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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Weibo's decision to display the location of the commenter sparks debate amongst Chinese netizens on privacy concerns:** Weibo made a statement on April 28th stating that the "IP territorial" function of displaying users will be upgraded, with all comments displaying the IP address of commenters. Weibo officials emphasised that this was done to protect users' rights to view transparent and authentic information, reduce fake news and malicious content and prevent the spread of rumours. This feature soon became a heated topic on Weibo with netizens debating on whether it was an invasion of privacy or the next step towards making Weibo a less murky platform.

II. News in China

- The Communist Party of China Central Committee's Political Bureau convened its 38th group study session on Friday. The conference, which is about regulating and supervising the healthy growth of capital in China according to law, was presided over by Xi Jinping, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee. In the socialist market economy, capital is a key element of production, according to Xi. How to govern and lead its growth in the socialist market economy is a theoretical and practical challenge as well as an economic and political one. This is a question about our socialist economic system, our core national reform and opening-up strategy, high-quality development, and the pursuit of shared wealth. It also has implications for our country's security and social stability.
- According to Gao Feng, a spokeswoman for the Ministry of Commerce, bilateral commerce between China and the European Union increased significantly in the first quarter. Gao said at a routine news briefing that bilateral trade increased 12.2 percent year on year to \$205.87 billion. Bilateral trade in mechanical and electrical items, light industrial goods, and high-tech products increased by 10%, 19%, and 31%, respectively, in the first quarter.
- On the China-Nepal border, Chinese scientists are attempting to erect a meteorological monitoring station at a height of 8,800 metres on Mount Qomolangma, the world's highest mountain. According to the Chinese Academy of Sciences' Institute of Tibetan Plateau Research, if the station is successfully established, it will replace the one set up by British and US scientists on the south side of the mountain in 2019 at an altitude of 8,430 metres as the world's highest of its kind. According to Zhao Huabiao, an ITP researcher, equipment weighing 50 kg will be deconstructed and transferred to mountaineers, who will each carry no more than 7 kg up the mountain for the establishment.
- Following his travels to the UN headquarters in New York in early April, Liu

Xiaoming, the Chinese government's special envoy on Korean Peninsula Affairs, has made extensive visits to European nations and shared opinions with European representatives on the Korean Peninsula situation. He restated China's position on Korean Peninsula problems during the trips and urged European nations to maintain an objective and impartial stance, correctly manage difficult topics, and play a constructive role. Liu presented China's assessment of the Peninsula's current status. He stated that China takes an objective and neutral stance on the Peninsula problem, supports all attempts to de-escalate and dialogue, and does not want to see any party adopt acts that fuel enmity or tension.

- Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev said Friday that the country's relations with China are strategic and have a lot of potential. "I am very happy that the connections are developing extremely effectively," Aliyev remarked during an international conference titled "South Caucasus: Development and Cooperation," in response to a question concerning Azerbaijan-China cooperation. He emphasised Azerbaijan's cooperation in the sector of transportation and transit "We have begun to receive cargo from China, but not in large quantities, since we recognise that China has a diverse supply chain with several sources. And all we did was try to make our way more appealing."
- Experts say China and the Portuguese-speaking countries (PSCs) have a lot of room for more collaboration in sectors including food security, renewable energy, and commodities, services, and people connectivity. The Forum for Economic and Trade Collaboration between China and the PSCs, generally known as Forum Macao, may play a large role in encouraging such cooperation, according to Francisco B. S. Jose Leandro, assistant dean of the City University of Macao's Institute for Research on the PSCs. Recognizing Macao's function as a bridge between China and the PSCs, Leandro said the forum may work to raise the profile of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area in the PSCs and make locations like Zhuhai's Hengqin island more accessible to international visitors.
- At 11:30 a.m. Saturday, China successfully launched five satellites into intended orbit from a station in the East China Sea. A Long March-11 carrier rocket successfully launched the Jilin-1 Gaofen series satellites into their targeted orbit. They will provide commercial remote sensing data services for land resource assessment, urban planning, and catastrophe monitoring, among other industries. The launch was the Long March series carrier rockets' 418th flying mission.
- According to a Chinese Foreign Ministry official, China has consistently backed Russia and Ukraine in their efforts to overcome obstacles and continue dialogue,

and supports all international efforts to promote peace. In answer to a question about UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' recent visit to Russia and Ukraine, spokeswoman Zhao Lijian during a routine press briefing. "We applaud Guterres' efforts to reduce tensions between Russia and Ukraine through diplomacy. China has consistently backed Russia and Ukraine in their attempts to overcome obstacles and continue discussions, and applauds all international initiatives aimed at supporting peace talks "Zhao expressed his thoughts. It's been more than two months since the war between Russia and Ukraine erupted, and the conflict's ramifications are becoming more visible and concerning.

III.India Watch

- China and the European Union have a wide range of mutual interests and a solid foundation for cooperation. The economies of the two countries are quite complimentary. Deepening bilateral collaboration benefits both sides as well as the global economy's revival. China is willing to collaborate with the EU to preserve the industrial and supply chains' stability, as well as to promote new growth drivers in epidemic prevention, digital, science, and technology, in order to boost bilateral economic and trade cooperation.