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# DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA

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## NEWS IN CHINA

- The National Engineering Laboratory of Big Data Circulation and Trading Technology and Shanghai Data Exchange launched the construction of the domestic “[Data Transaction Chain](#)” in China. The purpose behind constructing this chain is to build an alliance chain technology system with independent and controllable technology. This technology can be used for registration and confirmation, anti-counterfeiting of deposit certificates, data traceability and transaction supervision. This will help solve problems related to data such as ownership determination, trusted circulation and distributed transactions. This chain will involve some of the technologies such as smart contract development technology, data privacy protection technology and cross chain information technology among others.
- Mao Ning, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson said that the US should reflect on its [nuclear policy](#) while addressing a press conference in Beijing. She said that the US despite being the largest nuclear power has invested heavily in Nuclear armament and heightened the role of nukes in its national security policy. The US has also upgraded its nuclear triad and built up military alliances across the globe. She also said that the US built small blocs of countries in the post cold war era. Moreover she also branded the US as a primary source of nuclear threat to the world and called for nuclear disarmament and reducing the importance of nuclear weapons in its national security policy. She accused the US for expanding its nuclear arsenal in the pretext of calling China a nuclear threat.

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- Domestic tourism industry has bounced back since January this year. Some of the people who were earlier employed in the tourism industry and left during the pandemic have now returned to their earlier profession. Tourism sector has seen a rise in recruitment and the salaries have also seen an increment. This year's Spring festival saw a rise of tourists which boosted the tourism sector. New jobs such as product designers, new media operators and marketing personnel are high in demand. Cultural tourism is still attracting the public since the Spring festival. Local governments have introduced policies to boost tourism in their jurisdiction. This year alone in January Chongqing received more than 9.2 million tourists, an increase of 45 percent over last year's tourists footfall.
  - The 60th "Learn from Lei Feng Memorial Day" was celebrated in China. The All China Women's Federation launched the 2023 National Civilized Practice Women's Volunteer Sunshine Action and National Women's Science Popularisation activity. There are 24 million women volunteers which focus on women in need and serve the old aged and young women. New women volunteer sunshine stations are going to be launched and science popularization activities will be promoted so that it increases the scientific and cultural quality of not only women but also of children. The second edition of National Women's Volunteer Service Micro Film Contest was launched. The federation has decided the theme as " Learning, Propagating and Implementing the Spirit of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, Women Volunteers in Action."
  - A new generation Hybrid Train was launched in Baoding, Hebei province. This train is mainly powered by hydrogen fuel cells. This rail system has automatic driving technology. It can reach up to a maximum speed of 80 kilometers per hour. This train system is produced by Hebei Jingche Rail Transit Vehicle Equipment Company. Hydrogen fuel cells being the main source of power it can be fully charged in 15 minutes only. The range this train offers is more than 100 kilometers. The other source of energy on this train is lithium cells.
  - China and Myanmar have signed an agreement on a wind power project. A Memorandum of Agreement was signed between the two countries. This project will be carried out in Rakhine province of Myanmar. The agreement was signed in Nay Pyi Taw in presence of the Chinese Ambassador. Myanmar has set a target of 2030 for achieving nationwide electrification and Chinese companies are helping to achieve this goal. This project is the first wind power project in the country. These wind power plants will be built in the towns of Ann, Gwa and Thandwe in Rakhine province, their total capacity will be 360 megawatts. The Union Minister for Electric Power of Myanmar said that the project should be done while abiding by the environmental laws and urged the companies to complete the project by 2025.

## SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **China overtakes the United States of America in key technologies.** Dr Yue Dongxiao, user of 'Weibo' , a social media platform quoted on his account about a
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report published by an Australian think tank named "Australian Strategic Policy Institute". The report claimed that China was significantly ahead of the United States in major key technology areas. The study was found that China was ahead of the U.S. in 37 of 44 key areas. Some of these technologies included Nanoscale materials and manufacturing, smart materials, Advanced explosives and energetic materials, Critical minerals extraction, Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Radiofrequency Communications among others. These areas cover technologies from Computing to Energy, Environment, Defence, Quantum and Biotechnology and some more. Apart from China being ahead of the US, there is a risk of monopoly for these technologies. A comment said that China should put a technology embargo on the US, another user said manufacturing aero engines is a difficult task and reverse engineering won't help. This thread was forwarded quite a few times and gathered a lot of comments from netizens.

Thailand Project which connects the south-east asian region ongoing with Myanmar. India alone cannot counter China's clout and investment in Myanmar, it will need other regional players like Japan and Australia in encouraging regional development. Therefore a coordinated effort to integrate Myanmar in vital initiatives can ensure its strategic interests remain intact in the region.

## INDIA WATCH

- India and Myanmar are strategically placed neighbors who share a 1600 km long land border and share the maritime border in Bay of Bengal. India has brought Act East Policy which seeks to establish strategic, economic and cultural ties with its eastern neighbors. India has long tried to have influence in Myanmar but the latter has often been ruled by Military Junta which puts limitations on engagement for India. On the other hand China has increased its clout in Myanmar, it also enjoys cordial relations with the Military Junta. India also has several projects like Kaladan Multimodal Project, India-Myanmar-
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