



First Woman Mining Engineer of CCL

Why in News

- On August 31, 2021, **Akanksha Kumari**, a resident of Barkagaon, Hazaribagh, became the **first woman mining engineer of CCL**.

Key Points

- This is the first time in CCL's four-decade history that a woman mining engineer has contributed. Akanksha joined duty in the **Churi underground mine of North Karanpura area**.
- Akanksha is **Coal India's second and first woman mining engineer** to contribute to an **underground mine**. By choosing mining in his engineering course, she has not only broken the misconception that mining is only for men, but has also inspired more aspiring girl students like herself.
- It is noteworthy that Akanksha's father Ashok Kumar is a teacher in a school in Barkagaon and mother Malti Kumari is a housewife. She did her schooling from Navodaya Vidyalaya.
- It is to be known that Akanksha Kumari completed her engineering studies from **BIT (Sindri) Dhanbad** in 2018. Before joining Coal India, she worked for three years at **Hindustan Zinc Limited's Ballanaria mine** in Rajasthan.

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