



ADOPTING
ONE **CHILD** WON'T
CHANGE THE **WORLD**;
BUT FOR THAT **CHILD**,
THE **WORLD** WILL CHANGE.



SARA is a state-level monitoring agency which has been set up to streamline and check illegal adoptions in Nagaland. It functions on the basis of the guidelines of the Central Adoption and Resource Agency (CARA) an Autonomous Body under the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

SARA function as the state level Resource Centre to coordinate, monitor and develop the adoption programme in the state

SARA ensures that all adoption /permanent placements of children are done in accordance with the Laws & guidelines of the Supreme Court of India and the Government of India.



CARA- Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India. It functions as the nodal body for adoption of Indian children and is mandated to monitor and regulate in-country and inter-country adoptions. CARA is designated as the Central Authority to deal with inter-country adoptions in accordance with the provisions of the Hague Convention on Inter-country Adoption, 1993, ratified by Government of India in 2003.

Its mandate is to find a loving and caring family for every orphan/ destitute/ surrendered children in the country.

CARA primarily deals with adoption of orphan, abandoned and surrendered children through its associated / recognized adoption agencies.

“I am so very special
I have been from the start
Before they held me in their arms
my family held me in their hearts.
And like a single drop of rain
that on still waters fall
My life and love will ripples make
and touch the lives of all.
So read this precious story
as step by step I grow.
I am a blessing and gift
as each page here will show.”

Author Unknown

WHAT IS ADOPTION?

Adoption means the process through which the adopted child is permanently separated from his biological parents and become the legitimate child of his adoptive parents with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities that are attached to the relationship.

WHY ADOPTION?

- * You will give a child-the gift of Life
- * Because only a family environment can provide a child best opportunity to fulfill their potential.
- * A child can be given great opportunities (such as financial stability, a two-parent family, a college education) that the biological parent is unable to provide.
- * You help fulfill the dreams of a couple that is unable to conceive a child.
- * A child can have an opportunity to be placed with a family within his/her own **social-cultural** milieu in the State itself.
- * Every child deserves a loving home.

WHO CAN ADOPT?

As per **Section 41** Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act 2000 as amended from time to time, the court may allow a child to be given in adoption -

- a. to a person irrespective of marital status; or
- b. to parents to adopt a child of the same sex irrespective of the number of living biological sons or daughters, or
- c. to a childless couple

Adoption Guidelines also stipulate additional criteria for Prospective Adoptive Parents which can be accessed on the CARA website www.adoptionindia.nic.in

“There are no unwanted children, just unfound families.”

The National Adoption Center

WHO CAN BE ADOPTED?

Any orphan, abandoned or surrendered child can be adopted following the procedures laid down by the Adoption guidelines.

A child can be given for Adoption only after he/she has been declared legally free for adoption by the

Child Welfare Committee (CWC).

Child Welfare Committee (CWC) has been set up in every district in Nagaland and it is the only competent authority to declare a child legally free for Adoption.

WHAT IS THE RIGHT WAY TO ADOPT?

- * Adopt only from a Government Recognized Specialized Adoption Agency
- * Register online at CARINGS with any one of them
- * The Child Study and Physical Examination Reports are required to be signed by both adoptive parents
- * Pay for the adoption fee as prescribed under the Adoptive Guidelines and obtain the fee paid receipt.

DON'TS

- * DO NOT adopt from un-recognized agency or unrelated persons.
- * DO NOT succumb to the demand for donation and any amount more than the prescribed Adoption fees.
- * DO NOT adopt directly from Hospitals and nursing home as it is illegal and a punishable offence

THE RIGHTS OF PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS -PAPs

- * To get pre-adoption & post adoption counseling from the agency.
- * To ensure that the child is legally free from adoption.
- * To get an independent medical report about the child before Acceptance.
- * To get necessary assistance from the agency.

“My birth mother brought me into this world, but it was my adoptive parents who gave me life.” *Christina Romo*

WHERE YOU CAN ADOPT ?

