

IMPORTANT TERMS AND CONCEPTS

1. **Begar.** Forced labour. The practice of working free for landlords or other powerful people.
2. **Constitutional Remedies.** Constitutional means of removing or redressing grievances. A settlement through courts.
3. **Fundamental Rights.** These are the basic human rights which are given to every citizen in democracy for the development of their personality. These rights are guaranteed by the Constitution.
4. **Justiciable.** A case which can be examined in a court of law.
5. **Preventive Detention.** Taken into custody by the police on grounds of fear of breach of the peace.
6. **Writs.** A written document by which a court asks to do something. Under the Right of Constitutional Remedies, the court issues five types of writs called quo warranto, habeas corpus, mandamus, prohibition and certiorari.
7. **Rights.** Rights are the reasonable claims of persons recognized by society and sanctioned by law.
8. **Amnesty International.** It is an independent international organization of volunteers who campaign for human rights. It highlights violation of human rights all over the world.
9. **Claim.** A demand for legal or moral entitlements which a person makes on fellow citizens, society or the government.
10. **Covenant.** A promise made by individuals, groups or countries to uphold a rule or principle.
11. **Dalit.** A person belonging to a low caste also known as Scheduled Castes and Depressed classes.
12. **Ethnic Group.** A group of people who share a common ancestry. They are bound together by common cultural practices, religious beliefs and historical memories.
13. **Human Trafficking.** Buying or selling of men, women or children for immoral purposes.
14. **Summons.** An order issued by a court asking a person to appear before it.