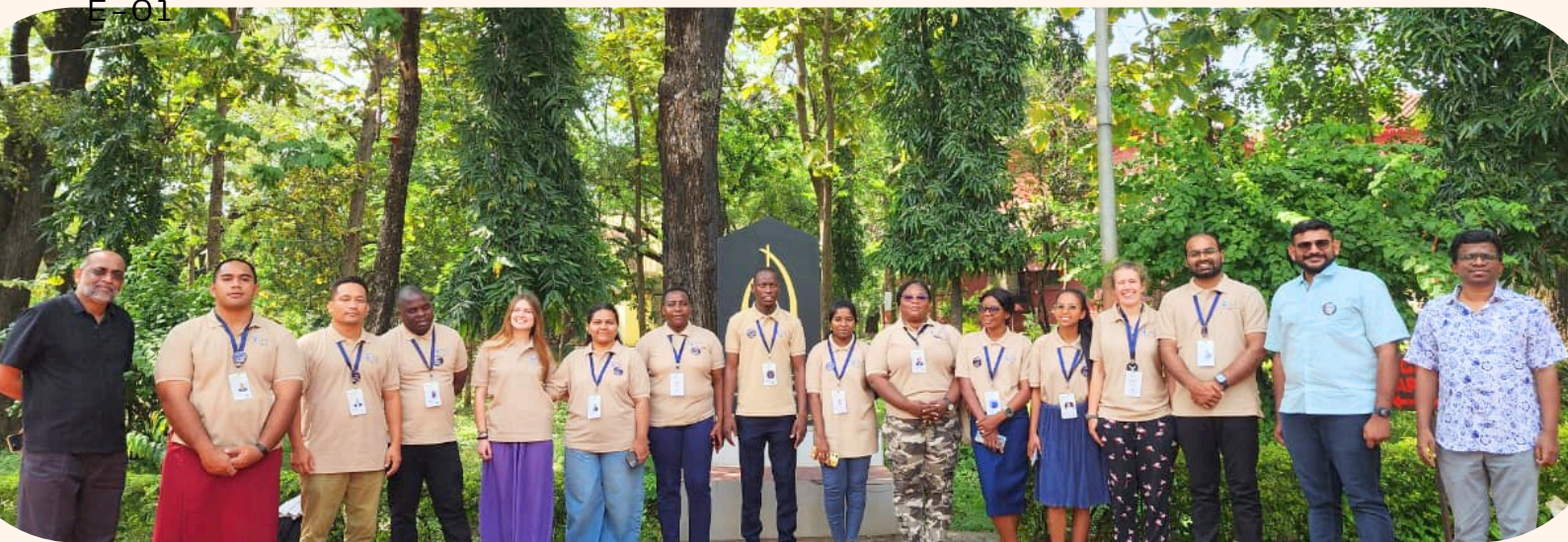


Face to Face Weekly NEWSLETTER

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Face to Face

Interfaith Harmony Conference: Promoting Peaceful Communities
|| Nagpur ||

October 4 -11, 2025

Faces of Faith, Voices of Peace: A Journey Begins at India Peace Centre

The India Peace Centre is proudly hosting the “Face to Face Interfaith Harmony: Promoting Peaceful Communities” conference. This transformative gathering brings together 13 dedicated participants from Malawi, Madagascar, Zambia (two representatives), the United Kingdom, the USA, Italy, Zimbabwe, Guyana, and India (four representatives).

During the first week, participants have been actively engaging in interactive sessions, field visits, and collaborative activities aimed at fostering peace, mutual understanding, and global connections.

Facilitated by Angelious Michael and Vinod Shemron, the program emphasizes interfaith narratives, leadership development, and community building.

Highlights from the week include visits to Sevagram and Deekshabhoomi, along with interactive hackathons and reflective journaling, creating a space for shared learning and meaningful dialogue.

04 OCT - ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS

05 OCT - ARRIVAL & CWM INTRODUCTION

06 OCT - SEVAGRAM VISIT

07 OCT -

DEEKSHABHOOMI &

GOREWADA ZOO VISIT

08 OCT - COUNTRY

PRESENTATION &

INAUGURAL CEREMONY

09 OCT - MAPPIG GLOBAL CONNECTION

10 OCT - INCLUSIVE PEACE LEADERSHIP

11 OCT - AI, CLIMATE & FUTURE PEACE



participants during session

Participants began arriving in Nagpur on October 4, completing the group by October 5 after long journeys from across the globe. The atmosphere was filled with anticipation and camaraderie as introductions began. Mr. Ebin opened the program with an engaging overview of the Council for World Mission (CWM), its mission, and global impact. His interactive session encouraged participants to share ideas freely, setting a collaborative and inspiring tone for the week ahead.



Sevagram, Wardha

A key highlight of the conference was the immersive field visits offering deep historical and social insights. On October 6, participants visited Sevagram Ashram, the residence of Mahatma Gandhi from 1936 to 1948. The serene setting reflected his ideals of non-violence, simplicity, and self-reliance. Exploring the ashram, participants reflected on Gandhi's philosophy of unity and peaceful resistance, discussing how his principles remain relevant for interfaith harmony and social justice today.

On October 7, the group visited Deekshabhoomi, where Dr. B.R. Ambedkar embraced Buddhism in 1956. The visit inspired meaningful dialogue on dignity and empowerment across faiths. Later, participants enjoyed a refreshing outing to the Gorewada International Zoological Park, reconnecting with nature and drawing parallels between ecological balance and social harmony.



Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur



Gorewada Zoo, Nagpur



India Peace Centre, Nagpur

The remaining days of the program featured creative and reflective engagements. On October 8th, participants did country presentation, on 9th – participants joined the Peace Story Lab and Harmony Hackathon led by Angelious Michael, collaboratively developing innovative ideas for peacebuilding. The following days deepened the learning – with sessions on global connections and peace leadership, inspiring vision-oriented dialogue and personal reflection. The program concluded on October 11 with Vinod Shemron's insightful session on AI for community connection, followed by a relaxing evening of reflection and a movie night, marking a thoughtful end to an enriching week.