

# CHILD PROTECTION BULLETIN

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SOCIETY, ASSAM**
**MONTHLY BULLETIN OF ACTIVITIES CONCERNING CHILD PROTECTION IN ASSAM**

## EDITORIAL

The Union government's freshly notified "Guidelines Governing Adoption of Children 2015" have come to effect from 1st August, 2015. The government has also launched a revamped IT application for the purpose of adoption of children called CARINGS — Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System.

The guidelines are aimed at strengthening regulation for adoption of orphans, abandoned and surrendered children and are expected to bring more transparency and efficiency to the existing adoption system. The new guidelines will also make it possible for prospective adoptive parents (PAPs) to track the status of their applications. Under the new system, PAPs in India need not approach adoption agencies for registration. Parents can register online and upload relevant documents to determine their eligibility.

The simplified process is expected to bring joy to more parents who are willing to adopt and give a family to a child who has none. Adoption is a noble task. It is a process through which a child is placed with a family with all rights. It creates a permanent legal relationship between the adoptive parents and the child. Therefore, a decision to adopt a child can indeed be one of the most rewarding experiences in a prospective adoptive parent's life.

*Editorial Board,  
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## GUIDELINES GOVERNING ADOPTION OF CHILDREN 2015

In pursuance of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of the Juvenile Justice (care and protection of children) Act, 2000 (56 of 2000) and in supersession of the Guidelines Governing the Adoption of Children, 2011, the Central Government hereby notified the Guidelines Governing Adoption of Children, 2015 issued by the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) on 17th July, 2014 and it came into force on the 1st day of August, 2015.

**Fundamental principles governing adoption** – The following fundamental principles shall govern adoptions of children from India, namely –

- The child's best interest shall be of paramount consideration, while processing any adoption placement;
- Preference shall be given to place the child in adoption with Indian citizens, with due regard to the principle of placement of the child in his own socio-cultural environment, as far as possible

**Eligibility criteria for Prospective adoptive parents (PAPs) –**

The PAPS should be physically, mentally and emotionally stable, financially capable, motivated to adopt a child and should not have any life threatening medical condition;

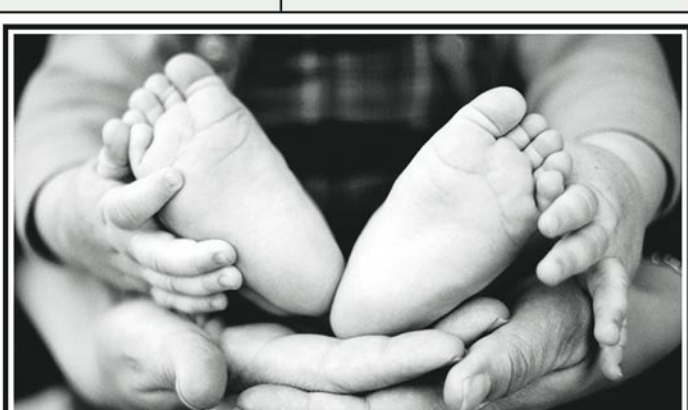
- Any PAPs irrespective of his marital status and whether or not he has his own biological son or daughter can adopt a child; couples with more than four children shall not be considered for adoption;
- Single female is eligible to adopt a child of any gender;
- In case of a couple the consent of both spouses shall be required;
- No child shall be given in adoption to a couple unless they at least two years of stable marital relationship;
- The age of PAPs as on the date of registration shall be counted for deciding the eligibility and the eligibility of PAPs to apply for children of different age groups shall be as under -

