

# A'bad checkmates Mexico City

Ahmedabad created a new Guinness record on December 24 when 20,480 people played chess against 1,024 masters to break Mexico City's record of 13,446 players, created in 2006. A pet project of Gujarat chief minister Narendra Modi, NIIT and Gujarat State Chess Association it took them almost 10 months to get the players together. "One can't imagine how incredibly proud I am today. This event will be as close to my heart as all my world championship titles," said world champion Vishwanathan Anand, who was present at the GMDC ground to witness the effort.

