



Event Name: Remembrance through roots

Event no: 8

Date: 8th September 2026

Venue: Jorkusum Park

Time: 8:00 AM Onwards

Avenue: Community Service

Rotary Area of Focus: Protecting the Environment

Sponsoring organization: Rotary Club of Narayangarh

INTRODUCTION

Some lives leave behind more than memories; they leave behind a responsibility to remember, to honor, and to carry their hopes forward. On the first anniversary of the Gen Z lives lost, the **Interact Club of Vakmiki** organized a project, **Remembrance Through Roots**, at Jorkusum Park as a heartfelt tribute to their memory.

The initiative was rooted in the belief that remembrance should not remain confined to a single day or a few words. Instead, it should be given a form that can endure with time. A tree, once planted, quietly grows through seasons, its roots holding firmly to the earth while its branches reach toward the future. In the same spirit, the program sought to give the memories of those lost a living presence: something that would continue to grow, provide life, and silently remind generations to come of the lives that must never be forgotten.

Through this initiative, grief was transformed into hope, remembrance into action, and memory into something that could continue to live.

ABOUT “ Remembrance through Roots “

SUMMARY

The program commenced at **8:00 AM**, with approximately **30 Interactors** gathering at Jorkusum Park with a shared sense of respect and purpose. During the program, approximately **45–50 saplings** were planted across the park premises, with each plantation serving as a symbolic tribute to the lives being remembered.

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The morning carried a profound sense of emotion. While the occasion brought reflection upon the lives lost, it also brought together young people with a sense of pride, unity, and responsibility. With every sapling placed into the soil, the Interactors created a small yet meaningful promise—to remember, to care, and to nurture something that would continue long after the ceremony had ended.



The trees planted that day are more than additions to the park. They represent **lives remembered, dreams carried forward, hope taking root, and memories growing with every passing year.**

FEEDBACK

The program left a deep and lasting impression on the Interactors. Participants expressed that the experience felt different from an ordinary plantation drive because every sapling carried a meaning beyond itself. The act of planting became a quiet moment of reflection, an opportunity to remember the lives lost while contributing something positive to the future.

Many Interactors felt that the program beautifully demonstrated how remembrance can be expressed through action. Instead of allowing a painful memory to remain only in the past, the initiative gave it a place to grow into something hopeful and lasting.

The shared experience strengthened the participants' sense of unity and reminded them that even simple acts, when carried out with genuine purpose, can hold profound meaning.

CONCLUSION

Project **Remembrance Through Roots** was more than a plantation drive; it was a tribute shaped by remembrance, responsibility, and hope. By planting approximately **45–50 saplings**, the Interact Club of Valmiki created a living memorial, one that will continue to grow quietly with time.

The saplings planted at Jorkusum Park will witness countless mornings, changing seasons, and generations yet to come. Their roots will remain in the soil as a reminder of the lives remembered, while their branches rise toward the sky as a symbol of the hope carried forward.

A year may have passed, but remembrance does not have to fade with time. Through these trees, the memories honored on this day will continue to have a place to grow.

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We remember not only by looking back, but by planting something worthy of the future they hoped for.