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1. Government set up Kirit Parikh committee to review the gas pricing formula to tame inflation (Sept. 7, 2022)

The Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas on 6 September 2022, has set up a committee to review the pricing formula for locally produced gas to ensure a "fair price to the end consumer".

IMPORTANT FACTS -

Chairman of the committee :

- The committee will be headed by former planning commission member **Kirit Parikh**.
- It will include members from the fertiliser ministry, as well as gas producers and buyers.

Reason for setting up of the committee :

- The committee will suggest pricing of locally produced natural gas so as to lower inflation in the country and boost the use of cleaner fuel.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi wants to raise the share of gas in India's energy mix to **15% by 2030** from 6.2%, helping it progress towards meeting a **2070 net zero carbon-emission goal**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

Fixing of natural gas price in India :

- In 2014 the government linked the local gas price to a formula tied to global benchmarks, including **Henry Hub, Alberta gas, NBP and Russian gas**.
- In 2016 the government began fixing the maximum prices of gas produced from deep water and allowed marketing freedom to the producer of these gasses.
- ONGC and Reliance are the major producers of deep water natural gas in India.
- The prices of natural gases are now at a record high in India and abroad, and are expected to rise further due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict. This is expected to increase inflation further in India.

Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas : Hardeep Singh Puri.

2. Indian-origin Suella Braverman appointed Britain's new Home Secretary (Sept. 7, 2022)

Indian-origin barrister Suella Braverman was appointed as Britain's new Home Secretary(Home Minster in Britain is known as Home Secretary) on 6 September.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- Suella Braverman has been an aide to former Indian-origin Home Secretary Priti Patel.
- She has served as the Attorney General in the Boris Johnson-led government.
- She is the daughter of Tamil origin mother Uma and Goan origin father Christy Fernandes.
- Her mother immigrated to the Britain from Mauritius, while her father immigrated to the Britain from Kenya in the 1960s.
- After the resignation of Indian-origin Priti Patel, the newly appointed Prime Minister of Britain, [Liz Truss](#), announced her appointment to this post.

3. Harmanpreet Singh nominated for FIH Player of the Year Award -2021-22 (Sept. 7, 2022)

Indian hockey player Harmanpreet Singh has been selected among the five players nominated for the Men's Player of the Year award for the 'FIH Hockey Stars Awards 2021-22' on 6 September.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- PR Sreejesh and Savita Poonia were nominated for the best men's and women's goalkeepers respectively.
- Indian team vice-captain Harmanpreet was named along with Arthur de Sloover and Tom Boon (Belgium), Niklas Wellen (Germany) and Thierry Brinkman (Netherlands) for the FIH Men's Player of the Year award.
- There is no Indian in the list of players nominated for the FIH Women's Player of the Year award.
- Harmanpreet had won the award last year as well when Indian players and coaches won all the awards after a historic performance at the Tokyo Olympic Games.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

List of Awards :

FIH Player of the Year Award :-

- **Women** - Felice Albers (Netherland), María José Granatto (Argentina), Frédérique Matla (Netherland), Agustina Gorzelany (Argentina), Georgina Oliva (Spain).

- **Men** - Arthur de Sloover (Belgium), Harmanpreet Singh (India), Niklas Wellen (Germany), Thierry Brinkman (Netherlands), Tom Boon (Belgium).

FIH Goalkeeper of the Year Award :

- **Women** - Savita (India), Josine Koning (Netherlands), Belén Succi (Argentina), Jocelyn Bartram (Australia), Phumelela Mbande (South Africa).
- **Men** - Loïc van Doren (Belgium), PR Sreejesh (India), Pirmin Blaak (Netherlands), Arthur Thierry (France), Alexander Stadler (Germany).

FIH Rising Star of the Year Award :

- **Women** - Charlotte Englebert (Belgium), Luna Fokke (Netherlands), Mumtaz Khan (India), Jip Dicke (Netherlands), Amy Lawton (Australia).
- **Men** - Miles Bukkens (Netherlands), Timothée Clément (France), Sanjay (India), Pau Cunill (Spain), Rizwan Ali (Pakistan)

FIH Coach of the Year Award :

- **Women** - Janneke Schopman (India), Jamilon Mülders (Netherlands), Katrina Powell (Australia), Raoul Ehren (Belgium), Adrian Lock (Spain).
- **Men** - Jeroen Delmee (Netherlands), Michel van den Heuvel (Belgium), Graham Reid (India), Garreth Ewing (South Africa), Frederic Soyeux (France).

4. Committed to deepen strategic ties with Mongolia: Rajnath Singh (Sept. 6, 2022)

Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh who is on an official visit to Mongolia said that New Delhi is committed to further deepening multifaceted Strategic Partnership with Mongolia.

Rajnath Singh is on a five-day visit to Mongolia and Japan beginning 5 September 2022 with an aim to expand India's strategic and defence ties with the two countries.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

Visit to Mongolia :

His visit to Mongolia from 5-7 September 2022 is the **first-ever** tour to the East Asian country by an Indian defence minister.

He met the Mongolian defence minister **Saikhanbayar Gursed** in Ulaanbaatar on 6 September 2022.

The Minister also met President of Mongolia, **U. Khurelsukh**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

India Mongolia relationship :

India and Mongolia share warm and cordial bilateral relations. Mongolia regards India as its “third” and a “spiritual neighbour”.

The bilateral relationship was upgraded to a Strategic Partnership in 2015 during the historic visit of Prime Minister Modi to the country.

India has provided a loan of **USD 1.236 billion** to Mongolia to build a 1.5 million metric tonnes oil refinery near **Sainshand** in southern Dornogovi province of Mongolia.

It is being constructed by India’s public sector Engineers India Limited.

Mongolia :

It is located in North Central Asia.

