

## CHINA

## Briefly

## China launches new observation satellite

China launched a new satellite from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in Shanxi province on Saturday. The Gaofen-11 03 satellite was launched by a Long March 4B rocket at 9:51 am and entered its planned orbit successfully. Developed by the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation, the satellite will be mainly used for land surveys, city planning, land rights confirmation, road network design, crop yield estimation and disaster prevention and mitigation.

## Monthlong job drive for college graduates

The Ministry of Education launched a monthlong recruiting program on Saturday to help the country's more than 10 million new college graduates next year secure jobs. Together with 12 major job-hunting agencies, the ministry will hold online recruitment activities and organize at least 10 large national job fairs for key regions, industries and groups. China is expected to see 10.8 million students graduate from its universities and colleges next year, 1.7 million more than this year.

## Tibet sees growth in courier services

The courier sector in the Tibet autonomous region saw rapid growth in both parcels handled and business revenues in the first 10 months of the year, new data showed. Express delivery companies in the region handled 11.79 million parcels in the period, up 31.2 percent year-on-year; the regional post administration said. The number of intricacy parcels saw the fastest growth of 42.6 percent to 2.8 million, it said. Combined revenues from the region's express services surged 41.2 percent to 401 million yuan (\$62.8 million), the administration added. The increase in revenues outpaced the 20.7 percent rise for the sector nationwide during the same period.

## Procedures issued for fostering legal talent

China has issued a set of pilot procedures on fostering rural legal talent to advance the rule of law in rural areas, the Ministry of Justice said. The talent-building effort should be made to meet people's legal demands and focus on addressing legal issues faced by rural people in their daily lives, a newly released document said. It said the effort should be integrated into the overall plan of building a rule-of-law society and the rural vitalization strategy. By 2025, each village should foster at least three people with adequate legal awareness and capabilities, and the system for fostering such talent should predominantly be established, the document added.

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## Towering bridge



The main tower of an expressway bridge has reached its designed height of 208 meters in Renhuai, Guizhou province, on Sunday, as the construction of the Jinsha-Renhuai-Tongzi expressway took a major step forward. The bridge will span 965 meters across the Tongzi River. LIU XU / XINHUA

## Gen Zer lauded for caring for father

FUZHOU — Huang Silin, 26, appears to be a typical member of Generation Z — those born between the late 1990s and early 2000s. She talks to an earbud stuffed in her left ear and blurts out social media one-liners on the two-minute walk to her doorway.

But behind the door she cares for her 49-year-old father, Huang Jingliang, who is paralyzed from the neck down, as she has done since she was 7.

She carries her bedridden father from his bed to a wheelchair and wheels him out under the sun.

Earlier this month, Huang Silin was honored as a nominee of national models of high morality for her 19 years of meticulous care for her father, a title she never thought of earning.

"I don't think it's laudable for me to take care of him because he is my home," she said, rubbing shampoo over her father's head outside their hillside home in Minhou county, Fujian province.

Huang Jingliang, a loving and hardworking father in the eyes of his family, fell headfirst from scaffolding at a construction site when Huang Silin was 4 years old. The spinal injuries he suffered left him a quadriplegic.

Three years later, Huang Silin's mother succumbed to financial and emotional pressure and committed suicide. That saw Huang Silin become her father's primary caregiver. Even though he weighed 55 kilograms and she was just 25 kg, she learned how to move him from his bed to his wheelchair.

"I couldn't say no, even if I was too little to do anything expected of me, because we simply couldn't afford



Huang Silin

otherwise," Huang Silin said.

For 19 years, Huang Silin has kept a tight schedule. She always heads home immediately after school or work to help her father eat, dress, go to the

restroom and shower. Every night, she gets up two to three times to turn him over to help with blood circulation and prevent rashes.

The housework once weighed on Huang Silin's adolescent mind and incited her to seek refuge.

"When I was in middle school, I used to have a bag with all my essentials ready in the closet, so that I could sneak out for a few days when I couldn't stand my father," she said.

But the three times she fled ended up in her returning home to tend to her father because all she could think of while away from home was "whether he is properly turned over in bed, or whether his diapers are changed".

Since then, Huang Silin has kept her father close by, working temporary jobs to support the family. She maintained the fixed routine with no interruptions other than giving birth to her two sons and undergoing surgery for thyroid cancer.

