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**CONVERSATIONS
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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Sunac trends on Weibo:** Sunac, a major property developer in China, denied claims that it asked the government for help amid economic slowdown. The property developer allegedly asked the government for support in selling projects in Shaoxing. Since then, Sunac took to Weibo to make a statement denying these claims. The statement reads that “there is no need” for such support from the government.

II. News in China

- Data regarding China's talent policy was released that highlighted talent in the high-tech sector. The number of professional and technical manpower in China has increased from 55.504 million in 2010 to 78.398 million in 2019; education rate of the main working-age population has increased from 12.5% in 2010 to 21.2% in 2019; graduate students have increased from 243,000 in 2012 to 729,000 in 2019; China ranks 14th for most innovative country; and spending on education has remained at 4% GDP.
- Vice Premier Han Zheng and Executive Vice President of European Commission for the European Green Deal Frans Timmermans met at the second High-level Environment and Climate Dialogue. China announced that it will help developing countries in developing green energy sources and enhance trust, coordination and help implement Paris Agreement.
- Wang Yang, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, spoke to Bambang Soesatyo, the Chairman of the Indonesian People's Consultative Assembly. The two talked about BRI, development, and regional peace.
- Development plans for women and children for the next 10 years were published by the State Council; containing 75 main goals and over 90 supportive measures for women covering areas such as health, education, security, economy and more. By ambitious plan aims to fully implement policy of gender equality by 2030. For children, there are 70 major objects and over 80 measures that focus on health, safety, legal protection, welfare, education and more. The outline for children aims at protecting children's rights and ensure developmental gaps between children in rural and urban areas is reduced.
- China is also looking to curb “medically unnecessary” abortions in order to boost its declining birth rates. This is part of development plans released by the State Council.

- Wang Chen, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and vice chairman of the Standing Committee of the NPC, met members of Parliaments of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.
- Wei Fenge, the Chinese Defence Minister, spoke to the defence minister of Malaysia reiterating China's willingness to work with Malaysia on multiple issues such as South China Sea, power politics, hegemony and work together to ensure peace and stability in the region.
- Wang Yi, Chinese Foreign Minister, spoke to Felix Plasencia, the Foreign Minister of Venezuela, emphasizing China's support to Venezuela and vice versa.
- The China-Africa Private Economic Cooperation Forum was held in Changsha, Hunan. Gao Yunlong attended the forum. The forum discussed challenges and opportunities of China-Africa economic cooperation.
- More than a 100 young politicians from 14 Arab countries attended a conference held by the International Liaison Department.
- The Propaganda Department of the Commission for Political and Legal Affairs issued a statement that socialist values will be incorporated into China's rule of law.

III. India Watch

- Russia Today published an article on India's participation in Quad and how India is "superfluous" in such an alliance. The article ignores the strategic importance India plays in Asia and Indo-Pacific region, and hence has been central to many countries strategic plans in the region. In previous reports, it was highlighted that India has started to take part in increasing number of military exercises. Additionally, India is exercising its strategic autonomy by looking at multiple alternatives. India is not just close to the West, but has also grown closer to countries in the East Asia and West Asia. At the same time, India has maintained its relations with Russia as well. Such a narrowed approach towards India while portraying a multifaceted approach towards China (which has hegemony aspirations in its neighbourhood) shows a gap in Russian strategic circles.