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## I. Social Media Chatter in China

**UN Secretary-General António Guterres releases a video sending spring festival greetings:** According to the Chinese lunar calendar, the spring festival is around the corner. UN Secretary General Guterres released a video on the 28th of January to send spring festival greetings to China in which he also stated that he looks forward to attending the opening ceremony of the Beijing Winter Olympics and wishes for a safe and successful event. Guterres said he is happy to extend his warmest greetings to everyone on welcoming the 'year of Tiger', stating that "The Tiger symbolizes strength, vitality, courage, and perseverance, the qualities that we need to face the unprecedented time today". He also expressed his gratitude towards China and the Chinese people for their support to United Nations and expressed his firm belief that China will continue to support and co-operate for a peaceful and sustainable future.

**Xi Jinping welcomes Chinese New Year with non-CCP Members:** President Xi Jinping along with the Central Committees of the Democratic Party, the heads of the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce, and representatives of non-Party affiliations in the Great Hall of the People assembled to welcome the Spring Festival, the traditional festival of China. On behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, Xi Jinping extended sincere greetings and New Year wishes to all democratic parties, federations of industry and commerce, people without party affiliation, and members of the United Front.

## II. News in China

- On January 29th, with 12 covid positive cases reported, two areas have been marked medium-risk areas in Beijing. As of now, Beijing has 1 high-risk area located in Fengtai district and 9 medium-risk areas while the rest of the city has been marked low-risk area. Since January 15, Beijing has reported a total of 96 positive covid cases, said Pang Xinghuo, deputy director of Beijing Center for Disease Control and prevention.
- Zhang Yimou, chief director of the opening and closing ceremonies for the Beijing Winter Olympics 2022, is looking forward to a wonderful opening ceremony on February 4. Zhang expressed that in the final stage of preparation, he is more focused on a better broadcast of the ceremony than creating a grand show. Unlike the 2008 summer Olympics, the National Stadium will host the opening and closing ceremonies of the Beijing Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games instead of the competitions. China's Olympic preparations are in full swing and expected to continue focus on the zero-COVID policy, even as Beijing continues to report cases.

- According to the China National Space Administration(CNSA), China's first solar exploration satellite has captured the solar H $\alpha$  spectral line. Through this, the dynamic process and mechanism of the solar eruption can be studied. Zhao Jian, director of the Earth Observation System and Data Center of the CNSA, stated that it was the first time the world has seen the solar H $\alpha$  spectral line in orbit. The satellite, named after the goddess of Sun, Xihe, who created the calendar in China's ancient mythology, was launched into space in October last year.
- All relevant personnel associated with the Beijing Winter Olympics 2022 including foreign experts, journalists, athletes and staff members are reportedly appreciating the control measures taken by the Chinese authorities. After the COVID-19 outbreak, all of the epidemic prevention and control measures are being exercised at the Beijing Winter Olympics with one single motive: to ensure the health and safety of all participants.
- China's first megaton carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) project has been completed, said Sinopec, the country's largest oil refiner. The project is estimated to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 1 million tonnes per year, equivalent to planting approximately 9 million trees and shutting down 600,000 economic cars. The project is important in reducing China's carbon emissions as the country proceeds to reach the peak of carbon emission by the year 2020 and carbon neutrality by the year 2060.

### **III. India Watch**

- On 28th January President Xi Jinping extended greetings to service personnel of the PLA, members of militia, reserve forces, civilian police forces and personnel posted in the military police force for the spring festival and Winter Olympics as they are around the corner. Xi Jinping pledged for China's contribution to world peace even as all the armed forces have also been asked to stay on guard and safeguard China's security and social stability. Xi, being the general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission addressed the Chinese peacekeepers of the PLA via video conference during an inspection to the Central Theater Command of the People's Liberation Army asking them to play a significant role in defending world peace and told them to strengthen the safety precautions for the COVID-19 prevention. Appreciating the achievements of Central Theatre Command, Xi emphasized that progress must be done with excellence and should be in accordance with the command's development and combat readiness, especially along borders.