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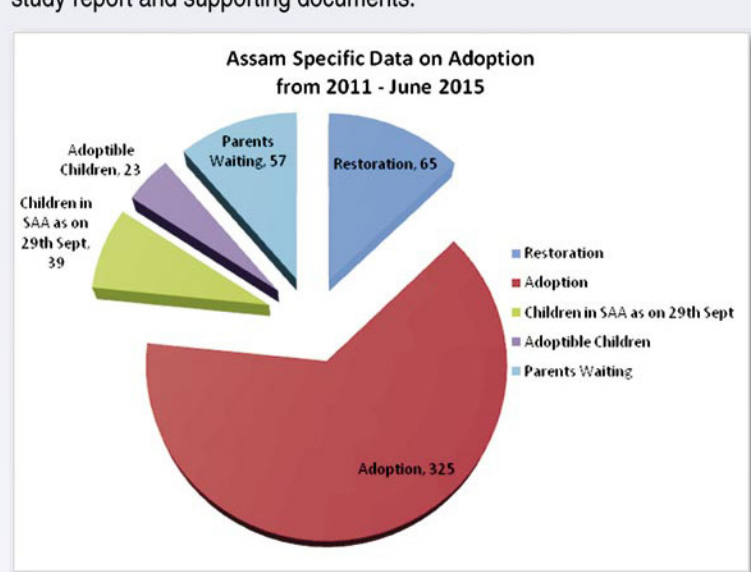
Age of the child	Maximum composite age of PAPs	Maximum age of single PAPs
Upto 4 yrs	90 years	45 years
Above 4 upto 8 years	100 years	50 years
Above 8 upto 18 years	110 years	55 years

### Registration of the prospective adoptive parents (PAPs)

Every prospective adoptive parents who intends to adopt a child shall register online in Child adoption resource information and guidance system (CARINGS) by login to [www.cara.nic.in](http://www.cara.nic.in) and uploading the relevant documents as prescribed in the guidelines. The registration shall be complete and confirmed to the prospective adoptive parents immediately on receipt of the



completed application form and required documents on CARINGS through email and sms alert. The seniority of the PAPs shall be from the date of registration in the CARINGS. After Registration the home study report of the PAPs shall be prepared by the specialised adoption agency (SAA) in the state through its social worker or through a social worker from a panel maintained by the State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) or District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), as the case may be. The PAPs shall be declared eligible and suitable by the SAA based upon the home study report and supporting documents.



## Shared Stories

### Journey to parenthood



We were in deep agony as we had no child even after 8 years of married life. We had undergone various treatments but all in vain. Adopting a child was not an easy task. We prayed and submitted all our needs to God Almighty. Then, this year in the month of January 2015, we decided to adopt a child. We had a talk about this with our family members and all were happy with our decision. Then we registered ourselves in the CARINGS and miraculously God has blessed us with a beautiful daughter. We are very happy and lucky to have our daughter in our life. It's God's blessing that we have a beautiful and adorable daughter. Our daughter Akeimi Kaekasha is with us for about three months but the attachment, the love towards our daughter is so much that we can't live without her even for a minute. We as parents will try to give her the best in life and would like to encourage all the couples who are facing the same kind of problem to pray to make their hearts ready towards this noble decision.

*Mr. Dylan Minty Sangma & Mrs. Urvasi Sangma*

## Shared Stories

### MAMA



"Mama" the most melodious word in the world is one that every woman dreams of hearing. I always wanted to be a mother, it never mattered to me how. From a very young age I had always wanted to adopt, maybe because I was an adopted child myself. I wanted to give back to the world what it has given me. The decision to adopt was a tough one even though I had always wanted to do this. After marriage when biological children did not happen to us, my husband and our families have supported me greatly in taking this decision. The adoption was challenging but when it happened, love arrived instantly. My two beautiful daughters, I know for sure have been specially chosen by God for us. They brought us more joy than we could have ever imagined. They have been planted into our hearts and the love that has blossomed enriches our lives at every moment. Time and experience has taught me a priceless lesson that any child you take for your own becomes your own if you give yourself to that child. My two angels, our children of chance, of plan, of God's will, you are now my very own.

*Sandhya Laishram*



### Every Child is a Gift from God

Adoption is a social as well as a legal process to have a baby which comes as a way of relief to many of the childless couples.

After adoption a baby naturally adjusts with the complexion, feelings of the heart, mind and soul of the adoptive parents. No difference is found between a biological and an adopted child; everything is alike any biological child.

Often neighbours try to put down the noble task by asking about the child's detailed background like caste, religion, gotra etc. In such conditions one should just relax and shouldn't be angry, but simply should respond to him that every child is a gift from God and caste, religion, gotra, etc. are only a social identity. Now my son is able to say that his name is Rittick Sharma Bharadwaj. We are very happy to have him.

