



# Swabhiman Anchal

## Why in News

Recently, a **passenger bus service was started for the first time** after India's Independence in **Swabhiman Anchal region** (formerly known as the cut-off area) in **Odisha's Malkangiri district**.

## Key Points

- The bus service was able to start after the construction of the **Gurupriya Bridge** in 2018, which connected Swabhiman Anchal with the rest of the State.
  - Till now, motor launches and boats were used to be the only mode of communication to reach ferry points and from there people were taking country boats to reach villages.
  - People were even using horses to travel in the remote parts of Swabhiman Anchal.
- Swabhiman Anchal is **situated along the Odisha-Andhra Pradesh border**, and had long been a **stronghold of left-wing extremists**.
  - The region is covered by water from three sides and another side by inhospitable terrain.
  - **Balimela reservoir** is also situated in the region.
- Recently, a **new police station** also started functioning in Jodambo (a gram panchayat in Swabhiman Anchal).

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