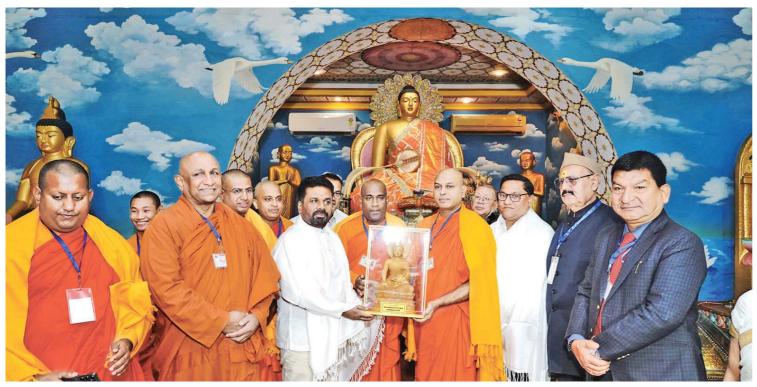
President visits Mahabodhi temple in Gaya

ake paid a visit to the Mahabodhi Temple in Bihar's Bodhgaya. Upon his arrival, he was received by senior Government officials at the Gaya Airport. President Dissanayake landed in Bihar vesterday and paid a visit to the Mahabodhi Temple in Bodhgaya. BTMC Sec-

President Anura Kumara Dissanay- retary Mahashweta Maharathi said that the President worshipped at the sanctum sanctorum of the temple and visited the Sacred Bodhi tree. Thereafter, he visited the seven places associated with the Buddha located in the temple complex, followed by the ringing of the Dharma bell in Sadhana Udyan.

After worshipping at Jayashree Mahabodhi Temple of Mahabodhi Society, the President visited the remains of the Buddha and his disciples. The Mahabodhi Temple, which is also a **UNESCO** World Heritage Site holds great importance for the followers of Buddhism. (INDIA TV)









President Anura Kumara Dissanayake, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism Minister Vijitha Herath and Labour Minister and Economic Development Deputy Minister Prof. Anil Jayantha at the Mahabodhi Temple in Bihar's Bodhgava.



The President ringing the Dharma bell in Sadhana Udyan.

A section of the Maha Sangha.