

# Christmas Celebrations Begin

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Speaking on the occasion, Archbishop Costa said, "We'll work together for the welfare of Bangladesh. Let this be our firm pledge."

Father of Dhaka's Christian communication centre Komol Koraia told bdnews24.com, "The festivity will in fact start through prayer on Friday night. The significance of the night-prayer lies in realisation of the appearance of Jesus on earth."

The main prayer will be held at Kakrail's St. Mary's Cathedral on Friday night. Archbishop Costa will lead the prayer.

According to the Christian belief, the God needed a female to implement his plan. The female was Virgin Mary who is known as Bibi Mariam to the Muslims.

Christians believe Mary, despite being virgin, gave birth to a child by the God's blessings. The child was named Jesus according to angel Gabriel's saying.

Jesus appeared on earth to preach the Jews who went astray, believe the Christians.

## SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Dhaka's leading hotels, including The Pan-Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, The Westin Dhaka, The Radisson Water Garden Hotel, Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, have arranged special programmes on the occasion of Christmas.

On the Christmas day, the programmes, arranged by the hotels, will be to entertain children as the day is the most special to them.

The parties will feature carols, games, dance performance and of course, Santa Claus -- giving away gifts.

In the ballroom of Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, a special party has been arranged for children. There will also be various festivities and special foods.

The Pan-Pacific Sonargaon Hotel has been illuminated and decorated with Christmas Trees. It has arranged different games for children, fashion and magic shows.

A big Christmas Tree has been set up on the lobby of The Radisson Water Garden Hotel. Four restaurants of the hotel have arranged special foods on the occasion.

The Westin Dhaka has well been decorated. Among the arrangements, there are party, games and special foods for children.

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