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DAILY
**CONVERSATIONS
IN CHINESE
MEDIA**



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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **5000 people line up in Shanghai to buy Disney dolls:** The line up of 5000 people in Shanghai to buy dolls at 3 AM went viral; photos and videos of the event are going viral in Chinese social media, in which netizens were seen divided on the event conducted by Disney. Some netizens in the queue revealed that there were unpleasant skirmishes at the scene. After this internet outrage, Disney ended this event, citing the COVID norms and mismanagement
- **'Red' Chinese Political History young enthusiast selected to appear on TV:** A nine-year-old Zhan Keyi from Jinzhai, Anhui was in the limelight when she was selected to be on television for the Children's Channel of China Central Radio and Television (CCTV). Zhan has become a celebrated figure after netizens came to know of the amount of 'Red' literature she has read, from historical literature of the Middle Kingdom to recent Chinese Communist Party (CCP's) study on communism.

II. News in China

- During a regular press conference, Zhao Lijing – Spokesperson, Foreign Ministry – in response to a question regarding the recent Sino-US spat on Beijing Winter Olympics and reports that there are official Visa applications from US diplomats after official boycott, Zhao said that this is "puzzling" and added that "We once again urge the US to practice the Olympic spirit, stop politicizing sports, and stop any wrong words and deeds that interfere with the Beijing Winter Olympics."
- China has called the UN to advise the US to abide by international space treaties and norms because according to China, the USA based company SpaceX's Star link satellite has almost collided with Chinese space station twice this year.
- Six people in China have died by inhaling poisonous gas when they were trying to extract gold from a closed mine in northern Shanxi Province. The fatal hydrogen cyanide gas is released during a chemical reaction in which sodium cyanide solution is used to dissolve gold ores. The provisional government of Henan and eastern Shandong are cracking down on illegal mining as multiple cases of illegal miners dying and being trapped due to floods have risen.
- On Friday, Chinese lawmakers suggested changes in the revised draft of countries women's rights law. The review committee said that the draft needs more legal instruments, including women's property rights and strengthening measures against domestic violence. The draft revised 48 clauses and 24 new additions.
- West-East Gas Pipeline of China has exceeded 100 billion cubic meters of total gas transmission annually. The gas pipeline shares 50% of the total natural gas requirement of the country and has a length of 20,000 KM; the pipeline flows through 400 cities and covers 3,000 large and medium-sized enterprises.

- China has planned to implement three new policies for buying a new car. These three legislations are named as "Regulations on Motor Vehicle Registration", "Regulations on Application and Use of Motor Vehicle Driver's Licenses", and "Measures for the Management of Points for Traffic Safety Illegal Acts", all the legislations are aimed to decentralize the vehicle registration and related things and will be implemented by May 2022.
- 'China won't lose a new cold war because it's not the Soviet union' – said the Chinese ambassador to the US. The Chinese ambassador's statement has come amidst growing uncertainty in Sino-US relations. However, the ambassador also added, "But China is not the former Soviet Union, and the US is not the US of 30 years ago, and the two countries' interests are closely intertwined". Sino-US bilateral trade is going to surpass US\$ 700 billion this year.
- After reporting a surge in COVID cases in Xi'an city, the administration took stringent action on prevention and control. On Tuesday, the Epidemic Prevention and Control Headquarters announced six rounds of nucleic acid screening, which will start on Wednesday.
- Recently, Chinese envoy to Sri Lanka visited the ethnically-sensitive Tamil-majority Jaffna Peninsula, while at the same time the Finance Minister of Sri Lanka, Basil Rajapaksa, who is also the third most senior leader in the ruling party, visited India.

III. India Watch

- After imposing a fiscal emergency, Sri Lanka is exploring possible options to bail out their economy if the situation worsens. But, the Chinese move of visiting and highlighting the ethnic fault line of Jaffna, with the envoy even gifting \$10,000 worth of fishing gear to Sri Lankan Tamil minorities who have always complained of India of not allowing them to harvest fish, as India-Sri Lanka fishing rivalry exacerbates highlights China's attempts at hitting the Delhi-Colombo bilateral when it is down. This visit can cast a shadow on reviving India and Sri Lanka relations.