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**CONVERSATIONS
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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Looks over performance regains focus in China:** The famous Chinese culture of incentivizing people who perform well in their sector has again become an example; 20 persons were awarded “most beautiful couriers”. These awards are given from the 100,000 employees in Beijing’s postal express industry which are is one of the most important sectors in terms of economy. This news was trending in Baidu.

II. News in China

- The outgoing Chinese ambassador to North Korea Li Jinjun was praised by supreme leader Kim Jong Un. According to the report senior North Korean Leaders met the outgoing ambassador and conveyed the message of their supreme leader who thanked the ambassador for improving the relations between Pyongyang and Beijing.
- Foreign Ministry’s spokesperson Zhao Lijian in reply to a question that “will China provide police supplies and advisory team to Solomon Island?” has said that China firmly opposes the illegal act of violence (in context of riots happened in Solomon Island) and praised the Solomon Island for safeguarding Chinese citizens in the country. He added that upon on the request of Solomon Island government China will dispatch anti-riot material and police advisory team which will play constructive role in handling the condition.
- By 2025, China will have 10,000 KM of rail transit, which will improve Chinese position on the list of largest rail transit in the world aided by the new approved project of connecting Chengdu-Chongqing.
- The national referendum held in Taiwan is hot news in China as all the 4 referendums were won by the DPP. Proposal to again hold referendum votes on the same day as elections, relocation of the liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal, reinstating barriers in US pork imports and restart of nuclear reactor number 4 were the topics of the four referendums. The win of DPP on all is a matter of concern for China because it shows public opinion.
- On Tuesday, Zhao Lijian – Spokesperson of Foreign Ministry – raised multiple questions on the USS “Connecticut” incident which had gone through a crash incident in South China Sea. Zhao asked USA to share relevant information of the crash and intention of their presence in the area.
- Chinese economic imperialism has shown as Intel, the biggest US chipmaker, has apologised to China after a letter telling its suppliers not to source products or labour from the western region of Xinjiang caused a backlash. Intel has clarified that that its commitment to avoid supply chains from Xinjiang was an expression of compliance with U.S. law, rather than a statement of its position on the issue.

- In the backdrop of the worsening relations of Washington-Beijing relations , US President Joe Biden has signed a new law banning goods made in China's Xinjiang province on the grounds of Human Rights Violation.
- The removal of Tiananmen Square Memorial from Hong Kong has comes amidst continued and growing crackdown against political dissent in the region. The memorial was one of the last iconic memorials to victims of the bloody crackdown remaining on Hong Kong soil.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin in an annual press conference about Russia-China debriefed media on the developments of the Sino-Russian and praised the relations. In this statement he also added that "Russia and China are jointly developing high-tech weapons" and further added that both countries share comprehensive strategic partnership.
- On eve of 21 December Xi Jinping had a phone call with the new German Chancellor Schultz and emphasised on improving China's relation with Germany. The phone call also focused on exploring new avenues for cooperation in Sino-German relations as in next year both countries will celebrate 50 years of diplomatic relations.

III. India Watch

- In the face of China's continued attempts at erasing the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre, it remains all the more important for democratic countries across the world to reshare its images and history in a bid to constantly remind the Chinese Communist Party's violent response to student protestors. This brutal crackdown amidst dissent becomes even more important to remember as Beijing continues with a smear campasing against democracy in lieu of Joe Biden's Democracy Summit.