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Message from CEO

Introducing the January-February 2023 newsletter and sharing the updates is a pleasure.

Adoption in India is now easy, safe and time bound. As soon as the children become legally free, they have opportunity to be placed in adoption with loving and caring family. Let me tell you about a new seven-day portal for prospective adoptive parents (PAPs) who are residents of India (RI), non-resident Indians (NRI), and overseas citizens of India (OCI). This portal gives such PAPs the opportunity to reserve a child regardless of their seniority. A number of children have been benefitted during the last three months.

As per Adoption Regulations 2022, to ensure childless couples get priority, couples with more than two children will not be able to get normal referral. These parents can, however, adopt a child from the portal for special needs or the portal for immediate placement.

I urge all parties to abide by the Adoption Regulations 2022.

Thanking you.

Ms. Tripti Gurha
CEO, CARA

INSPECTIONS / VISITS



A team from CARA, Smt. Nidhi Kataria, Senior Professional and Smt. Anshu Sharma, Junior Professional visited a Child Care Institution (CCI), Missionaries of Charity (MOC) in Jalandhar, Punjab, on January 6, 2023, to conduct a detailed assessment of 22 Special Needs Children on the request by CCI, and to get the on-ground picture of these children. The team assessed that the children are indeed severally challenged and it appears to be an extremely strenuous task to get the children medically examined for update in CARINGS. It has been carefully deduced after observing the situation of the children that the said children are being lovingly taken care of by the staff in MOC Jalandhar to the best of their abilities. Therefore, shifting the children to any other organization was not recommended and further, it would be too difficult to consider adoption of such children. Thus, the children are being removed from the CARINGS portal and are advised to bring the children under the ambit of various welfare schemes of the government for their holistic development.



A team of CARA officials led by Shri Nandresh Nigam, Deputy Director and Shri Sayam Bin Khalid, Junior Professional visited Gorakhpur District in Uttar Pradesh on the 3rd and 4th of February 2023 to review adoption issues. During the visit, they interacted with various stakeholders, including the Central Welfare Committee (CWC), the District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), and the Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA), and assessed the adoption process and procedures. The team also met Additional District Magistrate and Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Gorakhpur. The records and documents made available by the adoption agency, as well as the DCPU and CWC were reviewed.

On 25th January 2023, Smt. Rupanshi Pandey, Research Assistant, Additional Charge AD and Shri Manish Tripathy, Sr. Professional and Smt. Abhisarika Rai, Jr. Professional from CARA paid an unannounced inspection visit to a NGO run SAA, based in Delhi. The inspection was conducted in response to a complaint received from Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs) regarding the SAA's unprofessional and arbitrary operation, and the matter is under process.

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In a two-day visit, 23rd and 24th February 2023, a CARA team, Smt. Poonam Sharma, Deputy Director and Smt. Ritu Bhankur, Counsellor visited two SAAs in Jalandhar. The team coordinated with SAAs and DMs to determine the status of pending Adoption Orders at the DM and CWC level, and ensured proper documentation is followed in the HSR and post-adoption follow up. Further, it made sure that the standardisation of documents is maintained throughout the process.



Smt. Rupanshi Pandey, Research Assistant, Additional Charge AD and Smt. Abhisarika Rai, Jr. Professional from CARA visited SAA-Bhagalpur on February 7, 2023, to inspect the pendency of 16 cases of children to be declared legally free. The sanctioned capacity of children to the SAAs was also assessed.

EVENTS

CARA in collaboration with State Governments organised various capacity building programmes during January-February 2023

S. NO.	DETAILS	ORGANISER	DATE
1	Induction Training for the newly appointed Chairpersons and members of CWC (UT of Leh and Ladakh)	NIPCCD HQ	3rd & 4th January 2023
2	State Orientation cum Training Programme on New Adoption Regulations at Patna	Govt. of Bihar	27th January 2023
3	Consultation Meet on Good Practices adopted by States/ UTs on effective implementation of Mission Vatsalya-reg.	NIPCCD HQ	1st & 2nd February 2023
4	3 days Induction Training for the newly appointed Chairpersons and members of CWC at Bhubaneswar	Govt. of Odisha	6th February 2023
5	Induction Training for the newly Recruited Chairperson and Members of CWCs in two batches	NIPCCD, Guwahati	6th February 2023
6	Division level Orientation Programme on Juvenile Justice Amendment Act, 2021, Model Rules, 2022 and Adoption Regulations, 2022	Women and Child Development Department, Faridabad, Haryana	20th February, 2023
7	Division level Orientation Programme on Juvenile Justice Amendment Act, 2021, Model Rules, 2022 and Adoption Regulations, 2022	Women and Child Development Department, Gurgaon, Haryana	21st February, 2023



SAA-CCI LINKAGE SOP

Section 66 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015(Amended in 2021) stipulates that "All the institutions registered under this Act, which may not have been recognised as Specialised Adoption Agencies, shall also ensure that all orphan or abandoned or surrendered children under their care are reported, produced and declared legally free for adoption, by the Committee as per the provisions of section 38. Further all such institutions shall develop formal linkages with nearby Specialised Adoption Agency and shall furnish details of the children declared legally free for adoption to that Specialised Adoption Agency along with all relevant records in the manner as may be prescribed, for the placement of such children in adoption."

