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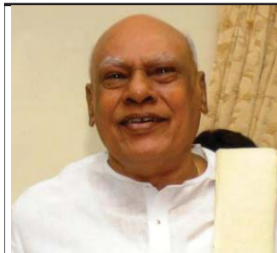
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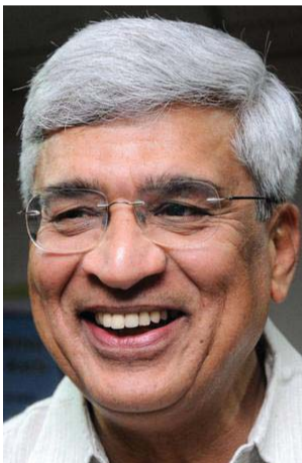
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**CPI-M elected Prahash Karat as GS for 3rd term**



**NEW DELHI:** Communist Party of India's Marxist leader Prahash Karat was today re-elected as Communist Party of India's (Marxist) (CPI-M) General Secretary for a third term.

Karat was elected as General Secretary in 2005 at the New Delhi congress and again at Coimbatore for the second term. CPI (M) leadership has recently fixed the tenure of its secretaries at all levels to three terms.

The significant amendment restricting the tenure was unanimously approved by delegates at the 20th party congress in Kozhikode, which concluded recently. The congress, however, did not consider a proposal to fix the age limit for leaders holding positions in the party or governments.

The constitutional amendment has a provision for a secretary to continue for a fourth term if three-fourths of the members of respective party conferences (the party congress in the case of general secretary) vote in his or her favour.

The period between two party conferences that constitute a term is three years unless the meets are delayed due to various reasons.

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## SP Plans to propose Dr Abdul Kalam as Presidential candidate

**LUCKNOW:** The ruling Samajwadi Party has started considering the names to be proposed for the coming Presidential elections in the country to be held in next couple of month's time.

The party could propose the name of former President APJ Abdul Kalam for the post of President of India provided all political parties give unanimous approval to his name.

In a high level meeting, held here recently, senior party leaders discussed possible names of luminaries whom Samajwadi Party could support for the post of President.

"There was a unanimous view that former President Dr Kalam should be given



another term," a senior SP leader said here.

The leaders, however, vouch that they have yet to get consent of Dr Kalam. "Only hindrance seems to be his age," he said and added party would discuss this name with Congress leadership at an appropriate time.

Dr Kalam who was President of India between 2002-2007 had refused to contest

for second term because Congress refused to support his candidature. Even then, Samajwadi Party and CPI (M) has floated Dr Kalam's name. Then Bahujan Samaj Party had supported Congress candidate Pratibha Patil, who ultimately was elected the first woman President of India.

Election for the President's post would be held

in June. Congress needs the support of Samajwadi Party to get a free passage to its candidate.

SP with 33 MPs and 224 legislators under its belt is really a force which Congress could not ignore in Presidential election

. The SP knows it and therefore, wants that candidate of its choice should be elected as the President.

"Samajwadi Party wants to support a Muslim face in Presidential election. Mulayam Singh Yadav wants that Congress should also accept Dr Kalam's candidature," the source said.

So far Congress has kept its cards close to its chest and has not revealed names of its choice for the election.

## Criker Yuvraj back home after three months

**NEW DELHI:** India's star batsman Yuvraj Singh returned home Monday morning after undergoing treatment for rare germ cell cancer in the United States.

Yuvraj returned home along with his mother Shabnam from London, where he was resting for some time after undergoing treatment for three months at the Boston Institute of Cancer Research. "Finally the day has come ! i am going home tomorrow ! cant wait , excited to see my friends and family

...see you india!! mera bharat mahan!" Yuvraj had tweeted on Sunday.

Yuvraj posed with his mother Shabnam for shutterbugs as a huge crowd gathered at the Indira Gandhi International Airport to have a glimpse of India's 2011 World Cup hero. Yuvraj then left for his residence in Gurgaon."Yuvraj is fine. He has fought a long innings against cancer. We are grateful to his fans for their support and wishes," said Shabnam.



Yuvraj's father, Yograj Singh told television chan-

nels that his son was fine and hoped to see him back on the cricket field soon."Yuvi has fought a battle very difficult to cope up with. He's very strong... He's come back hail and hearty and that is a beautiful moment for me," he said.

Batting maestro Sachin Tendulkar visited Yuvraj in London last week while former India captain Anil Kumble had flown to the US to meet the star cricketer when he was undergoing chemotherapy.