*Ashok Sharma*

## Do's & Don'ts

Key Points to Remember for Prospective Adoptive Parents (PAPs)

Do's	Don'ts
Adopt only from Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs) recognised by State Governments.	Do not approach any nursing home, hospital, maternity home, unauthorised institution or individual for adoption.
Read the Guidelines carefully on the website and follow the due procedure.	Do not upload any incorrect document; else your registration will be cancelled.
Follow the steps for completing your registration.	Do not pay any additional adoption charges other than what is prescribed in CARA Guidelines.
Please upload documents as per instructions.	Keep away from touts / middlemen. There is no role of touts / middlemen in adoption. They will mislead you to adopt a child illegally.
For adoption related charges, please refer Schedule-13 of the Guidelines Governing Adoption of Children (2015). Always make payment by cheque or draft and collect your receipt.	Through illegal adoption, you may unintentionally become part of child trafficking network. Save yourself from legal ramifications.

## 7 Steps to In - Country Adoption

- Step 1** Parents have to register online on CARINGS (visit [www.cara.nic.in](http://www.cara.nic.in))
- Step 2** Selection of preferred adoption agency for HSR (Home Study Report) and State from where they wish to adopt
- Step 3** User ID and Password generated (Acknowledgement Letter) and Upload documents within 30 days of registration
- Step 4** Registration No. generated
- Step 5** Specialised Adoption Agency (SAA) conducts Home Study Report (HSR) of the PAPs and uploads it on CARINGS (Online Application)
- Step 6** Suitability of PAPs is examined (if not suitable, the rejection is informed to PAPs and reasons for rejection is recorded)
- Step 7** PAPs reserve 1 Child, as per their preference

- Step 8** PAPs visit the adoption agency within 15 days from the date of reservation and finalise 1 child
- Step 9** If the child is not finalised within stipulated time, the PAPs will come down in the seniority list
- Step 10** On acceptance of the child by the PAPs, SAA completes the referral and adoption process (in CARINGS)
- Step 11** PAPs take child in pre-adoption foster care and SAA petition in the court
- Step 12** Adoption Court Order issued
- Step 13** Post-adoption follow up report is conducted for a period of 2 years



Regional Consultation on Strengthening Restoration and Rehabilitation of Children under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 was held on 12-13th September, 2015 at the High Court Sesqui-centennial Hall, Culcutta organised by Juvenile Justice Committee of the High Court of Culcutta. It was attended by a team of Officers from different Government Departments from Assam.



## List of Adoption Agencies in Assam

Sl.	Name of Agencies/District Covering	Contact Person
1	SERVICE WITH SMILE Jivan Phukan Nagar C/O T.R. building Pin-786003, Dibrugarh	Rubal Borghain-9864232533 Email : servicewithsmile@gmail.com
2	Nivedita Nari Sanstha, Dewan Mesion, Sonal Road, Silchar-788006.	Ms Diba Roy, Secretary-9435070157 Mr Sumit Baisnav-Coordinator-8876300137 Email : nns.silchar@gmail.com
3	Matri Mandir, South Sarania, near ISKON Temple, Uluhan, Guwahati-7.	Ms Deepali Borah-Coordinator-9706885765/0361-2523105, Mr. B.P. Saral-Managing Trustee-09864023725 Email : mandirmatri1989@gmail.com
4	Indian Council for Child Welfare, Head Office-G.N. Bordoloi Road, Near Government Emporium, Ambari, Guwahati-781001, Assam/ Shishu Greh, Ram Krishna Mission Road, Uluhan, Guwahati-781007.	Ms Anamika Das-Coordinator-9864156663 Social Worker-8011001195 Ms Mili Hazarika- lawyer-9435046887 Ms. Ruprekha Mushahary- General Secretary-09435048178 Email : iccw@rediffmail.com
5	Sarvangi Vikash Trust Mazgon, Opp New Civil Hospital, Bongaigaon-783380.	Ms. Swarnika Brohma Choudhury- president-9435011466 Sayed Ali – 9854031301 Coordinator Email : svbongaigaon@outlook.com
6	North East Voluntary Association of Rural Development, 1) Bidyapara, Church Road, Ward no-9 pin-783301 Dist.-Dhubri, Assam (2) Head Office-CO-Line Clinical Hospital and Research Centre, P.O Kahilpara, Dakshin Gaon, Guwahati-781019	Sri Fakharuddin Ali Ahmed- Coordinator-9577804214, President-Dr. M.M. Alam-09657722119 Email : nevdasadh@rediffmail.com
7	Jagriti Sammita Unnayan Kendra, 'MOROM', Nakari, ward no-01, H.No.75, PO. North Lakhimpur, PIN-787001, Assam	Sri Bikash Phukan-President-9435097324 Shri Anupam Gogoi-Coordinator-9508037827 Baishali Konwar-9707456067 Email : mailsuk.7@gmail.com
8	Morigaon Mahila Mehfil, Civil Hospital Road, Ward No.7 P.O.- Morigaon, Dist.-Morigaon, PIN-781015	Ms Wahida Rehman- Coordinator-9435164216 Mr. Roseuddin, Social Worker-9859929484 Email : mahilamehfil@yahoo.co.in

