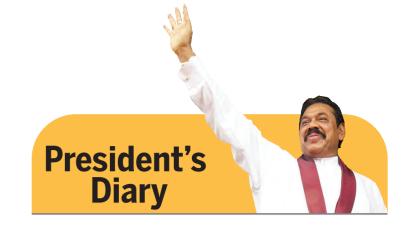


President Mahinda Rajapaksa who is on an official visit to India participated in several opening ceremonies at Buddha Gaya on an invitation of the Maha Bodhi Society.





President Rajapaksa and First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa being welcomed at Buddha Gaya.

President Rajapaksa visits a temple at Buddha Gaya.





President Rajapaksa and First Lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa take part in religious observances at Buddha Gaya.



President Rajapaksa being welcomed on arrival at the Buddha Gaya Airport.







President Rajapaksa being welcomed by the Chief Minister of Bihar State, Nitish Kumar.