Capital: **Ulaanbaatar**

Currency: **Tugrik**

President: **Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh**

5. Liz Truss appointed as the 56th Prime Minister of Britain by Queen Elizabeth (Sept. 6, 2022)

96 year old United Kingdom Monarch, Queen Elizabeth II appointed Elizabeth Truss, popularly known as Liz Truss, as the 56th Prime Minister of the United Kingdom on 6th September 2022.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

- She will now occupy **10 Downing Street** in London which is the official residence of the Prime Minister.
- She replaced the former Prime Minister Boris Johnson who had to resign over a party scandal. She was officially elected the leader of the Conservative party on 5th September defeating her rival [Rishi Sunak](#).
- Truss is the fourth Conservative party’s Prime Minister in six years. She faces a difficult time as the country faces a prospect of recession, double digit inflation and soaring energy cost.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

- **Robert Walpole** is considered to be the first Prime Minister of Britain (1721-1742) and also the first Prime Minister in the world.

6. Binesh Kumar Tyagi takes over as CMD of the Shipping Corporation of India (Sept. 6, 2022)

The government of India owned Shipping Corporation of India has said that Binesh Kumar Tyagi has taken over as its Chairman and Managing Director (CMD).

Binesh Kumar Tyagi was heading the Liner and Passenger Services Division as Director (L&PS) since January 7, 2021 in the company

IMPORTANT FACTS -

Shipping Corporation of India :

- It is the largest shipping company in India.
- The Shipping Corporation of India was set up on 2 October 1961.
- It comes under the Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

Headquarters: **Mumbai, Maharashtra**

7. Indian Army Chief Manoj Pande conferred honorary rank of Nepal Army General (Sept. 6, 2022)

Indian Army chief General Manoj Pande was conferred the title of Honorary General of the Nepali Army by Nepal President Bidya Devi Bhandari in Kathmandu on 5 September.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

General Pandey was honoured during his visit to the Himalayan countries at a special ceremony at the President's official residence '**Sheetal Niwas**' in the Nepalese capital.

- He was also presented with a sword and scroll during the official function.
- The practice follows a seven-decade-old tradition of conferring honorary titles on the army chiefs of both countries.
- Commander-in-Chief General **KM Cariappa** was the first Indian Army Chief to be conferred with this title in the year **1950**.
- In November 2021, the Chief of the Nepalese Army, **General Prabhu Ram Sharma** was also made an Honorary General of the Indian Army by President Ram Nath Kovind at a ceremony in New Delhi.
- On behalf of the Government of India, General Manoj Pandey provided training equipment to the Nepalese Army along with light vehicles which will help in enhancing the capability of the Nepalese Army personnel.

- General Manoj Pandey arrived in Kathmandu on 4 September for a five-day official visit to
- Nepal.

8. Suresh Raina Announces Retirement from All Forms of Cricket (Sept. 6, 2022)

Former India and Uttar Pradesh cricket player, Suresh Raina has announced his retirement from "all formats of cricket," confirming the end of his IPL and India domestic career. He had already retired from International cricket in 2020.

IMPORTANT FACTS -

His International performance :

- He started his domestic career for Uttar Pradesh in the 2002-03 season. He played for India in 2005 for the first time in an One Day International Match against Sri Lanka.
- Raina played 226 ODIs, 78 T20Is and 18 Tests for India, and was part of the squad that won the ODI World Cup in 2011.
- He was the **first Indian batter to score a century in all three international formats.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION -

IPL Performance :

- He was very successful in the Indian Premier League (IPL). Raina was a key player for the Chennai Super Kings, whom he represented for 11 seasons between 2008 and 2021.
- He won four IPL titles with CSK in 2010, 2011, 2018 and 2021 and still remains their top-scorer with 4687 runs from 176 matches.
- He was released by Chennai Super Kings ahead of the 2022 player auction, where he was not bought by any of the ten franchises.

9. Arjun Maini claims second position at Fanatec GT World Challenge Europe (Sept. 5, 2022)

India's Mercedes-AMG driver Arjun Maini claimed the second position at the Fanatec GT World Challenge Europe at Hockenheim, Germany on 5 September 2022.

GT World Challenge is a very competitive platform for GT3 motor car racing in Europe.

The Bangalore-based driver, Arjun Maini along with Hubert Haupt and Florian Scholze of team **HRT** finished at the 2nd position in the gold class.

This was the second podium finish for them, and they are currently placed fourth in the Championship.

10. Mary Elizabeth Truss to be the new Prime Minister of United Kingdom (Sept. 5, 2022)

Mary Elizabeth Truss or Liz Truss has been chosen as the next Prime Minister of the [United Kingdom \(UK\)](#) by her Conservative party on 5 September 2022. She is the **third women** Prime minister of the UK after **Margaret Thatcher** and **Theresa May**. She will be the **56th Prime Minister of the United Kingdom**.

The ruling conservative party also known as **Tories** voted to elect their leader after the current **Prime Minister Boris Johnson** announced his resignation in July after months of scandal.

Liz Truss who was serving as the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs since 2021 defeated Rishi Sunak by getting 57% of the valid votes cast. She got 81,326 votes while Sunak got 60,399.

Rishi Sunak, former finance minister in the Boris Johnson government, is a person of Indian origin and married to the daughter of Infosys founder N. R. Narayana Murthy.

Boris Johnson will travel to Scotland to meet Queen Elizabeth on 6 September to officially tender his resignation. Truss will follow him and be asked to form a government by the monarch Queen Elizabeth II.

Truss will become the Conservatives' fourth prime minister since a 2015 election.

Truss takes over as the country faces a cost of living crisis, industrial unrest, a recession and war in Europe, where Britain has been a leading backer of Ukraine.