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Madhya Pradesh govt launches Jivan Shakti Yojana for women

Madhya Pradesh government has launched the “Jivan Shakti Yojana” for women and aims at providing home-based employment for women. Under this scheme, women entrepreneurs of urban areas in MP can start the construction of masks by registering themselves on a portal. The masks manufactured by women will be purchased at the district level at the rate fixed by the Madhya Pradesh government.

NTPC Vindhyachal becomes India’s largest power plant to achieve 100 percent Plant Load Factor

NTPC Vindhyachal Power Plant has become the largest power plant in India to achieve 100 percent Plant Load Factor (PLF). The 100 percent PLF means that the power plant was run at its full capacity of 3760 MW for a certain period. NTPC Vindhyachal is located in Singrauli district of Madhya Pradesh.

Australian Government Launches Controversial Coronavirus Tracking App ‘COVIDSafe’

The Australian government has launched a coronavirus tracking app called COVIDSafe that will help to trace people who come into contact with someone with COVID-19. The app uses Bluetooth signals. The app will record the Bluetooth connections a phone makes with others so that in case a person catches the virus, the data can be used by state health authorities.

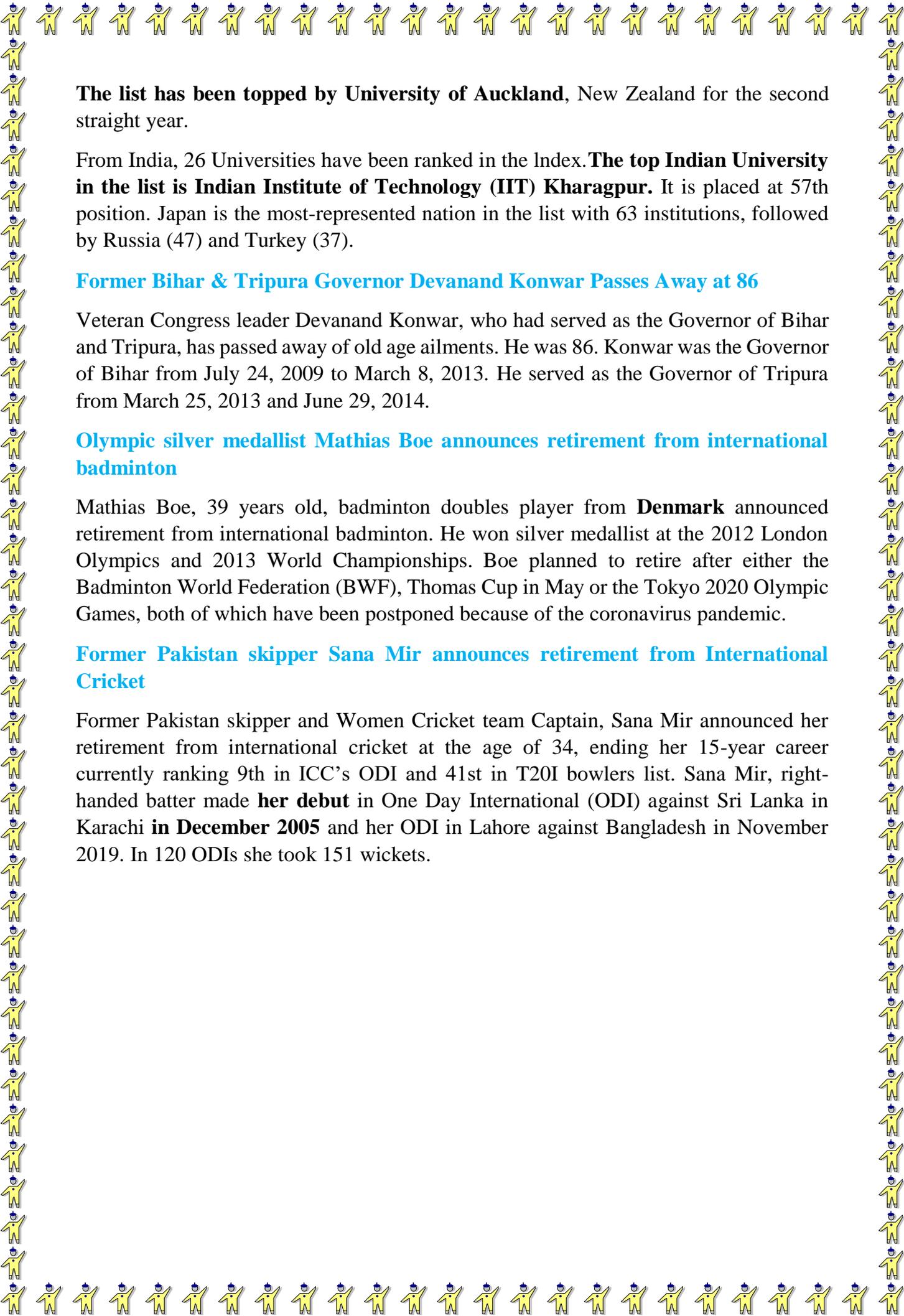
NASA’s Hubble Space Telescope Completes 30 Years in Orbit

The Hubble Space Telescope, built by the United States space agency NASA with contributions from the European Space Agency (ESA), has completed 30th year in orbit on 25 April 2020.

The Hubble Space Telescope was deployed on 25 April 1990. This space telescope was named after American astronomer Edwin P Hubble, who confirmed that our universe was constantly expanding.

New Zealand’s University of Auckland Tops THE Impact Rankings 2020, IIT Kharagpur Top Indian University at 57

The second edition of the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings, was released on 22 April 2020. **In the 2020 THE Impact Rankings, 766 universities from 85 countries have been included.** The Times Higher Education Impact Rankings are the only global performance index that assess universities against the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



The list has been topped by University of Auckland, New Zealand for the second straight year.

From India, 26 Universities have been ranked in the Index. **The top Indian University in the list is Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur.** It is placed at 57th position. Japan is the most-represented nation in the list with 63 institutions, followed by Russia (47) and Turkey (37).

Former Bihar & Tripura Governor Devanand Konwar Passes Away at 86

Veteran Congress leader Devanand Konwar, who had served as the Governor of Bihar and Tripura, has passed away of old age ailments. He was 86. Konwar was the Governor of Bihar from July 24, 2009 to March 8, 2013. He served as the Governor of Tripura from March 25, 2013 and June 29, 2014.

Olympic silver medallist Mathias Boe announces retirement from international badminton

Mathias Boe, 39 years old, badminton doubles player from **Denmark** announced retirement from international badminton. He won silver medallist at the 2012 London Olympics and 2013 World Championships. Boe planned to retire after either the Badminton World Federation (BWF), Thomas Cup in May or the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, both of which have been postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Former Pakistan skipper Sana Mir announces retirement from International Cricket

Former Pakistan skipper and Women Cricket team Captain, Sana Mir announced her retirement from international cricket at the age of 34, ending her 15-year career currently ranking 9th in ICC's ODI and 41st in T20I bowlers list. Sana Mir, right-handed batter made **her debut** in One Day International (ODI) against Sri Lanka in Karachi **in December 2005** and her ODI in Lahore against Bangladesh in November 2019. In 120 ODIs she took 151 wickets.