch**

- Growing dominance of China is a major concern not only for the west, but also for India. Chinese espionage can affect the countries hence strict measures should be taken to curb it.
- The response of the Australian Minister to Chinese counterpart remains a point of concern. As India and Australia are a part of QUAD group, it is essential that the talks remain in the favour of the allies.
- China' Neo imperialism is now spreading to the Philippines. The 'talks of Golden Age' is yet another way of entering the market and expansion of the Chinese economy beneficiaries.