

## Kantha Fair in West Bengal

## Why in News?

**Coal India Limited (CIL)**, under the Ministry of Coal, organized a Kantha Fair showcasing the embroidery work of women artisans from West Bengal.

These artisans benefited from the Kantha Skill Centre built under CIL.

## **Key Points**

- Celebrating Women's Achievements:
  - CIL and its subsidiaries recognized and celebrated women's achievements by organizing various programs across their offices and operational areas.
  - As the lead company, Central Coalfields Ltd (CCL), Ranchi, Jharkhand, hosted a mega event showcasing <u>tribal art</u>, women-led businesses, and technical skills.
- CIL's Commitment to Sustainable Livelihoods:
  - It was emphasized that CIL and its subsidiaries are dedicated to implementing impactful programs that empower women through skill development, entrepreneurship, and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives.
- Promoting Self-Reliance Among Women:
  - CIL's commitment to uplifting marginalized communities and fostering economic and social opportunities for women, contributing to national progress while preserving artistic traditions was highlighted.

## **Coal India Limited**

- About: CIL is a state-owned coal mining corporation in India, responsible for producing and managing coal resources in the country.
  - It was 1975 and is the world's largest coal producer.
- Organisational Structure: CIL is classified as a 'Maharatna' public sector enterprise and operates through 8 subsidiaries like Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL), Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL).
  - Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) is CIL's largest coal-producing subsidiary.
- Strategic Importance: Over half of India's installed power capacity is coal-based, with CIL supplying around 78% of the country's total coal production.
  - Coal also accounts for 40% of India's primary commercial energy needs.
- Mining Capacity: Across eight Indian states, CIL operates in 84 mining areas, and manages a
  total of 313 active mines.