STATE: NAGALAND

Agency Code	Agency Name	Address	Contact Information
NL201419	Wondang-Ki Charitable Foundation	101 Fellowship Colony Dimapur, Nagaland	Contact Person: N. T. Kikon Phone No:03862-224677/9436078403 Mobile No: Email:wondang.ki@gmail.com Fax:
NL20138	Mothers Hope	Mothers Hope, Model village,7 Mile, Chumukedima, Dimapur Nagaland 797112	Contact Person: ROSE KAMEI Phone No:03862-241565 Mobile No:9856120053 9436004983 Email:moamenlamotherhope@gmail.com Fax:-
NL201436	Kohima Orphanage and Destitute Home	Kohima Orphanage and destitute home bypass. kohima	Contact Person: Neibano Phone No:94360000868 Mobile No: Email:kodh1973@gmail.com Fax:0370
NL201435	Radiant Educational Society	New Secretariat Colony, Post Box No. 1024. Kohima - 797001, Nagaland	Contact Person: Mengukhrietuo Marcus Phone No:09615246280 Mobile No: Email:reskohima@yahoo.com Fax:
	John 3:16	New Site Colony, Post Box No. 58, Mon - 798621, Nagaland	Contact Person: Hamkai Konyak Phone No:03869-251209 Mobile No:9436219769 Email:john316society@gmail.com Fax:

“Somehow destiny comes into play. These children end up with you and you end up with them. It's something quite magical.”

Nicole Kidman

ADOPTION PROCESS

ADOPTION AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES FOR IN-COUNTRY ADOPTION.

The authorities or agencies involved in in-country adoption process shall be-

- * **Competent Court in India** who can pass Order for Adoption
- * **State Adoption Resource Agency (Sara)** - SARA is a state-level monitoring agency which has been set up to streamline and check illegal adoptions in Nagaland.
- * **Specialized Adoption Agency (SAA)** - A Child care institution which has been given recognition by the State Government to place orphaned, abandoned or surrendered children for adoption .
- * **Child Welfare Committee (CWC)** - Child Welfare Committee is a Committee constituted under section 29 which is a competent authority to declare a child legally free for adoption.

“You first came to us in an envelope
With letters, forms and such
Just two tiny little pictures
With nothing warm to touch.
You grew in our imagination
In our hearts and in our minds.
You brought us greater joy
Than we ever thought we'd find.
A phone call started labor pains
Which lasted 'til we met
Strangers brought together
A day we won't forget.
You bloomed as you were planned
In our hearts, our lives, our home.
Our child of chance, of plan, of will
You're now our very own.”

Author Unknown

HOW CAN THE PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENT (PAPs) REGISTER ONLINE?

- * This registration is meant for Indian citizens residing in India.
- * Please give your correct residential address and telephone no. with area code.
- * You or your spouse must have a Permanent Account Number (PAN) card and you have to upload PAN card in portable document format (.pdf) - size should not exceed 512 KB.
- * In case of single parent you need to upload only your photograph & in case of Couple/Family you need to upload entire family photograph.
- * Photograph should be in .jpg format (3.5 x 4.5 cm). - Size should not exceed 1 MB
- * You must have an email account and mobile number.
- * After successful registration, you will receive an online acknowledgement letter which will contain your registration and credential details.
- * In case you misplace your online acknowledgement letter, then it can be regenerated using Forgot Password link available in Track Status page
- * For details of documents required log in to www.adoptionindia.nic.in.
- * In case of incomplete/wrong information, your application is liable to be treated as invalid.
- * After registration, you should contact the adoption agency.
- * All original documents will have to be produced for verification.
- * Your eligibility for adoption will be decided by the adoption agency.

For any difficulty, Please send email to : carahdesk.wcd@nic.in/ scpsnagaland@gmail.com

“I think adoption is a blessing all around when it's done right.”

Hugh Jackman

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY THE PAPs

The following documents are required to be produced in original along with two self-attested copies by the PAPs:

- a. Proof of identity(Voter card/PAN card/Passport/Driving License)
- b. Proof of address indicating residence in India exceeding 365 days
- c. Marriage Certificate
- d. Family Photograph
- e. Health certificate by a registered medical practitioner certifying that the PAPs are not suffering from any contagious or terminal disease or any such mental or physical condition, which may prevent them from taking care of the child
- f. Three recent postcard sized photographs of the adoptive family
- g. Two letters of recommendation from persons who know the family well
- h. Such recommendations should not be from immediate relatives of either spouse
- i. If the PAPs are self-employed, IT statement for the last three years and if they are employed, Income Certificate from the employer also indicating the date of superannuation
- j. Financial statement, including copies of bank statement for the last six months, details of movable and immovable property owned by the family and details of loans taken by the PAPs
- k. Written consent of the biological and/or adopted child/children and if they are above 7 years of age
- l. Adoption decree, if the couple have adopted child/children earlier
- m. Divorce/legal separation decree in case of single PAP, if applicable.
- n. Letter from close relative of single PAP stating that in the event of any unforeseen circumstance, the relative would take care of the child.

