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Ch: The judiciary

## What is the Role of the Judiciary?

Work of the judiciary can be divided into the following:

**Dispute Resolution:** The judicial system provides a mechanism for resolving disputes between citizens, between citizens and the government, between two state governments and between the centre and state governments.

**Judicial Review:** Judiciary has the power to strike down particular laws passed by the Parliament, if it believes that these are a violation of the basic structure of the Constitution. This is called judicial review.

**Upholding the Law and Enforcing Fundamental Rights:** Every citizen of India can approach the Supreme Court or the High Court if they believe that their Fundamental Rights have been violated.

## What is an Independent Judiciary?

The Independence of Judiciary means:

1. Other branches of government – the legislature and the executive – cannot interfere in the work of the judiciary. The courts are not under the government and do not act on their behalf.
2. Independence of the judiciary allows the courts to play a central role in ensuring that there is no misuse of power by the legislature and the executive.
3. Independence of the judiciary also plays a crucial role in protecting the Fundamental Rights of citizens.

Read the above paragraph carefully and try to understand and give the answer of the following questions:

1. What is Judicial Review?
2. Name the important branches of Government.

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