

# Religions for Peace Bangladesh

## Report

### **Tree Planting for Peace**

Date: 28 July 2025

As part of its lead-up activities for the upcoming **Chattogram Peace Summit 2025**, RfP Bangladesh organized a community-based initiative titled "Tree Planting for Peace" on Monday, 28 July 2025, in East Amuchia, Kanungopara, located in Boalkhali Upazila of Chattogram.

The event aimed to promote interfaith harmony, environmental awareness, and the spirit of peaceful coexistence. It brought together representatives of multiple faith communities in a symbolic effort to plant trees as a shared commitment to peace.

The program was led by Professor Dr. Masum Ahmed, Secretary General of RfP Bangladesh. He was joined by:

- Bishwajit Barua, Treasurer
- Faruk Taher, Organizing Secretary
- Professor Md. Jasim Uddin, Executive Member
- Reverend Kanchan Barua, Executive Member
- Mukta Chakraborty, Executive Member, and
- Eli Rani Barua, Peace Activist

As part of the ceremony, flowering tree saplings—*Krishnachura*, *Radhachura*, and *Sonalu*—were formally handed over to local religious institutions for plantation. A Union Parishad member, Mr. Jasim Uddin, received saplings on behalf of a local mosque, and a Hindu temple priest accepted saplings for the temple grounds.

The event also saw participation from members of the East Amuchia Sarbojanin Arya Maitrey Buddhist Monastery, including:

- Venerable Sharanpal Bhikkhu, Principal
- Mr. Nayan Barua, President
- Mr. Riton Barua, General Secretary
- Mr. Sujan Barua, Member
- Mr. Dulal Barua, Member
- Mr. Nipul Barua, among others

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In his remarks, Professor Dr. Masum Ahmed emphasized:

*“We are planting these trees not just for oxygen, but as symbols of our faith, love, and peace. This initiative carries a powerful message of environmental stewardship and interfaith harmony.”*

RfP Bangladesh has long been engaged in initiatives that build mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation across diverse communities. The tree planting activity reaffirms its commitment to fostering peace and sustainability in the region.

This initiative was warmly received by the local community and represents a meaningful step in the buildup to the **Chattogram Peace Summit 2025**.

**Photo Caption:**

*Leaders of Religions for Peace (RfP) Bangladesh Chapter participating in the “Tree Planting for Peace” event held on 28 July 2025 at Kanungopara, Boalkhali, Chattogram.*

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