



## No More Court Visits for Adoption

The Government has approved amendments to the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 to enable speedier adoption of children.

### Key Highlights

- Prospective parents who wish to adopt will not be required to make several rounds to the courts to seek an adoption order as District Magistrates or District Collectors will be authorized to do so.
- All child-care institutions (CCIs) will have to get registered and linked to the Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA).

### 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 Government of India in 2003.

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