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Press Release

Growing up in an atmosphere with love and care is the right of every child. In this regard the adoption process is an appropriate program that helps the orphan, abandoned and destitute children rehabilitate.

State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) under Directorate of Social Welfare is functioning in these Islands as a unit to coordinate, monitor and develop the work of Adoption Program, disseminating information and awareness on Adoption Process. The Adoption registration is done through "**Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System**" (CARINGS) which is a centralized software containing database of children and registration of Parents. Parents can also adopt through relative adoption or children of spouse from earlier marriage as step-parents adoption. The adoption program thus helps to provide a permanent family arrangement to these children by providing biological caregivers.

The parents willing to adopt can register themselves by logging as PAPs (Prospective Adoptive Parents) through <https://carings.nic.in> on CARINGS 3.2 version. Documents such as family photographs, birth certificate, income, address proof, bank statement, and medical fitness certificate along with marriage/divorce certificate have to be uploaded on the portal.

Taking the custody of any minor without following the legal procedure & by violating the adoptions laws is illegal adoption, which is a punishable offence as per Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015 with imprisonment upto three years or fine of Rs. 1 Lakh or with both. It is vital that the

adoption process is safeguarded by robust and appropriate laws and policies to protect the best interests of children first and foremost, as well as the parents involved. Therefore, Department urges the general public to report any cases of illegal adoptions, and may obtain authentic information regarding adoption procedure from State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA), Room No 308, Directorate of Social Welfare, South Andaman.

So far the department has facilitated 03 no. of adoptions successfully.



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