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# 1 Which is the largest residence of any head of state of the world ?

Yes, it's in our country itself. In terms of area, **Rashtrapati Bhavan** in Delhi is the largest residence. It's name was given by **Rajendra Prasad** who became the first President of India and occupied the building on 26 January 1950.

Last week, former **President Pranab Mukherjee** **passed away** at the age of 84 after undergoing surgery for a clot in the brain.

- His father, Kamada Kinkar Mukherjee, was a freedom fighter and Pranab started his career as a teacher.
- Major positions served by him include that of a **Rajya Sabha Leader** (1980-85), **Finance Minister** (1982-84 and 2009-12), **Minister of External Affairs** (1995-96 and 2006-09), **Defence Minister** (2004-06) and finally the **President of India** from (2012 - 2017) wherein he rejected 30 mercy petitions of the likes of Ajmal Kasab and Yakub Memon.

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## 2 Part of the story is the end

We agree, Tony Stark. The highest grossing film of all time, **Avengers:Endgame** gets its name from **chess**, wherein 'endgame' is the **stage of the game** that has few pieces left on the board.

This week, **India and Russia** were declared the **joint winners** of the **44th Chess Olympiad 2020**.



- It was an event of many firsts as India won its first gold medal in the Chess Olympiad held online for the first time due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Power Glitches:** Russia was initially declared the winner, but India filed an appeal for losing time due to a connection loss.

# SUMMARY

- One of the winners, Koneru Humpy: Became the youngest woman to achieve the grandmaster title in 2002, a record later broken by Hou Yifan in 2008. She also won the World Women's Rapid Chess Championship in 2019.

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**RUSSIA**

101



**US**

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**GERMANY**

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**UKRAINE**

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**INDIA**

Country wise Grandmasters in 2019

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# 3 Ever travelled in a Shinkansen?

The **Shinkansen** is the Japanese term for the **bullet train**, a network of high-speed railway lines in Japan.

- Derived from ‘**new trunk line**’, the word describe both the railway lines the trains run on & the trains themselves.
- Funded by Japan via a \$17 billion loan, India launched the bullet train project connecting **Ahmedabad and Mumbai** in **2020**, which included a ‘Transfer of Technology’ to increase manufacturing in the nation.
- Last month, **PM of Japan Shinzo Abe** announced his **resignation**, citing poor health as the primary reason as he suffered from **ulcerative colitis** for years.



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# 4 Thought you could attain 99.999999% accuracy?

**Six Sigma** is a set of techniques and tools for process improvement in business and manufacturing.

**Forbes** awarded the Six Sigma certification to the Mumbai Dabbawala Association (MDA) in **2001** and declared **dabbawalas'** work **99.999999% accurate**.



Prestigious institutions like **UC Berkeley** have their logistics system in their syllabus as 1 lunchbox passes through 6 delivery workers on average yet a rate of only 1 mistake in 16 million cases.

MDA recently made a **public plea** requesting **bicycles** from interested donors as their bicycles got rusted lying for 6 months without being operated in **COVID-19** times.

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