The detailed procedure has been laid down in Regulation 61 of Adoption Regulations, 2022.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS IN SAA-CCI LINKAGE

PRE-ADOPTION PHASE			
S.NO.	STEPS	SAA-CCI LOCATED IN THE SAME DISTRICT	SAA-CCI NOT LOCATED IN THE SAME DISTRICT
1	Registration of CCI on CARINGS	DCPU	DCPU
2	Linking of CCI with SAA	DCPU (Annexure 1)	SARA (Annexure 2)
3	Registration of children	SAA	DCPU of the district where CCI is located.
4	Uploading of CSR, MER, LFA certificate along with the photograph of the child	SAA	DCPU of the district where CCI is located.
ADOPTION PHASE (WHEN A CHILD LIVING IN CCI IS REFERRED TO PAPS THROUGH CARINGS)			
5	Referral of the child	Through SAA portal, the details of the CCI shall also be visible on child's profile.	
6	Visit of PAPs to see the child physically	CCI	
7	Adoption Committee member	(a) Adoption in-charge or social worker of SAA; (b) Paediatrician or visiting doctor of CCI; (c) DCPU officers where the CCI is located (d) Representative of CCI	
POST-ADOPTION PHASE			
8	Filing of Adoption Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who: SAA & CCI (as a co-applicant) Where: In the district where the CCI is located When: In-country adoption- After the child has been given in the pre-adoption foster care Inter-country adoption- After the receipt of NOC from CARA. 	
9	Updating Adoption process on CARINGS	SAA	
10	Conduction of Post-Adoption follow-up	Agency who has conducted the HSR	
11	Adoption fee bifurcation	50%- SAA 50%- CCI (As per para 10 of Schedule XV, Adoption Regulations, 2022)	

To read more visit:<https://cara.nic.in/PDF/SAA-CCI%20Linkage%20SOP.pdf> | website: www.cara.nic.in

Impact assessment: Post notification of Adoption Regulations, 2022

(DATA period: Since 23rd September 2022 till 28th February 2023)

- District Magistrates have started issuing adoption orders and 1369 adoption orders have been issued by DMs in a time bound manner.
- 476 Chief Medical Officers(CMO) are registered on line with CARA and examining the health status of the institutionalised children.
- CWCs have expeditiously issued LFA(Legally Free for Adoption) certificates in cases of 1130 children.
- 70 children were reserved through 7 days portal for RI/NRI/OCI PAPs.
- Adoption base setup in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir (15 children have been reserved).
- IT Application revamped to bring it in sync with the new regulations.
 - Issuance of Adoption orders by DMs online;
 - PAPs registration form modified to include state-specific preferences;
 - Procedure enabled for children adopted under HAMA 1956, by parents who desire to relocate the child abroad;
 - New MER module is developed enabling the CMOs to certify the health status of the children; &
 - DCPUs are enabled to conduct Home Study Report of the PAPs, post-adoption follow-ups and scrutiny of the adoption applications for perusal of the DMs concerned.

To read more visit: http://cara.nic.in/PDF/adoption_regulations_2022_2709.PDF | website: www.cara.nic.in

SUCCESS STORY :

A 'Special Family' for a 'Special Child'

This is an amazing story about a youngster with severe "knock knee" problems who excelled in the sport of Parkour. Moksh (name changed) was a day old when he was surrendered to a Child Care Institution, a government-recognised adoption agency. After four years, he was adopted.

The knock knee deformity that Moksh was born with, was what that delayed his adoption all these years. This is a condition in which the knees bend inward. The doctor diagnosed that it was caused by a developmental disease. Moksh was fortunate to find a great home at a time when many families are still hesitant to adopt a child with such special needs.

Unfortunately due to the travelling restriction imposed during the COVID-19 second wave that hit India in 2021, the PAPs waited for 6 months to take his custody. They kept in touch with Moksh with short video calls in everyday basis.

Moksh had finally moved into his new home before the New Year. As he developed, his motor skills also got better. He is a bright and astute youngster who was chosen as his school's "Student of the Month."

He was enrolled to swimming class for better stimulation and recovery from the acute 'knock knee' problems and taken care by his adoptive parents with regular medical check-ups.

He attends theatre classes and excels at 'Parkour' sports by running, climbing, or leaping rapidly and efficiently in the natural environment. His handwritten note to his mother proves beyond a shadow of a doubt ...

'I love you Mom because you take me out to play....'

*all names are changed

HIGHLIGHT

Soon after notification of the Adoption Regulation 2022, Central Adoption Resource Authority along with the State Govts has been working hard to minimize the pendency of the adoption orders. During last 5 months, the pendency has been reduced to 406 (as on 28th February, 2023) from 905 as DMs have been taking keen interest to issue adoption orders within the stipulated time.



ART BY:

The beautiful handmade art presented to Director (Prog) CARA, Shri. Jagannath Pati by the children of Bal Asha Trust, a specialised adoption agency based in Mumbai, Maharashtra

Total Stakeholders:

*as per CARINGS information as on date

SARA	34
SAA	489
DCPU	728
AFAA	171
CCI LINKED WITH SAA	5939