

As some of the directions of the Honourable Supreme Court were not implemented, I moved an interim application (INTEREM APPLICATION No 7) in the HONOURABLE SUPREME COURT in 2005. Subsequently the following measures have been taken:

1. For de-congesting Naini Tal, 27 offices have been shifted from Naini Tal to suitable locales in nearby neglected townships, which will give an economic boost to these towns.
2. To improve the water quality of the Naini Tal Lake, the oxygen level of the lake is being increased by Aeration Scheme. This is the first time that this scheme has been implemented in India and the oxygen level in the lake water has improved drastically. The lake, which was highly eutrophicated and was almost dead has been revived through aeration.
3. Together with this, bio-manipulation project has been implemented in which fishes that are detrimental to the lake eco-system are being removed and fishes like mahaseer and silver carp, which are congenial to the lake eco-system, have been introduced. So far 7,000,000 Gambusia and Puntius as well as 1500 Big Head Carps, which were damaging the lake eco-system, have been removed and sent to the Fisheries Department of Pant Nagar Agricultural University. Further 65,500 fingerlings of Silver Carp and Mahaseer fishes have been introduced in the lake to improve its water quality and benefit the faunal population.
4. Dredging of deltas in the lake is also being done regularly to remove the silt from the lake.
5. Solid Waste Management has been introduced in Naini Tal and the neighbouring townships.
6. Now the whole of Naini Tal has almost been connected by sewer lines and new branch line connections are being made to prevent the sewer from entering the lake.
7. Defecation by labourers in the open was a big problem so 27 community toilets were proposed out of which 20 have been completed and in the rest seven the work is in progress.
8. The parasite loranthus has been eradicated from the oak trees (to save them) within a project period of three years. In three years 104,607 branches were cut from 10,212 trees, which were infected with loranthus.
9. To improve the green cover large scale plantation is being done in the town

and its outskirts. Within two years 38 thousand plants, which are endemic to the area have been planted in the catchment area.

10. Mission Butterfly for segregating biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste has already been launched in Naini Tal with peoples' participation and the plastic collected is being supplied for recycling.

11 Himalayan Botanic Garden has been established on the outskirts of Naini Tal town to create consciousness regarding Himalayan biodiversity. My basic purpose is to protect the lake region of Naini Tal and its lakes from pollution. This lake region with Naini Tal as the nucleus is 200 square kilometers in area and is very important from the ecological point of view as it provides water for irrigation to the agricultural fields in the foothills of Tarai and Bhabhar, which are the agricultural bowl of the state of Uttarakhand. It comprises the lakes of Naini Tal, Bhim Tal, Naukuchia Tal, Sat Tal and Khurpa Tal.

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1. After the intervention of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, for prevention of defecation in the open in the Lake Region, out of five proposed state of art public toilets in Bhim Tal, three have been completed and two are under completion.. In Naukuchia Tal out of the proposed two, both of them are operational,, in both Sat Tal and Sariya Tal near Khurpa Tal one each proposed are operational.

2. For promoting tourism the dry lake in Sariya Tal was revived and it has now been converted into a small lake.

3. In Bhim Tal one parking site and one jetty on the shore of the lake have been constructed. An aquarium has been established in the island in Bhim Tal. The Bhim Tal aquarium is technically at par with the best in the world and way ahead of Indian standards. The island and the island restaurant housed there were a constant source of pollution in the lake. To avert this, the restaurant has been removed from the island and the owner has been allotted a shop in a vantage position in the town