

**Commemorative Issue**



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**CHRISTMAS - 92**

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The Philatelic Bureau of the Department of Posts, will issue two new postage stamps in the denomination of Rs. 1.00 and Rs. 9.00 on the 17th of November, 1992 to mark Christmas 1992.

The birth of a new baby, especially when it happens to be the 'first-born' brings immense joy to a family. Many celebrate the anniversary of birthdays, as if to relive this joyous event.

'Christmas' evokes very special sentiments of a re-lived birth day event of a unique child who is none other than Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, God-Made-Man. His birth has been marked as the central event in human history where years are counted as 'before Christ' (B.C.) and 'after Christ' (A.D.).

On this thrice happy day, the whole Christian world bows down in adoration before the 'Babe of Bethlehem', greets Him as 'The Prince of Peace', singing with the host of Angels, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven' and peace on earth' to those with whom he is pleased'.

In the world where true peace has been robbed from the heart of man by envy, hatred, pride and greed for power, where sin dominates the lives of individuals, communities and nations, Christmas eloquently bids us to be 'makers of peace', champions of righteousness, as Christ himself was.

Just as at dawn, the streaks of the rising sun bring light, warmth and hope for the wayfarer, so may the dawn of this Christmas bring fresh hope for the dawn of peace and harmony to our dear nation and to all people of goodwill, the world over.

## Technical Details

<i>Date of Issue</i>	: 17th November, 1992
<i>Denomination</i>	: Rs. 1.00, Rs. 9.00
<i>Designer</i>	: Sudeepa Purnajith
<i>Design</i>	: Rs. 1.00 - Depicts our Lady and Saint Joseph with baby Jesus. Rs. 9.00 - Depicts a family attending religious service on Christmas Day.
<i>Format</i>	: Vertical
<i>Stamp Size</i>	: 29.85 × 40.64 mm.
<i>Perforation</i>	: 13
<i>Printing Process</i>	: Offset-Lithography
<i>Sheet Composition</i>	: 50 stamps per sheet
<i>Printers</i>	: Security Printers – Malaysia.
<i>Colours (used)</i>	: Cyan, Magenta, Yellow & Black.
<i>Paper</i>	: 102 gsm. security postage stamp paper
<i>Gum</i>	: Particle gum
<i>Quantity Printed</i>	: Rs. 1.00 - 1,000,000 Rs. 9.00 - 1,000,000
<i>Miniature Sheets</i>	: 25,000
<i>Greeting Cards</i>	: 10,000

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