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**CONVERSATIONS
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MEDIA**



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I. Social Media Chatter in China

- **Flag acceptance ceremony of the “Xiao Siyuan People’s Militia Company”:** The official Weibo account of CCTV Military has posted that a flag acceptance ceremony of the “Xiao Siyuan People’s Militia Company” was held in the hometown of Xiao Siyuan i.e Shipogu town, Yanjin County in Henan Province. In the ceremony 50 youth filled in the ranks after rigorous screening. It also reported that in early October this year, a company in the people’s militia in the Yancheng district of Luohe city, Henan province was named “Wang Zhuoran people’s militia company”. In which, Wang Zhuoran’s mother, Yang Suxiang, was given an honorary leadership role. Wang Zhuoran and Xiao Siyuan both are soldiers who died during the Galwan clash.
- **Sister of a soldier that died during the Galwan Clash formally become a civil servant:** CCTV Military has also posted that the sister of Chen Xiangrong (the soldier who died during the Galwan Clash), Chen Qiaochai, has formally become a civil servant (non- military role) in PLA’s Fujian Province military region. She was earlier a lawyer. Images of Chen Xiangrong and a collection of photos with Chen Xiangrong were also uploaded by CCTV military which was shared and commented on by many netizens.
- **People gathered outside the headquarters of Aoyuan Group:** Weibo users have uploaded videos of people gathered outside the headquarters of Aoyuan Group in Guangzhou. Aoyuan group is a real estate developer. According to Weibo posts, Aoyuan is going through a liquidity crunch as it cannot repay around \$600 million to its creditors. This has created panic among the stakeholders and customers of Aoyuan.
- **Pictures of Submarine:** Pictures of a new submarine are doing rounds on Chinese military observer accounts. Social media posts suggest that the pictures of the submarine are of the new Type 039C. It is being heralded as the backbone of the Chinese Navy's (PLAN) submarine force with comments such as "The AIP-equipped Yuan Class now looks set for another major enhancement".

II. News in China

- Chinese media posted a news article on Jiangsu’s Deputy party secretary, Zhang Jinghua emphasizing on actively contributing to the development of Jiangsu. And in the evening on the same day, CCDI published that he is suspected of violating the law and is under investigation now. This shows that his coming under fire was not widely known and the action taken on him has happened somewhat suddenly.

- Liu Jie, a former member of the CPC's Guizhou Provincial standing committee was made the party secretary of the municipal committee of Hangzhou.
- A new regulatory measure launched by the bureau for medical beauty institutions in Hangzhou City mandated that doctors and nurses with professional qualifications and registration can only open the door after face recognition at the operating room of medical beauty institutions. Reports found that the illegal acts in such institutions involve non-practitioners that carry out medical beauty treatment centers or even some non-attending physicians carrying out medical beauty activities.

III. India Watch

- When Xi Jinping visited Jiangxi in 2016, he also praised Liu Jie (Liu Jie was posted there at that time) by name, which attracted the attention of political watchers. Hangzhou is the capital of Zhejiang and a very important hub of Chinese tech companies including Alibaba. His being transferred there as the party secretary of Hangzhou implies that Xi has placed trust in him and that he has a promising career ahead of him. Liu Jie also broke a nearly 30-year practice in Hangzhou when he assumed his new post: Since 1992, the leaders of the Hangzhou Municipal Party Committee have been the leaders of Zhejiang Province itself.
- Similar issues of non-practitioner doctors, nurses, and lab technicians have been found for long but usually measures are initiated after an incident has occurred. Face recognition mandates in Hangzhou City are a part of the larger video image intelligence analysis and monitoring project. By installing face recognition systems it will be easy to monitor pivotal sections of medical beauty institutions. It could further be used to develop a framework of intelligence analysis and risk warning functions.
- People's Militia is a reserve force of the PLA. Under the command of military organs, the militia in wartime helps the standing army in its military operations, conducts independent operations, and provides combat support and manpower replenishment for the standing army. In peacetime, it undertakes the tasks of performing combat readiness support, taking part in emergency rescue and disaster relief efforts, and maintaining social order.