



INDO-GERMAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECT



Pisciculture over Project constructed Checkdam:

Paves way for prosperous life

The IGDC Project (Tripura), under the working title “Natural Resource Management in Tripura” had the primary objective of improving the natural resource conditions supporting enhanced livelihoods of forest dependent communities under the Dhalai and North Districts of Tripura. The Project is making synchronized efforts at various levels to open-up more economically viable livelihood avenues to wane the target groups off from the practice of *Jhooming*, and fend-off the ecological challenges posed thereby.

The Project, in its efforts to making inroads into the lives of its beneficiaries, tried to look deep into the problems being faced by the beneficiaries. One of the initial realisations was that Tripura, despite receiving quite a good amount of rainfall for a larger part of the year, has areas where acute water scarcity sets-in at the onset of the dry season and thus remains somewhat drought-affected for almost 3 months in the year.

As it is true with any human endeavour to uplift the socio-economic conditions of any community, the absence of basic amenities like water, roads and access to other basic services makes it redundant and only more difficult. Hence, it was decided to provide multipurpose water sources to the communities which would not only hydrate the land, but also provide round-the-year good quality usable water to the communities and options to reap economic benefits out of the water bodies!

Given the terrains and geographical contours in the Project area, the most suitable measure came out to be the construction of Check dams and small Fish Ponds in this direction. All the check Dams constructed under the project since then hves been managed by the Project SHGs, VDPIC groups and individual *patta* holders. All of them are presently practicing Pisciculture, duck rearing etc. diversified activities in these Check Dams.

The group Sarkabai SHG demonstrate an excellent case whereby practicing pisciculture under project constructed check dam have led them to greater economic liberty. The details of the group activity is below:



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Location

- **State:** Tripura
- **District:** Dhalai Tripura
- **Block:** Salema RD
- **Village:** AshapuraRoaja Para ADC Village

Activity Location: 91°47Rs. 23.6" / 24°00Rs. 21.5"

SHG: Sarkabai SHG

No of Members: 10 [a)All female, b) All belongs to BPL family, c) All belongs to Jhumia (Shifting cultivator) Family]

Monthly Savings: Rs. 50/month/member.

Seed money received from IGDCP: Rs. 10,000

Investment Cycle/ Phasing/ Income-Expenditure statement:

Activity	Investment	Source of fund	Sale value	Net profit
Fishery	Total expense: Rs. 15,500/-	IGDCP: Rs. 10,000/- Savings: Rs. 3,500/- Own Contribution: Rs. 2,000/-	Rs. 68,000/-	Rs. 52,500/-

Previous occupation (before involvement in the nursery activity): Jhum, MNREGA.

Present occupation: Business (Fishery), MNREGA. The group has shown exemplary group activities that has been able to enhance the annual average income by Rs. 5250 per member.