## 'Shame' India, Pak spend money on weapons: Pak PPP chief

**ISLAMABAD:** Son of Benazir Bhutto and Pakistan People's Party Chief Bilawal Bhutto Zardari took to Twitter on Sunday to express his feelings about his first visit to India, saying it was a "shame" that the two countries were spending money on weapons at a time when many people on both sides of the border were living in poverty.

Bilawal, 23, who joined his father, President Asif Ali Zardari, on a day-long private visit to India, wrote on the micro-blogging site: "It is such a shame (that two) countries (where) such large segments of our population live in desperate poverty must spend so much on weapons".



Bilawal expressed his views on nuclear weapons, saying the atomic arsenal of both countries were adequate to "destroy each other multiple times over". He added, "Surely just once would (be one) time too many".

The two countries should instead invest in education,

healthcare and business so that they could trade, "teach each other" and "heal each other", he wrote. Earlier in the day, Bilawal announced his arrival in India by tweeting: "(As-salam-o-alaikum India, Peace be with you. I have just landed in Delhi. 1st ever visit".

He also recalled his slain mother, former premier Benazir Bhutto's quote that "there is a little bit of India in every Pakistani and a little bit of Pakistan in every Indian".

Following a meeting between President Zardari and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh over lunch, Bilawal tweeted that his father and he had enjoyed the lunch "with Rahul Gandhi and PM

Singh. Lovely meal. Much to learn from each other".

After a visit to the famous Sufi shrine of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti at Ajmer, Bilawal wrote that he had offered a "special prayer for our brave soldiers who lost their lives in the Siachen avalanche tragedy". At least 135 people, including 124 Pakistani soldiers, were buried under snow after an avalanche hit a battalion headquarters in the Siachen sector on Saturday.

Rescue teams have found no signs of survivors so far. Bilawal's sister Aseefa too took to Twitter to clarify that media reports about her accompanying her father to India were wrong.

## 'Media Guild' 2010-11 Recognition Award

**'Titanic' film fame Paul Peabody (US), A.R.Murugadoss, K.V.Anand Actress Hansika, H.Vasanthakumar, Dr.N.Sethuraman, Thotta Tharani.**



**CHENNAI:** Total numbers of 15 personalities have been selected this year for the prestigious 'Media Guild' Award 2010 -11. The awards will be distributed by dignitaries at a gala function soon.

'Media Guild' Academy for Recognition, a division of 'Chennai METRO'

Daily evening newspaper published from Chennai, has announced the following awards to the outstanding persons in the year 2010-11. Making the announcement here today, the press release said the selection of 15 awardees from various discipline for the prestigious award 'Media Guild' 2010-11, was

made from a total number of 1031 nominations.

'Media Guild' Academy for Recognition makes the selection by a panel of distinguished persons from among the nominations received from the public, taking into account of their contributions in services and achievements. The exercise stretches a period of more than three months, the Academy said.

"Media Guild" Academy for Recognition's major activity is educational, creating multi awareness on self confidence and in social services. The academy is engaged in Media Guild Awards which is Chennai's best dedicated effort to recognize all outstanding contributions made by people of different walks of life, in a fair and just manner.

Media Guild Awards is being given from the year 2008 successfully, the award carries citation and memento of pen nib, and the award is considered prestigious.

### Selected Awardees are as follows:

**Paul Peabody (USA), 'Titanic' fame film musician (Music to the poor children in the world, He is in India now, visiting many orphanages, disabled and aged homes and he stage free music programmes and makes the people happy**



**K.V.Anand, Film Director (For exhibiting the strength of Journalism in his hit Tamil Movie 'Ko')**

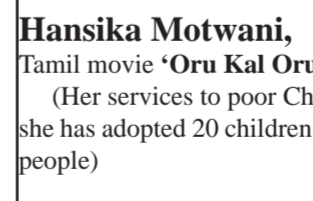


**A.R.Murugadoss, Film Director**

(Maker of the historical Tamil Movie '7m Arivu' which made Tamils proud; the movie brought to light how the ancient Tamil martial arts went to China with the history of Bodhi Dharman, the creator or founder of martial arts from Tamil land / India).



**Dr.K.Sundararaman, senior scientist, (For his prediction of solar storms from optical observation in India, results presented to NASA, Washington DC, USA. And for guiding students to reach higher levels; his many students are in NASA.**



**Hansika Motwani, Tamil movie 'Oru Kal Oru Kannaadi' fame actress (Her services to poor Children is being recognized; she has adopted 20 children, and aims to start home for aged people)**



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