

Child Labour

i.) F.R 21A, 24 DPSP 39(F), 45

ii.) **Data**: census 2011 10.1 million child labourers (some success)
census 2001 12.6 million

iii.) **Report**: ① Impact of COVID-19
Report by **(ILO + UNICEF)**, number of child in child labour ↑ed to 160 million worldwide.

② **NCRB 2022** (982 cases registered under Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act 1949).

iv.) **Industries** → Brick kilns, beedi
sexual exploitation & production of child pornography
garment making, domestic service, food & refreshment services (ex Tea stalls)
agriculture, fisheries & mining

v.) **Causes** → poverty
social norms condoning child labour
considered assets + gender bias
migration ↔ seasonal development displacement
emergencies ↔ Covid-19 natural calamity
ineffective prevention & control of trafficking

vi.) **Impacts** → reinforces inter-generational cycles of poverty
severe negative (short term & long term consequences) → Denial of education
undermining physical & mental health.
threat to national economies (Demographic dividend)

- vii) Govt Initiatives → Gurupad Swamy Committee (1979) : Linked child labour to poverty
- Child Labour (Prohibition + Regulation) Act, 1986 (amended 2016)
prohibits work of children < 14 years & adolescents in hazardous jobs
 - National Child Labour Project (NCLP), 1987 - identifies, withdraws & rehabilitates child workers through education + vocational training.
 - PENCIL Portal - Real-time reporting, tracking & coordination of rescue/rehab.
 - ILO Conventions 138 & 182 - Ratified (2013)
 - New Initiatives
 - ↳ SAATHI Campaign for Aadhaar & rehab of destitute children
 - ↳ Sports-based programmes to shield girls for trafficking.

- viii) Way-forward → strengthen child protection systems
- addressing poverty & inequity
 - improve access to & quality of education
 - mobilize public support for respecting children's rights

- ix) Civil Society → Bachpan Bachao Andolan : By nobel laureate Kailash Satyarthi
- Conveyed Global March against Child Labour (ILO 182)
- 100 million for 100 million Campaign
 - CRY - Child Rights & You