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

- **Discussion around INS Vela:** Weibo account of the CCTV military has posted a short clip of a military expert answering a question about INS Vela in which he says that the submarine has powerful combat effectiveness. But after India introduced technology from France, the noise created by the submarine has increased a lot during sea which brings down its ability to strike the enemy. He pointed out that the weapons and equipment are also not that advanced, concluding dryly that the "biggest highlight of India's Scorpene-class submarine is that it could be made in India".
- **Military drill with an all-women contingent:** Weibo account of CCTV-Military has posted a video of a military drill in which a female tank squad is working with armored infantry in the Xinjiang Military region at -20 degrees.

## II. News in China

- On December 10, the Guangdong Provincial Commission for Disciplinary Supervision of the Communist Party of China notified that Jiang Kaixin, the former deputy secretary of the Political and Legal Affairs Commission of Guangdong, was expelled from the party and discharged from the public office after an investigation was filed for "violating discipline and law."
- Framework Agreement on the Zhuhai-Macao Workers' Legal Service Center was signed by the Municipal Federation of Trade Unions, and the Macau Federation of Trade Unions. This will accelerate the implementation of cross-border legal aid services in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and the Hengqin Guangdong-Macao Intensive Cooperation Zone. It is expected to protect the rights and interests of residents in the two places, the judicial system more accessible, and integrate both systems.
- Central Economic Work Conference held in Beijing from 8.12.21 to 10.12.21 was concluded. The meeting pointed out that while fully affirming the achievements, it must see that China's economic development is facing three pressures: demand contraction, supply shock, and weakening expectations.
- At the same conference, Xi delivered a speech in which he noted that regardless of how the international landscape changes, "We must firmly do our own work, and continue to strengthen the economic base, enhance the ability of science and technology innovation, adhere to multilateralism, take the initiative to use high standards of international economic and trade rules as the benchmark, with a high level of openness to promote deep reform and promote high-quality development".

- Following Nicaragua's announcement of severance of its bilateral diplomatic relations with Taiwan, China has signed a Joint Communiqué with Nicaragua in Tianjin.
- China plans to use rockets for manned lunar explorations, expected to first fly in 2028.
- Press report by BBC suggests that tensions between India and China over the boundary dispute are expected to rise as China will be enforcing its New Border Law.
- Three activists were held and More than two dozen politicians and activists have been charged in Hong Kong for taking part in a vigil to mark the Tiananmen square massacre.
- A victim (ethnically a Kazakh) mentioned in an interview that he was tortured and held in a detention camp for using WhatsApp in China. On the other hand, China has justified the arrests of reporters and citizen journalists by accusing them of provoking trouble.
- The USA conducted the Leaders' Democracy Summit and the Chinese foreign ministry responded to it by mentioning malpractices in US democracy and went further to state that the USA is not even a democratic nation.

### III. India Watch

- COVID-19 pandemic, floods, energy crises, and default of some of the largest real estate companies in China and is worrying the Chinese Administration. The country is going through internal debt crises and even foreign loans provided are mostly defaulted creating a vulnerable situation for China. Still, the amount of foreign bonds and currency that China holds is providing firm support and unchallenged exports are expected to even take it forward.
- At the Central Economic Work Conference, it was stressed that as the 20th Party Congress approached, which is a major event in the political life of the Party and the country, it is important to maintain a "stable and healthy economic environment, a peaceful and secure social environment, and a clean and righteous political environment". It was also noted that "taking economic development as the central task is the requirement of the Party's basic line". It was also highlighted that it is crucial to maintain stability in macro policy by continued implement of a proactive fiscal policy. Concurrently, the micro policy should continue to stimulate the vitality of market entities. Promoting the joint, high-quality development of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) drew focus. The meeting heavily emphasized 'stability' with the term stable/stability being used 25 times in keynote address.