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**INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE
DISABLED PERSONS**



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A commemorative Stamp in the denomination of Rs.2.00 will be issued today by the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications to mark the International Year of the Disabled Persons.

Growing International concern for the world's 450 million disabled, prompted the United Nations General Assembly in 1976 to declare 1981, the International Year of the Disabled Persons with the theme " Full participation and Equality." Physical impairment, chronic illness, mental retardation and sensory disabilities are the most prevalent forms which were caused principally by home, road and occupational accidents, crippling diseases, mental illness, blindness, hearing impairment, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, cardio-vascular diseases and war. It is estimated that every tenth person of the population of any country is afflicted by some kind of disablement and the great majority of the world's disabled persons live in developing countries. The problem has been identified as a growing one with a number of factors, such as the growth of the population, insufficient food production, extended life span and improved social conditions and medical care leading to an increase in the number of disabled.

Realising the gravity of the problem, the UN General Assembly has established an advisory committee to prepare a world Plan of Action for the Year, basing on the major objectives, prevention attitudes, rehabilitation and integration.

The official logo represents two people holding hands in solidarity and support of each other in a position of equality. The peach leaves that encircle the logo show a part of the United Nations emblem. The original design has been presented by the French National Commission for IYDP.

Affirming that the main focus of the Year will be on activities at the National level, the UN General Assembly urged its member countries to establish National Committees to co-ordinate, plan and execute the activities pertaining to the Year.

In Sri Lanka, a National Committee has been set up by the Ministry of Social Services with representatives of the Ministries of Education, Health, Labour, Plan Implementation, Home Affairs and State, the non-governmental organizations and the special agencies of the UN family.

The Chief Patron of the Committee is His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka, Mr. J. R. Jayewardene. Mrs. Hema Premadasa, wife of the Prime Minister Mr. R. Premadasa and the Hon'ble Minister of Social Services Mr. Asoka Karunaratna are Patrons.

The National Committee of which the main objective is to make every tenth person of the community, who is a disabled, an independent citizen with dignity, has developed a programme of action to observe the Year in a meaningful manner. The four major goals of the programme are :

1. Prevention of disablement.
2. Eradication of descrimination.
3. Improvement of Rehabilitation Services.
4. Providing more opportunities to the disabled to integrate with the community.

Philatelic Details

<i>Date of Issue</i>	: 1981.06.19
<i>Value</i>	: Rs. 2.00
<i>Colours</i>	: Black, grey, red
<i>Designer</i>	: A. A. Adhikari
<i>Format</i>	: Vertical
<i>Size</i>	: 30×42 mm.
<i>Printing Process</i>	: Offset
<i>Sheet Composition</i>	: 100 stamps per sheet
<i>Printers</i>	: V/O Mezhdunarodnaya Kniga Moscow, U.S.S.R.
<i>Paper</i>	: Special Stamp paper 105 GSM
<i>Gum</i>	: Synthetic tropical
<i>Quantity Printed</i>	: 250,000 Stamps

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