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ISSUE BASED DATABASE

- ❖ Gandhamardan Suraksha Parishad - Orissa Mining Corporation has procured the license to explore the Gandhamardan hills mineral potential. The people are protesting against this exploration as it poses danger to the tribal identity living in the forest.
- ❖ National Youth Service Action and Social Development Research Institute – In the Sukinda Chromite mines, Orissa, chromium is seeping into the rivers from this mine. The various studies done on health hazards have brought the issue in the eye of public which causes skin diseases, respiratory diseases and lung cancer. People are in continuous protest, the demand is for closure of mines and many mines are already closed.
- ❖ Protests by tribal communities over calcite mining in Nimmalapadu village - A 10 year struggle led to a historical judgment in 1997, widely known as the Samata judgment, in which the Court ruled that the state had no right to grant leases in areas governed by the Fifth Schedule of the Constitution. Only cooperative societies jointly run by tribal community could mine in such areas.