"She is everything to me," Huang Jingliang said slowly, describing himself as a "dead weight" to his daughter. When she leaves his sight to fetch water and towels, he agitatedly calls for her to come back.

Huang Silin's optimism is contagious to family, friends and others. Sister-in-law Liu Xiuling has

teamed up with Huang Silin at her invitation in running a barbecue stand at a night market in the county seat.

"I feel uplifted just being around her," Liu said as she loaded a tray of skewered bacon rolls onto the stand. Since Huang Silin spent the afternoon caring for her father, Liu offered to prepare the food herself. Their husbands also help out from time to time.

The night stand's signature dish is grilled pig's feet, which sell out every night. "Because it's my picky father's favorite snack," Huang Silin said, giggling.

A frequent customer surnamed Chen, who drove for 20 minutes to the snack stand, said he was deeply touched by Huang Silin's stories and decided to eat there as a show of support.

Over the past 19 years, Huang Silin has always received support from the local government and strangers like Chen, including a basic living allowance, a free place at a private primary school and donations from people of all walks of life.

The Minhou government is now arranging affordable housing for Huang Silin and her father that is close to the night market.

Her biggest plan for the future is making the barbecue stand a success while caring for her father, saying she has been "inspired by the national models of high morality to live a meaningful and loving life".

"Instead of plain rice porridge, I'd like my life to be a bowl of pork congee with preserved egg and seafood, because spice is what matters," she said of her eventful journey so far.

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## Alerts issued as cold air hits nation

As northern provinces endure snow, central, eastern areas face strong winds

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The National Meteorological Center released three separate alerts for cold air, strong winds and snowstorms on Sunday as the cold air mass that began to affect China on Friday marched across the country.

According to weather.com.cn, which is run by the China Meteorological Administration, global warming has resulted in more frequent weather extremes being seen this year, with record-breaking cold waves occurring in late October and early November.

By Sunday morning, a cold wave stretched from the west of Hebei province to the west of Henan province, causing temperature drops of between 4 C and 8 C in Shanxi province and Hebei, the center said. The Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region and parts of Gansu province also experienced temperature slumps of more than 10 C.

On Monday, the cold air is expected to rapidly descend southward and affect most of the central and eastern parts of China, the center forecast.

By Tuesday, the Bohai, Yellow and East China seas will face strong winds of up to about 100 kilometers per hour, it said.

The winds are expected to carry floating sand and dust to northern areas, including Beijing.

Snow was forecast to hit the northeast from Sunday to Wednesday, with blizzards expected in Heilongjiang and Jilin provinces, the center said.

New snow accumulation over the period is expected to reach up to 40 centimeters in Heilongjiang, adding to snow from last week.

On Sunday, the Heilongjiang provincial government announced a Level II warning for weather disaster emergency response, the second highest in a four-tier warning system.

Agricultural authorities sent experts to help farmers protect corn and rice stored outdoors from snow and ice. Provincial capital Harbin will suspend schools on Monday, the city's education department said.

Fang Chong, chief forecaster of the center, said that the harsh weather is being caused by a cold air mass originating in Siberia, Russia.

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airflow is stronger under the current weather conditions," he said. "The weather system is more complicated than before, with blizzards, rain, sand and dust finding their paths in North and South China."

The website said it was a coincidence that a cold wave decided to descend upon China over the weekend, inhibiting outdoor activities, but that if global warming intensifies, it could lead to more frequent cold waves that will not be so coincidental.

The website said weather from the Arctic is also contributing to the extreme conditions.

"Global warming warms the Arctic region, which is resulting in a smaller temperature difference between the polar and mid-latitude regions," it said.

"A weaker air pressure difference makes the westerly jet stream that forms from the pressure difference weaker and unable to enclose the cold air mass in the Arctic. When the cold air mass breaks through and expands southward, it can cause extreme weather in China."

That was the case with the super cold wave that broke temperature records in many parts of the north in January, it said.

The meteorological center warned that snowfall accompanied by strong winds will lead to blizzards in some areas, especially in Heilongjiang, causing problems for transportation, urban operations and agriculture. It is necessary to be highly vigilant against the possibility of severe snowfall.

People in high-altitude areas, including the Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau in the southwest, also need to be alert for snow and freezing rain.



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