

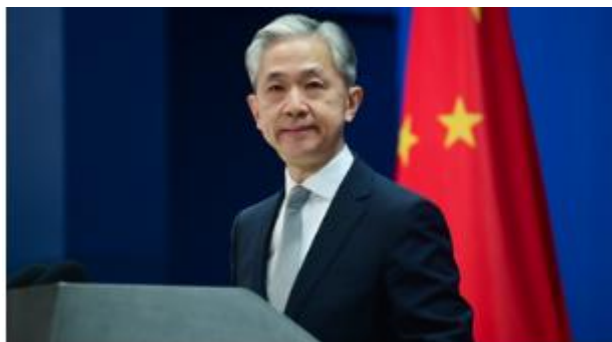
India: Quantum Computing; Most Populous Nation; Apple

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1. 19 April, 2023: Delhi: On Wednesday, Government of India approved an 8-year **National Quantum Mission**, with an estimate of Rs 6,003 crores. The Mission will set up four thematic hubs in different institutions to boost R&D. In 2022, Indian Space Research Organization had demonstrated satellite-based Quantum communication. Now GOI will set up for NQM, a Mission technology Research Council with a Mission Director and a Secretariat. (References: <https://tinyurl.com/yw2da4sa> , <https://ised-isde.canada.ca/site/national-quantum-strategy/en#pillar1>)



2. 19 April, 2023: New York: Dr. Natalia Kanem, UN Population Fund Executive Director released a Report titled “8 Billion Lives, Infinite Possibilities: the case for rights and choices”.(References: <https://tinyurl.com/bd6yvshs> , <https://www.unfpa.org/>) The data, shows that **India** has become **the most populous country of the world**, with 1,428.6 million people. China has 1425.7 people, being the 2nd most populous country of the world.



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Beijing: **Wang Wenbin**’ comment on the UN estimates of population: ” We need to look at not just the size but also the **quality of its population**. What matters more is **talent resource**. **Nearly 900 million out of the 1.4 billion Chinese are of working age and on average have received 10.9 years of education**. For those

who have newly entered the workforce, their average length of education has risen to 14 years. China has implemented a strategy to respond to population aging, including a third-child policy and supporting measures to address demographic changes. As **Premier Li Qiang** pointed out, China's demographic dividend has not disappeared, and our talent dividend is in the making. The driving force for China's development remains strong. *(Reference: https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/xwfw_665399/s2510_665401/202304/t2_0230419_11061886.html)*

3. Wednesday, 19 April, 2023: Delhi, India: **Tim Cook**, Chief Executive, Apple met the Prime Minister of India to discuss the Apple's plans for manufacturing from India and tech-powered transformations taking place in India.



Thank you Prime Minister @narendramodi for the warm welcome. We share your vision of the positive impact technology can make on India's future — from education and developers to manufacturing and the environment, we're committed to growing and investing across the country.



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4. 18 April, 2023: Mumbai, India: **Apple Opens its First Store in India: The CEO of Apple** opened its first retail outlets in India in Mumbai at the Bandra Kurla Complex. He personally welcomed some of the first visitors to the sleek glass-and-timber flatiron of the storefront, called Apple BKC

On Thursday, Mr. Cook will travel to New Delhi to open a second store, Apple Saket, at the centre of the capital's biggest mall.



Opening of Apple's first outlet in India: Tim Cook, CEO Apple welcomes a visitor

For the past 25 years, Apple has relied solely on third-party sellers to get its products into the hands of Indian consumers.

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