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World Mosquito Day

World Mosquito Day is observed on 20 August every year to commemorate the British doctor, Sir Ronald Ross's discovery in 1897 that 'female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans'. The event raises awareness about the threat of malaria and other diseases transmitted by the world's deadliest animal.

Sadbhavna Diwas

Sadbhavna Divas is observed on 20 August every year to commemorate the memory of our late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. In English, Sadbhavna means goodwill and bonafide.

Gujarat to Get Country's First Chemical Engineering & Technology Institute

The country's first Central Institute of Chemical Engineering & Technology (CICET) will be set up in Gujarat to give boost to the chemical industry. The CICET will come up either at Ahmedabad or Surat. The state has a significant presence of chemical industry, especially in Vapi, Ankleshwar and Vatva in Valsad, Bharuch, and Ahmedabad districts, and the firstof-its-kind institute will facilitate the chemical industry with research and innovations. The Minister of State for Chemical and Fertilisers also announced setting up of another campus of the Central Institute of Plastic Engineering & Technology (CIPET) in Valsad at the cost of Rs 54 crore for the benefit of tribal students and the plastic industry. The Central government is also planning to set up a Plastic Waste Management Centre in Ahmedabad to find out solutions to systematic segregation and recycling of plastic waste.

Manmohan Singh elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha

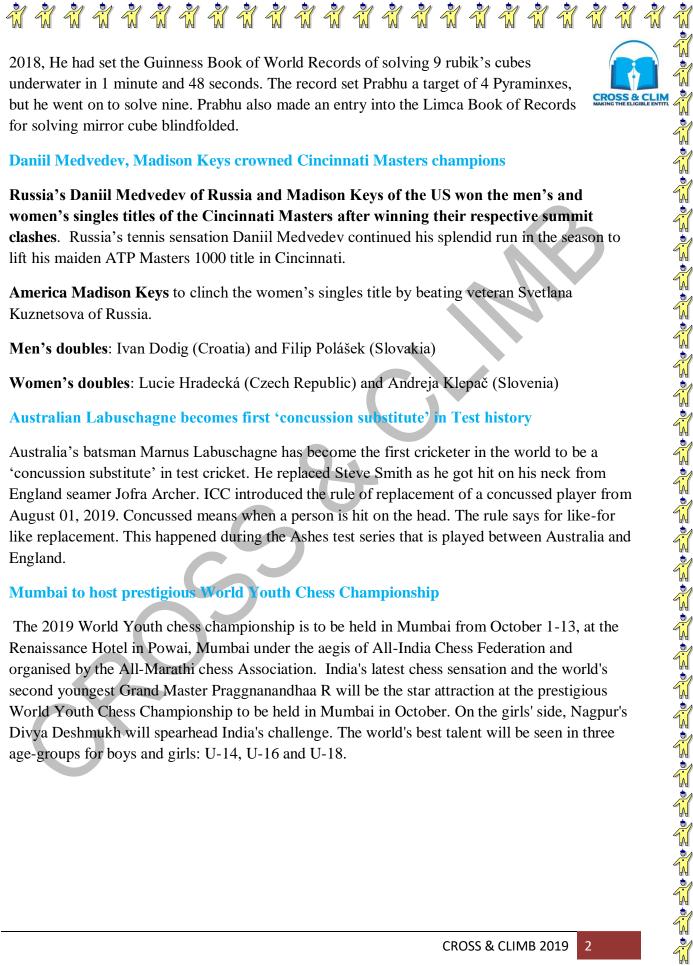
Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was elected unopposed to the **Rajya Sabha from Rajasthan.** The former PM was nominated by the Congress while the BJP did not field any candidate for the bypoll, necessitated due to the death of Rajya Sabha MP Madan Lal Saini. Singh was a member of the Upper House of Parliament from Assam for almost three decades. He was a Rajva Sabha member for five consecutive terms from 1991 to 2019 and the country's Prime Minister for two consecutive terms between 2004 and 2014

Mumbai Youth Solves Nine Pyraminxe Puzzles Underwater, Creates New Guinness World Record

A 20-year-old Chinmay Prabhu from Mumbai has created a world record for the 2nd time under his name of solving 176 pyraminx (pyramid-shaped rubik's cube) puzzles while riding a bicycle in 1 hour and 7 minutes. He broke the record of solving 111 pyraminx puzzles. On December

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Daniil Medvedev, Madison Keys crowned Cincinnati Masters champions

for solving mirror cube blindfolded.

2018, He had set the Guinness Book of World Records of solving 9 rubik's cubes

underwater in 1 minute and 48 seconds. The record set Prabhu a target of 4 Pyraminxes,

but he went on to solve nine. Prabhu also made an entry into the Limca Book of Records

Russia's Daniil Medvedev of Russia and Madison Keys of the US won the men's and women's singles titles of the Cincinnati Masters after winning their respective summit clashes. Russia's tennis sensation Daniil Medvedev continued his splendid run in the season to lift his maiden ATP Masters 1000 title in Cincinnati.

America Madison Keys to clinch the women's singles title by beating veteran Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia.

Men's doubles: Ivan Dodig (Croatia) and Filip Polášek (Slovakia)

Women's doubles: Lucie Hradecká (Czech Republic) and Andreja Klepač (Slovenia)

Australian Labuschagne becomes first 'concussion substitute' in Test history

Australia's batsman Marnus Labuschagne has become the first cricketer in the world to be a 'concussion substitute' in test cricket. He replaced Steve Smith as he got hit on his neck from England seamer Jofra Archer. ICC introduced the rule of replacement of a concussed player from August 01, 2019. Concussed means when a person is hit on the head. The rule says for like-for like replacement. This happened during the Ashes test series that is played between Australia and England.

Mumbai to host prestigious World Youth Chess Championship

The 2019 World Youth chess championship is to be held in Mumbai from October 1-13, at the Renaissance Hotel in Powai, Mumbai under the aegis of All-India Chess Federation and organised by the All-Marathi chess Association. India's latest chess sensation and the world's second youngest Grand Master Praggnanandhaa R will be the star attraction at the prestigious World Youth Chess Championship to be held in Mumbai in October. On the girls' side, Nagpur's Divya Deshmukh will spearhead India's challenge. The world's best talent will be seen in three age-groups for boys and girls: U-14, U-16 and U-18.

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