



## Tai-win?



A win for the pro-independence leaning Tsai Ing-wen's DPP in Saturday's Taiwan elections would imply a failure of China's 4-year-long pressure campaign. China has used instruments such as diplomatic isolation, shows of force, economic coercion, and cyber and information warfare to undermine Taiwan's democratic process. But a win for Tsai won't force Beijing to reorient - its stance is likely to get even tougher.



## **Iranian Resolution**

The killing of Iranian general Qassem Soleimani is unlikely to spark the all-out war that some fear. However, US-Iran tensions will constrain India's options in West Asia and risk fresh spikes in oil prices. Delhi should be pro-active in the region, working as a diplomatic conduit between rival states and securing its vital interests.

## **Who's Calling?**

The use of missed calls to garner support on contentious issues, by a democratically-elected government, is not only ineffectual but also exposes citizens to grave risks. Employing systems without basic privacy considerations, clear purpose limitations, and straightforward redressal mechanisms can lead to misuse in the future.



## % of children <5 yrs old with birth certificates



*Before undertaking citizenship exercises, the govt. must ensure proper documentation for Indians.*

*(Source: Livemint/National Family Health Survey)*

### **Parting shot:**

% of youth in tertiary education,  
China vs India

2000: 8% ; 10%

2018: 48% ; 25%

China's human capital formation drives economic growth, while most new college grads in India are unemployable.

*(Source: Times Higher Education)*

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