(It is clarified that infertility certificate is not required from the PAPs wishing to adopt a child)

“Adoption has the dimension of connection not only to your own tribe, but beyond, widening the scope of what constitutes love, ties and family. It is a larger embrace. By adopting, we stretch past our immediate circles and, by reaching out, find an unexpected sense of belonging with others.”

Isabella Rossellini

LEGAL PROCEDURE.

- (1) The child can be legally placed for adoption with the PAP(s) by the competent court and for this purpose, the court having jurisdiction over the area where the Specialised Adoption Agency is located shall be the competent court.
- (2) The Specialised Adoption Agency shall file a petition in the Competent Court of jurisdiction for obtaining the necessary adoption orders under the Act within ten days of acceptance of referral by PAPs and shall pursue the same regularly with the court so that the process of legal adoption is completed at the earliest..
- (3) The adoption petition shall contain all requisite documents as per **Schedule-VII**.
- (4) In accordance with the directions of the Honourable Supreme Court of India in the case of L.K.Pandey vs Union of India (WP No 1171 of 1982), the competent Court is required to dispose off the case within a maximum period of two months from the date of filing.
- (5) For the best interest of the child, the competent court may, to the extent possible, dispose of the case in the first hearing itself.
- (6) The Specialised Adoption Agency shall forward a copy of the court order and the adoption deed to the concerned SARA and the PAP(s).

Timelines. -

All agencies and authorities involved in the adoption process shall adhere to the time limits stipulated for in-country adoption as provided in **Schedule-VIII**.

“By choice, we have become a family, first in our hearts, and finally in breath and being. Great expectations are good; great experiences are better.” *Richard Fischer*

PROCEDURE FOR INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION AS PER THE HAGUE CONVENTION ON INTER-COUNTRY ADOPTION.

(1) The authorities and agencies involved in Inter-country adoption process shall be,

- (a) Court of Competent Jurisdiction who can pass Order for Adoption;
- (b) Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA);
- (c) Central Authority in the receiving Country (CA);
- (d) Indian Diplomatic Missions Abroad;
- (e) Foreign Diplomatic Missions in India;
- (f) Authorised Foreign Adoption Agency (AFAA);
- (g) State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA)
- (h) Recognised Indian Placement Agency (RIPA); and
- (i) Adoption Recommendation Committee (ARC).

(2) The authorities and agencies referred to in sub-paragraph (1) shall be guided by the procedure laid down for inter-country adoption in these Guidelines which draws strength from the Hague Convention on Inter-country Adoption-1993 provided in **Schedule IX**.

REGISTRATION FOR NRI OR OCI OR PIO OR FOREIGN PAP(S).

(1) The PAP(s) desiring to adopt any child or children from India may register with the Authorized Foreign Adoption Agency (AFAA) or Central Authority (CA) or Government Department dealing with adoption matters in the receiving country.

(2) The PAP(s) with the assistance of AFAA or CA shall obtain the permission of the competent authority of their country for adopting a child from India.

“I didn't give you the gift of life,
But in my heart I know.
The love I feel is deep and real,
As if it had been so.
For us to have each other
Is like a dream come true!
No, I didn't give you
The gift of life,
Life gave me the gift of you.”

Unknown

ADOPTION OF SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN. -

All authorities and agencies involved in adoption of special needs children shall expeditiously process their cases so that such children can join their families at the earliest.

CATEGORY OF SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN. -

(1) For the purpose of adoption, 'special needs' children may be categorized as under:-

- (a) Children having visible and or serious medical conditions-mental or physical ;
- (b) Older children;(above five years of age shall be treated as special needs children as placement of such children in adoption is difficult).
- (c) Siblings
- (d) Extremely low birth-weight children(to be certified by a Government Medical Officer)

For further details log in to www.adoptionindia.nic.in







ADOPTION is an Act of LOVE, but the process comes from LAW ...



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