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**CONVERSATIONS  
IN CHINESE  
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## I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Chinese academician goes viral:** After giving a speech on gender equality, Ye Shuhua went viral on Weibo. Ye Shuhua is a 95-year old academician working with the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and her speech gained more than 580 million views on Weibo sparking discussions on women empowerment and gender equality.
- **Australian Prime Minister slip up:** Scott Morrison, Prime Minister of Australia, gave a speech at COP26 talking about the need to address climate change. His speech went viral and a hashtag gained more than 130 million views when he mistakenly said: "global momentum to tackle China" instead of "climate change".

## II. News in China

- Li Keqiang, Premier of the People's Republic of China, spoke at the ceremony dedicated towards distinguished scientists, engineers, and research achievements where he highlighted innovation's central role in modernizing China, the need to focus on strategic needs of the country, and ensuring strong, open and competitive research environment.
- The weekly State Council meeting discussed inspections carried out across 16 provinces and measures that need to be implemented. These measures include tax breaks, fee reduction, covering food, health, and energy, protecting people's livelihoods, and efficiently addressing the inaction of bureaucracy.
- The United States released a report that stated China is constructing infrastructure to support the expansion of its nuclear capabilities over the next decade. Beijing, in response, stated that the report is full of prejudice and is inconsistent with facts. Wang Wenbin, the Chinese Foreign Ministry's spokesperson stated that the US is hyping up China's nuclear threat.
- The same report also highlighted China's moves to press claims at the Line of Actual Control. The report also highlighted how China tried to prevent India from expanding and deepening its ties with the US during and after the Galwan valley clash.
- Despite countries pledging to fight climate change at COP26, India, China, and the United States did not join the Powering Past Coal Alliance (PPCA) which was formed to phase out the usage of coal. The PPCA now has 48 national governments.
- After a delegation from Special Committee on Foreign Interference in all Democratic Processes from the European Parliament met Tsai Ing-wen, the Chinese Foreign Ministry called on the European Parliament to recognize the sensitivity of China's sovereignty, one-China policy and reunification issue.

- China is dealing with a fresh wave of COVID-19 cases, especially reported among students in schools and kindergartens.
- A transgender clinic has opened up in Shanghai that will integrate multiple departments from endocrine and genetic metabolic, urology, and more to provide services for transgender children, and “bridge the gap” between different sections of society.

### **III. India Watch**

- The move to open a transgender clinic in Shanghai, China must be seen as an improvement to China's low LGBTQ+ acceptance level; how effectively and for how long the clinic functions remains to be seen.
- China's fresh wave of COVID-19 cases are being exacerbated with a new bout of pneumonia outbreak in the country. While the international community must get together to aid China, ensuring it is held accountable and not able to turn the narrative yet again in emerging as a 'pandemic leader' is important for India. At this time, India's own Health Diplomacy must focus on not only providing open aid to China, but also venturing into deeper aid programs with Asian countries to rebuild its own brand as a regional leader.

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