

- Aim → The deal aims to build and operate a **718-megawatt** combined-cycle gas-fired power plant in Bangladesh.
- Location → The plant is proposed to be located on land allotted by Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB), **in Meghnaghat, Narayanganj District near Dhaka.**
- Combined-cycle power plant →
 - A combined-cycle power plant is a relatively **more efficient way of producing electricity.**
 - It uses both a **gas and a steam turbine together** to produce up to **50 % more electricity** from the same fuel than a traditional simple-cycle plant.
 - It will **reduce** the **share of environmentally harmful** and **expensive fuels** like coal and oil.

4. Khadi Agarbatti Atma Nirbhar Mission

Why in News?

- Union Minister for MSME has approved a program proposed by Khadi and Village Industries Commission(KVIC) named “Khadi Agarbatti Atma Nirbhar Mission”.

About Mission

- Aim → It aims at **creating employment** for unemployed and migrant workers in different parts of the country while **increasing domestic Agarbatti production** substantially.
- Mode → The scheme has been designed based on the **Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.**
- Features →
- Under this, KVIC will provide **Automatic Agarbatti making machines** and **powder mixing machines** to the artisans through the private Agarbatti manufacturers who will sign the agreement as business partners.
- Further, KVIC will provide a **25% subsidy** on the **cost of the machines** and will recover the remaining 75% of the cost from the artisans in installments every month.
- The **business partner** will provide the **raw material** to the artisans for **making Agarbatti** and will **pay them wages** on a job work basis.

5. Pokkali Rice: Kerala

Why in News?

- Farmers in West Bengal are experimenting with the pokkali variety of rice to tide over a crisis-like situation created by severe seawater incursion into paddy fields in the Sundarbans (owing to Cyclone Amphan).

About Pokkali Rice

- The pokkali variety of rice is known for its **saltwater resistance** and **flourishes** in the rice paddies of **coastal Kerala districts.**
- The uniqueness of the rice has brought it the **Geographical Indication (GI) tag** and is the subject of **continuing research.**
- The organically-grown Pokkali is famed for its **peculiar taste** and **its high protein content.**
- Pokkali has medicinal properties and its **higher value of antioxidants** and **low carbohydrate content** makes it preferable to those on a **low sugar diet.**
- Other GI Tag Registered Varieties from Kerala → **Kaipad, Wayanad Jeerakasala, Wayanad Gandhakasala, Palakkadan Matta and Navara.**