



Social Capital

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Teertha Yatra to the Renovated and Revived Teerthas was organized for the local Purohits for the first time on 17.4.2017. Well-known Purohits Shri.R.Ramakrishnan, V.Subramanian, B.Swaminatha Sharma, Pakshi Siva Rajan, V.SundaramVadyar and Kripakaran joined this historic pilgrimage. They visited the following 12 Teerthams:

Kumuda, Parasuram, Brahma, Virega, Sahadev, Nakula, Arjuna, Bhima, Jambavan, Angada, Sugriva and Draupathi

Comments by the participants:

- Shri.Ramakrishnan said after the visit that **“Teertha snanam koti punyam (A dip in holy pond will fetch 1 crore punyas / benefits)”**
- Shri.Swaminathan, a Sanskrit pandit said “Every Amavasya day, all purohits should take a dip in these Teerthas and this will set a trend for all pilgrims to visit and get appropriate benefit.
- Shri Kripakaran said that on his part he is already taking dip in Brahma Teerha on every Amavasya day.
- Shri.SundaramVadhyar proposed that Teertha Yatra details with photographs will be put up in the facebook.



Mangad village chairman K.Muniyswami and vice chairman T.Nagaendran having a discussion with purohits at Brahma Teertham.



Having a taste of Angada Teertham by Sri Kripakaran



From left -Ramakrishnan, Subramanian, Swaminathan, Pakshi Siva, Kripakaran- A discussion on Teertha yatra – benefits, origin etc.

- About 10 youths participated in cleaning Jnanavapi Teertham at Erakadu on 23rd April.



- 30 children and 12 youths attended daily yoga class
- Daily Bhajan followed by Meditation class started at Green Rameswaram building. About 10 locals are participating.



- 30 – 35 students from 1st to 10th std attended daily Hindi learning class at 'Green Rameswaram' building.
- Locals are demanding for English speaking class for the school going children and so the same has started with six students. In the coming months, the strength will go up.

