



CENTRAL ADOPTION RESOURCE AUTHORITY

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Message from CEO

You will be glad to know that, after the notification of new Adoption Regulations 2022, by the Central Government on 23rd September 2022, CARA is reviewing all adoption cases pending at different levels. The new regulations stipulate that Adoption Orders to be issued by the District Magistrate instead of Court. Preferably, children will be placed in their own socio-cultural environment for better assimilation. Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to determine the health status of the child.

CARA observed 'Adoption Awareness Month' in November 2022. During this month various social media campaigns, state orientation programs, and interactive meets were organised to spread the awareness on new Adoption Regulations 2022.

It is a pleasure to share with you our November-December 2022 newsletter.

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CEO, CARA

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Orientation Seminar on New Adoption Regulations

Several orientation training programmes were organized with stakeholders like State Governments and UTs, State Adoption Resource Agencies(SARA), District Child Protection Units (DCPU), Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAA), Authorised Foreign Adoption Agencies (AFAA), both before and after notification of the new Adoption Regulations 2022.



OBSERVING ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

CARA observed 'Adoption Awareness Month', and organised 10 State orientation programmes, ran 200 special social media campaigns, held interactive meets with more than 700 Prospective Adoptive Parents in the month of November 2022. During this month CARA aimed to spread adoption awareness amongst the stakeholders including the prospective adoptive parents. It was celebrated in the States of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Daman & Diu, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Puducherry, Odisha, Telangana, Nagaland.





Orientation of Stakeholders in collaboration with NIPCCD

- NIPCCD MOHALI on **15th Nov 2022 & 29th Nov 2022**
- NIPCCD DELHI on **24th Nov 2022**

Orientation of Stakeholders organised by Ministry of Women & Child Development

- JAMMU & KASHMIR on **16th Nov 2022**

Training Programme on Adoption Regulations 2022 for DCPs

- Haryana Institute of public Administration on **21st Oct 2022**
- Jammu University, Jammu on **19th Dec 2022**

Salient Features in New Adoption Regulations 2022

The Government of India notified new Adoption Regulations 2022 on 23rd September 2022

Here are few salient features of the Adoption Regulations:

- Issue of Adoption Order by District Magistrate instead of Court.
- Upper age limit for PAPs reduced to 85 years for couple and 40 years for single PAPs in case they are adopting a child below 2 years.
- 7-days adoption portal launched by CARA for Resident Indian (RI), Non-Resident Indian (NRI), and Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) PAPs.
- Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to determine the health status of the child in compliance with Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.
- PAPs with more than two children do not qualify to get referral for a normal child.
- Mandatory counselling is stipulated for all the relevant stakeholders like prospective adoptive parents and older children at pre-adoption, adoption and post-adoption stages.
- Strict timelines at various stages like uploading details of LFA (Legally Free for Adoption) children within ten days, examination of special needs children within a period of fifteen days by the Chief medical Officer and verification of adoption application documents by DCPU within five days.
- Emphasis on foster adoption of adoptable children already in foster care for more than two years.
- Stringent measures are provisioned for PAPs to reduce disruption or dissolution.

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



Total Stakeholders:

*as per CARINGS information as on date

SARA	34
SAA	483
DCPU	733
AFAA	194
CCI LINKED WITH SAA	6316

SUCCESS STORY

A year ago, Mr. and Mrs. Singh, prospective adoptive parents were introduced to two-year-old adoptive child Bhumi*, from Medinipur, a village in West Bengal. They showed interest and reserved the child for adoption. Eventually, they discovered and filed a medical report stating Bhumi had a speech impairment and was therefore unable to talk. They insisted for additional medical tests to help them understand the cause for speech and language disorder. They were even ready to bear the cost of the treatment.

The CMO reviewed the test reports of AIIMS and confirmed Bhumi is a special needs child and requires speech impairment treatment. On the advice of doctors, Bhumi received the treatment and could able to say a few words and sentences. Mr. and Mrs. Singh never let Bhumi go, and now Bhumi is staying with them in pre-adoption foster care.

*all names are changed