

## **REVIVAL OF LAKE AT DATUM,UPPER NAKU,GYALSING BLOCK,W.SIKKIM**

Name of work:	Development and preservation of Datum Lake near Denzong Padma Cholling Academy at Datum, upper Naku.
Sanctioned Amount:	Rs. 7, 14,300/- only (Rupees Seven Lakhs Fourteen Thousand and Three Hundred only)
Implemented by:	11-Singyang Chombong GPU in Ward No. 03 Upper Naku within the administrative jurisdiction of Gyalshing Block
Administrative Centre:	Gyalshing, West Sikkim.

The above mentioned work was commenced with a objective of not only preserving and developing the datum lake but also to make the lake sustainable for tourism purposes. The scheme had both wage and supply component in which the total expenditure incurred on wage payment for the job seekers was amounted to Rs, 3, 28,600/- only whereas for the supply of materials, the expenditure went little higher amounting to Rs, 3, 85,700/- only, the reason being that there was heavy check-dam being laid to control the flow of water that entailed use of cement, fine chips, sand and other materials during execution. Besides this, there were iron benches being fixed around the lake for beautification in order that the visitors visiting that site could sit and relax at their leisure. Some ornamental plants were also planted around the lake as part of the estimated work sanctioned. As this work was executed in ward No. 03 at Upper Naku of the unit, only 28 job card holders residing in this ward had actually sought for employment.

The details were as under:

1.	Total persondays generated:	3286
2.	Men	1659
3.	Women	1627

### **Benefits accrued:**

- In fact Datum being one of the tourist destination, the development and preservation of lake was initiated not only to revive the slowly disappearing lake but also to add beauty to its fore. As the lake is located deep inside the forest, the development of lake has helped in providing, nourishing and nestleing many of diverse flora and fauna in the jungle thereby adding strength to bio-diversity of the state.
- The work has provided Environmental impetus to the already protected environment around.

- The developed lake is now helping the people around in irrigating their fields through various small dharas and thereby helping further in providing source of livelihood in the form of agricultural income.
- As the water accumulates in the form of a lake throughout the year in this place, it acts as a catalyst to the Dhara Bikash Program which is already underway in many parts of the state. After the development of datum lake, the water in this lake is getting percolated down and is feeding the existing Dharas during winter. **As the village Tikjuk to Nayabusty via Pethang colony runs short of water supply during winter, it has been noticed that one Alaichibari water source (Locally named) located at Tikjuk that caters to the above Villages near the lake has received maximum flow of water during winter ever since the work had been executed**

### **Pre Existing Status Of Datum Lake At Upper Naku**



**INITIATION OF EXECUTION OF WORK**



**PRESENT STATUS OF LAKE AFTER THE REVIVAL**

