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## Current Affairs: 12.03.2021

### Union Minister Anurag Thakur becomes first serving MP to get promoted as Captain in Territorial Army



**Union Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Anurag Thakur** has been appointed as **Captain in the Territorial Army** on March 10, 2021. Thakur has been promoted to the rank of **Captain at 124 Infantry Battalion Territorial Army (Sikh)**. Earlier, he was commissioned into the Territorial Army as a **Lieutenant in July 2016**, by then Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Dalbir S Suhag TA. Thakur is the **first serving Member of Parliament (MP) to become a regular commissioned officer in the Territorial Army**. Thakur is a **four-time BJP MP from Hamirpur in Himachal Pradesh**.

### Government Appoints Dr. GP Samanta as new Chief Statistician of India



The Central Government has appointed **Dr. G P Samanta** as the **new Chief Statistician of India (CSI)** for a period of **two years**. He is **India's fourth CSI**. Currently, Dr Samanta was serving as an adviser in the **Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Department Of Statistics and Information Management**. He will replace **Kshatrapati Shivaji** who was holding additional charge of the post since September 2020. Dr. Samanta will also serve as the **Secretary in the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)**.

### Imran Amin Siddiqui appointed as Executive Director of Indian Bank



**Imran Amin Siddiqui**, the General Manager of state-owned **Indian Bank**, has been appointed as the **Executive Director (ED)** of the Bank with effect from March 10, 2021. He has been appointed for a period of three years with effect from the date of assumption of office, or until further orders, whichever is earlier. Siddiqui started his banking career with erstwhile Allahabad Bank, which is now merged with Indian Bank, as a SSI Field Officer in December, 1987. Apart from him, **Shri Shenoy Vishwanath V and Shri K. Ramachandran** are the other two ED on the board of Indian Bank.

### Second Indo-Uzbekistan Field Training Exercise 'DUSTLIK' commences in Ranikhet, Uttarakhand

The **second edition** of the **India – Uzbekistan joint military exercise "DUSTLIK II"** commenced at Foreign Training Node Chaubatia, **Ranikhet, Uttarakhand on March 10, 2021**.

The 10-days annual bilateral joint exercise will culminate on **March 19, 2021**.



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The first edition of the exercise was held at Uzbekistan in November 2019.

45 Soldiers each from Uzbekistan and Indian Army are participating in the exercise. The armies of both the countries will be sharing their expertise and skills in

the field of counter terrorist operations in mountainous/rural/urban scenario under UN mandate.

## Amitabh Bachchan becomes first Indian to be honoured with 2021 FIAF Award



Bollywood megastar **Amitabh Bachchan** has been chosen as the recipient of the prestigious **2021 FIAF Award by the International Federation of Film Archives (FIAF)**. The 78-year-old iconic actor is the first Indian cinema personality to be bestowed with the FIAF Award for his dedication and contribution to the

preservation of the world's film heritage. The award will be presented to Mr. Bachchan on **March 19, 2021**, during a virtual event, by Hollywood filmmakers and previous recipients of the FIAF Award, **Martin Scorsese and Christopher Nolan**.

## Kiran Bedi Receives Baton of Honor from President Ram Nath Kovind



President of India, Shri **Ram Nath Kovind** presented a **Baton of Honour** and a letter of appreciation to former **Puducherry Lieutenant Governor Kiran Bedi** at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in Delhi on March 08, 2021. The Baton of Honor is decorated with the emblem of the **Indian Republic**. Bedi was recognised for her services to the Union Territory of Puducherry.

## Deepika Padukone inducted in WEF's 2021 Young Global Leaders List



Bollywood actor Deepika Padukone has joined the **Forum of the Young Global Leaders (YGLs) for the year 2021** compiled by the **World Economic Forum**. The 2021 class of the list comprises of **112** world's most promising leaders of tomorrow **under the age of 40**, who are involved in activities ranging from advocating for public healthcare to campaigning for inclusivity in medical research. The Young Global Leaders was **founded in 2005** by **Klaus Schwab**, founder and executive chairman of the WEF.

- Its main objective is to create a world where leaders take responsibility for a sustainable future while meeting increasingly complex and interrelated challenges.