Pakistanis behind ‘Chinese’ info war on border stand-off

Context

- Several of the Chinese accounts that shot up on social media and spread false information about the border clash with India have been traced to Pakistan.
- Many of the Pakistani accounts posed as China-based, in what is believed to be a coordinated disinformation campaign aimed at India.
- Some of these accounts even had user bios that were earlier in Urdu, before morphing overnight into Mandarin.
- These accounts shared false information about casualties from the clash. Tweeting in Mandarin and using Chinese names gave the posts a sense of credibility.
- Pakistani accounts have also recently adopted Nepali and Sri Lankan avatars with the same motivation of posting information aimed at creating an unfavourable narrative about India.