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India to overtake China as the world's most populous country

China and India are facing divergent demographic futures. India's population is projected to grow for several decades, whereas China's population has recently begun to decline. The latest projections from UN DESA indicate that in April 2023, India's population is expected to surpass that of China.

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