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DAILY CONVERSATIONS IN CHINESE MEDIA

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SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **Visually impaired girls' singing takes social media by storm:** A video of [four visually handicapped girls](#) singing together has generated fierce discussion on the internet. Four girls sang "The Most Beautiful Moment" with beautiful voices in the video. According to the video introduction, the vocalists are all visually handicapped and attend a special education school in Hengyang, Hunan. The four girls' singing moved many netizens. After hearing the girls' voices, one of the netizens wrote, "their voices carry hope and light", while another netizen stated, "They have the sun in their hearts."

NEWS IN CHINA

- According to China Youth Daily, an increasing number of [global corporations](#) are constructing R&D facilities in China, demonstrating their confidence in the "world factory, world market, and world lab." According to Shi Dongmei, head of Merck R&D China, China's R&D facilities have become integral to the company's global R&D infrastructure. With the upgrading and expansion of China's pharmaceuticals and healthcare industries over the last decade, some worldwide early clinical development programmes have commenced R&D exploration in China, assuring that China is one of the first-tier countries to bring new products to market. Some global corporations, such as Merck, view China as an essential production base, sales market, and R&D centre. FDI inflows also supported the trend. According to the Ministry of Commerce data, the actual use of foreign capital increased 16.4 per cent to 892.74 billion yuan in the first eight months of

this year. In US dollars, the inflow increased by 20.2 per cent yearly to \$138.41 billion.

- With the declining affordability of healthcare in Bangladesh, many people cannot afford primary healthcare in the country. To make healthcare affordable, Bangladeshi healthcare providers are actively seeking affordable healthcare equipment from China. One of the local suppliers in the country has stated that nearly 95% of the equipment sold in his outlet is China-made. He stated that a Chinese-made medical machine was far cheaper than the ones made in Germany or Japan. Eric Guo, the country manager of Shenzhen Emperor Electronic Technology Co. Ltd, stated that Chinese medical products are perfect for Bangladeshi markets as the country is developing.
 - China's nuclear strategy and policy have been long-standing and steady, with significant stability, continuity, and predictability, according to Li Song, China's Ambassador for Disarmament Affairs. According to Li, this is exceptional among nuclear weapon states since they are the most accountable and transparent. China has consistently supported the total prohibition and annihilation of nuclear weapons, Li said at a UN General Assembly First Committee thematic discussion on nuclear weapons. He said that China has firmly committed to making no first use of nuclear weapons at any time or under any circumstances and never using or threatening to use nuclear weapons against nuclear-weapon-free zones. Furthermore, Mr Li gave a few proposals to help accelerate the disarmament process.
 - The British defence ministry is now taking action to deter and penalise China's recruitment of former British military pilots for training, which experts believe might pose severe security dangers in the Asia-Pacific area and the South China Sea. Meanwhile, the Australian Defence Force is probing into accusations that the People's Liberation Army (PLA) is trying to recruit Australian pilots to teach its pilots. According to British media, notably the BBC, up to 30 former British military pilots are said to have gone to train PLA members for substantial sums of money. According to the British Defence Ministry statement, "Defense intelligence officers are engaging with the individuals already involved to ensure they are fully aware of the risk of prosecution under the Officials Secrets Act."
 - On Monday, China's first virtual Earth laboratory to simulate climate, environmental, ecological, Earth, and space weather systems, which can reliably assess climate and environmental unpredictability and lessen natural disasters, was officially launched. EarthLab, located in Beijing's Huairou Science City, was developed by Tsinghua University and the Chinese Academy of Sciences' Institute of Atmospheric Physics (CAS). It was developed independently by China and would strengthen the country's voice in international climate negotiations. Its development began in November 2018 and was completed in March 2022. Moreover, the laboratory is expected China to accomplish its carbon neutrality goals, carbon peak and Beautiful China Initiative.
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- A [high-speed maglev train](#) travelling in a low vacuum pipeline in North China was successfully tested by Chinese scientists. According to a news release from the North University of China, the test achieved a maglev train operating up to 130 kilometres per hour along the 2 kilometres test line in Yanggao county of Datong, North China's Shanxi province. This is the first time a full-scale and full-process integrated transportation system has been tested globally. A series of tests will be conducted in the future. The North University of China and the Third Research Institute of China Aerospace Science and Industry Corp collaborated to build the provincial lab, which will serve as a robust test platform for low-vacuum pipeline magnetic levitation technology. The system disengages from the ground using the newest superconducting magnetic levitation technology to eliminate frictional resistance, while interior tubes akin to a vacuum reduce air resistance significantly.

it can damage India's image. India needs to rapidly develop its logistics to match China's supply chain and invest in efficient ways of transporting goods across state borders. Moreover, a robust logistical network will boost confidence among foreign investors. If India wishes to counter China, a robust logistical and manufacturing base will help the country multifold and reduce the over-dependence on the service sector. [AR1]Very good source. Using primary sources significantly helps add depth to your piece.

INDIA WATCH

- MNC's top choice of choosing China over India regarding manufacturing and R&D is concerning. India has the potential to counter China in the manufacturing industry but does not do so because it has overly invested in the services industry. While India has recorded the highest-ever annual [FDI inflow](#) (\$83.57 billion) in 2021-2022, the country needs to do more to attract foreign investments. Reducing the red tape in the country will go a long way when it comes to foreign investment. Moreover, the country needs to follow a standard business policy that should not be changed after a government change, as
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