

Commemorative Issue



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General Post Office**

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The Philatelic Bureau of the Department of Posts will issue a new postage stamp in the denomination of Re. 1.00 on 92.03.30 to mark the 11th Anniversary of Mahapola.

The concept of Mahapola is very familiar to the people of Sri Lanka and the anniversary of its inception has become a practical and co-ordinated endeavour which brings together all sections of the community. One of the highlights is the award of higher education scholarships to those deserving youngsters on whose shoulders rests the future of our nation. The Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund, which provides facilities for higher education, stands in excess of five hundred million rupees and so far over twenty-three thousand students have been awarded scholarships.

The Mahapola Scholarship Fund, in collaboration with the President's Fund, provides scholarships to out-standing graduates to enable them to go to reputable academic institutions abroad to study for post graduate degrees.

In addition to the awarding of scholarships, facilities are provided for classes and seminars, and funds made available for the establishment

of libraries, laboratories etc. for the benefit of the younger generation who wish to study commerce, technology and science as well as international languages, notably English.

The Mahapola Scholarship Fund derives a major share of its income from the Development Lottery. Mahapola scholars are paid Rupees Five Hundred and Fifty (for merit scholarships) and Rupees Five Hundred (for normal scholarships) per month from the Mahapola Scholarship Fund and additional Rupees One hundred and Fifty per month from the General Treasury.

Philatelic Details

Date of Issue	..	1992.03.30
Denomination	..	Re. 1.00
Colours (Used)	..	Cyan, Magenta, Yellow & Black
Design	..	A Student & Oil Lamp
Designer	..	Sudeepa Purnajith Perera.
Format	..	Vertical
Size	..	29.85 × 40.64 mm
Printer	..	Messrs Security Printers Malaysia
Printing Process	..	Offset Lithography.
Sheet Composition	..	50 stamps per sheet
paper	..	102 g. s. m. Security Postage Stamp paper
Gum	..	Particle Gum
Perforation	..	13 Approximately
Quantity Printed	..	1,000,000

Terms of Sale

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