

## **China's Xi Champions Multilateralism at Davos Again**

### **Why in news?**

Recently Chinese President attended the Davos summit virtually, a gathering seen as synonymous with global capitalism.

### **What did he spoke in the summit?**

- His speech carried many of similar themes which he spoke in the 2017 summit.
- He called for global unity, closer coordination on macroeconomic policy and more equitable growth & carried two messages that appeared to be aimed at Washington.
- He reflected on the four turbulent years of a tariff and technology war between the world's two biggest economies.
- He said that each country is unique with its own history, culture and social system & none is superior to the other and difference in itself should not cause alarm.
- He reflected that arrogance, prejudice and hatred are seen as an attempt to impose hierarchy on human civilisation.
- He also hit out at attempts to build small circles or start a new Cold War, to reject, threaten or intimidate others.
- He commented that misguided approach of antagonism and confrontation, be it in the form of cold war, hot war, trade war or tech war, would eventually hurt all countries' interests.

### **Does China stood by his statements?**

- Earlier President said the country is committed to international law and international rules instead of seeking its own supremacy.
- Indeed, only the day before the speech, military commanders from India and China spent over 16 hours in talks on border issues.
- The latest round of talks was unsuccessful attempt to disengage the two forces after China's unprecedented military mobilisation across the LAC starting in May.
- It is not only India that is dealing with a harder Chinese military posture in the midst of a global pandemic.
- On January 23, eight bombers and four fighters from China entered Taiwan's

air defence identification zone, the latest warning to Taipei.

- Mr. Xi also said that decisions should not be made by simply showing off strong military might which is relevant to all the big, militarised powers & China is one among them.

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