A Two days Training programme on Protection of Child Rights for the Railway Protection Forces (RPF) of North Frontier Zone, Maligaon – Guwahati Division Assam was organised by ASCPCR and SCPS in collaboration with Railway Children India on 26th and 27th September, 2015 at IIBM, Guwahati.



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## Adoption made Simpler

New Adoption Guidelines effective from 01.08.2015

- Entire process online
- CARINGS portal ([cara.nic.in](http://cara.nic.in)) upgraded
- Timelines prescribed for greater efficiency
- Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs) can select State for adoption. Specialised Adoption Agency for Home Study Report and track their applications
- NRI treated at par with Resident Indians for priority
- All adoptions outside CARINGS strictly prohibited
- Taking children directly from hospitals, maternity clinics, nursing homes or other unauthorised sources is an offence
- Mandatory registration for all Child Care Institutions (CCIs)



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(Available between 8.30AM to 5.30PM in all working days)  
For more information visit [www.cara.nic.in](http://www.cara.nic.in)

## Status Report on the functioning of the Juvenile Justice Boards and Child Welfare Committees in Assam for the month of August 2015

Sl. No.	Districts	Juvenile Justice Boards			Child Welfare Committees		
		No. of cases instituted	No. of cases disposed	Total cases pending	No. of cases instituted	No. of cases disposed	Total cases pending
1	BAKSA	Cases are jointly dealt with Nalbari JJB			1	1	0
2	BONGAIGON	3	3	17	1	4	6
3	BARPETA	10	0	129	14	7	13
4	CACHAR	6	4	66	7	3	6
5	CHIRANG	5	8	55	1	3	4
6	DARRANG	3	11	96	6	8	18
7	DHEMAJI	4	0	32	1	4	4
8	DHUBRI	2	43	116	4	2	19
9	DIBRUGARH	3	3	80	32	35	4
10	DIMA HASAO	0	0	15	0	0	0
11	GOALPARA	2	3	105	19	16	6
12	GOLAGHAT	3	2	19	0	0	7
13	HAILAKANDI	0	1	27	6	1	7
14	JORHAT	8	4	67	1	3	3
15	KAMRUP (M)	2	4	111	63	59	73
16	KAMRUP (R)	5	3	61	4	2	22
17	KARBI ANGLONG	3	1	33	1	0	2
18	KARIMGANJ	3	6	60	0	0	31
19	KOKRAJHAR	5	16	122	1	2	9
20	LAKHIMPUR	3	7	20	3	5	16
21	MORIGAN	2	2	5	11	8	22
22	NAGAON	13	10	259	13	12	11
23	NALBARI	5	3	45	0	0	36
24	SONITPUR	5	11	135	6	10	41
25	SIBSAGAR	4	4	67	13	1	55
26	TINSUKIA	10	9	71	6	7	11
27	UDALGURI	2	2	22	4	12	13
<b>Total</b>		<b>111</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>1835</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>433</b>

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