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SOCIAL MEDIA CHATTER IN CHINA

- **Five year old Chinese girl goes viral for “speech” on being class monitor:** A [five-year-old girl](#) in China went viral after her father recorded her "speech" about being chosen as the class monitor in her kindergarten. The father, surnamed Zhang, applauded the girl in a car on their way home, according to Henan Television. In the video, Zhang could be heard congratulating his daughter. To which she responds, "It's fine, it's fine, it's not a big deal, I'm so used to it." The girl added, "I believe that I have all the qualifications to be a class monitor. I made it happen last year, and I did it again this year." The excited girl wanted to share the news with her mother and wished to give her cakes as a present. The video became viral and was watched by more than 6.2 million viewers who stated that the girl melted their hearts.

NEWS IN CHINA

- On Saturday (October 1), [China's National Day](#), Taiwan's Wikipedia status was altered to "partially-recognised country" before the article was fixed later that day. On Saturday, Wikipedia user "Genabab" modified Taiwan's status from country to "partially recognised country," saying, "Other countries such as West Sahara or Kosovo have similar formal recognition to Taiwan yet are identified as partially recognised states in their articles." The anonymous editor stated, "I see no valid reason to not also include the status of a partially recognised country to Taiwan."
- China has recently begun its search for the country's [fourth generation of astronauts](#), including people from Hong Kong and Macao, for the first time, according to the China Manned

Space Agency (CMSA). According to a new release issued by the agency on Sunday afternoon, experts will select 12 to 14 applicants for the new generation. Seven to eight spacecraft pilots, three to four spaceflight engineers, and two payload specialists will be among them. The pilots will be selected from among present People's Liberation Army aviators. The engineers will be recruited from among aerospace researchers and technicians, while the payload specialists will be picked from among experts in space science and technology.

- According to a [recent study](#) published in Nature Reviews Earth and Environment, Chinese researchers have identified the key factors influencing carbon and nitrogen cycling in the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau. According to researchers from the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), China's Hohai University, and Hunan Normal University, sustainable grassland management, ecological engineering, and green technology development can assist reduce greenhouse emissions and retain the plateau's carbon sink function. According to the researchers, temperature constraints for plant development, nitrogen limits for ecosystems, carbon limits for soil microorganisms, and soil water limits for arid and semi-arid ecosystems significantly impact regional biogeochemical cycles.
- [Sujeet Kumar](#), an Indian parliamentarian, has asked India to deepen ties with Taiwan because both countries are democracies. According to CNA, Kumar stated that the Indian government should strengthen political relations and send a parliamentary delegation to Taiwan to demonstrate its

support when China threatens both India and Taiwan. He urged that the two countries exchange intelligence and security skills to oppose China. According to the lawmaker, India and Taiwan can learn much from one another and should cultivate sister city links. He said that because Buddhism originated in India, it makes sense to recruit more Taiwanese, many of whom are Buddhist. According to the Liberty Times, Kumar feels that deeper bilateral connections will help to maintain peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. He said China is a bully to both countries, citing Beijing's military activity in the Taiwan Strait and along India's disputed border.

- On the 3rd, the [Macau SAR government's](#) Civil Aviation Administration and other ministries held a press conference to outline the essential parameters for appointing load experts in Macau. According to sources, the central government has given the Macao SAR government permission to participate in developing the national aerospace sector. It picks Macao payload professionals to conduct space experiment research and operate space experiment equipment, as well as other scientific research activities. Load experts in Macau must be Chinese citizens who are permanent residents of the Macau Special Administrative Region between the ages of 30 and 45, and have worked in medicine, biology, psychology, physical chemistry, mechanical or electrical engineering, astronomy, and other related professional fields for at least three years, have a doctorate degree, and be in good health. There are three parts to the selection process: primary election, re-
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election, and selection. The registration process has begun by the SAR government. The registration period lasts through October 17.

INDIA WATCH

- Sujeet Kumar, the Indian Parliamentarian, calling for deepening ties with Taiwan would be a strategic move. Improving relations with Taiwan will help India balance crises with China. Moreover, if India conducts joint military drills with Taiwan in the region, it would send a clear message that India is not to be messed with and will stand by its allies. However, there is no doubt that China will retaliate. Another benefit India will get by deepening ties with Taiwan is that it will also help the country economically. Taiwan is currently facing a water crisis which has affected the population and production of semiconductor chips. If India develops the necessary infrastructure to produce these chips in such scenarios, Taiwan can outsource it to India.

