



## Adoption Awareness Month

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Recently, [Central Adoption Resource Authority \(CARA\)](#) celebrated **November** as **National Adoption Awareness Month** to promote legal adoptions.

- **About CARA:** It is a **statutory body** established under the [Juvenile Justice Act, 2015](#) and functions under the **Ministry of Women & Child Development**.
  - It is the **nodal body** for adoption of Indian children and is mandated to **monitor** and regulate **in-country and inter-country adoptions**.
    - Inter-country adoptions in India adhere to the [Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption, 1993](#), ratified by Government of India in 2003.
- **Theme: Rehabilitation of Older Children through Foster Care and Foster Adoption.**
- **Hague Convention** 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 shall cease to apply when the child attains the age of 16 years.

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