



5th Annual Day of CARA

Why in News

- The **Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA)** has celebrated its **5th Annual Day** recently.
- CARA has conducted various training programmes and workshops at national and state levels for all the stakeholders of the adoption programme.
- It has also carried out a number of advocacy programs through various mediums for creating awareness and sensitization of the general public.
- It is giving emphasis to the rehabilitation of older and special needs children in various Child Care Institutions across the country.

Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA)

- Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) has been set up as a **statutory body** of the **Ministry of Women and Child Development**.
- It functions as a **nodal body** for the **adoption of Indian children** and is mandated to **monitor and regulate** in-country and inter-country adoption.
- CARA is designated as the **Central Authority** to deal with inter-country adoptions in accordance with the provisions of the **Hague Conventions** on Inter-Country Adoptions, 1993, ratified by the Government of India in 2003.
- CARA primarily deals with adoption of orphan, abandoned and surrendered children through its associated /recognised adoption agencies.

Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction

- Hague Convention is a multilateral treaty which came into existence on 1st December 1983.
- It is an international treaty to ensure the prompt return of the child who has been “abducted” from the country of their “habitual residence”.
- The Convention applies to children age under 16 years.

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