

REVIVAL OF DEYTHANG LAKE IN CONVERGENCE WITH HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Elders narrate that during their teens the Deythang lake in Deythang under Barfung-Zarrong Gram Panchayat, Ravangla Block, was filled with water and was a major source of water for the villages. According to them, the lake was defiled and hence dried up.



Deythang lake in April 2008

The people of Deythang and the Gram Panchayat decided to rejuvenate this lake in the same old location. The area was big and hence the work had to be initiated in a phased manner and during the first year priority was given to the walls surrounding the lake.

The plantation work was done where herbal plants and the state tree Rhododendron was planted and works on the beautification of the area surrounding the lake were carried out. The Horticulture Department provided the planting material for the

plantation and 32 mm GI pipes. Water was piped from the nearby source about 1.28 km away from the lake.



Deythang lake in 2010

The material for the construction of a small temple and the gate was provided from the Panchayat Fund and labour component was provided by MGNREGA.

The lake has a capacity of 84,000 litres, which is sufficient to meet the requirements of 90 households to support floriculture, agriculture and horticulture activities. As a result of this, the discharge of the springs below the lakes has also increased. Tourists have also started visiting the area as it is near the road and it is developing as a picnic spot.

The National Level Monitor on his visit to Deythang Lake appreciated the work carried as well as the convergence with different schemes.

The Doordarshan Sikkim team visited and covered the whole area. The Hon'ble Chief Minister - Shri. Pawan Chamling also visited the lake during the initial phase.