Revival and Renovation of Panacha Teertham

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This is originally Panasa Teertham and Panasa is one of the Vanara army head of Sugreeva. He created this Teertham and one who takes bath in this Teertham attains immortality. This Teertham creates a wakeful nature in oneself who bathes in the Teertham. Over the years the name has got converted to Panacha Teertham colloquially. Another Oral version of the story is this Teertham is named after Panai or Palm Tree available in this area. Water of this Teertham is equivalent to the sweetness of Palm Jaggery hence it is known as Panacha Teertham.

Location:
Panacha Teertham is located in the Mangadu Village Ward no.16 of Rameswaram Municipality.

Status of Panacha Teertham before starting renovation

Background

Concept Seeding is done by way of three rounds of meeting conducted in the village around 6-7 members participated in these meetings with meagre attendance. Ward member Mr. Subramani and Mr. Ramaiyan, poojari, pillayar temple shown high interest in renovating this tank. We tried to explore the possibilities of the public contribution however not with much success. We could only succeed in getting the community hall for the stay of our staff members during the work progress.
Nearby Teerthams

It is near Brahma Teertham 0.75 KM and Vivekha Teertham 0.5 KM

Panacha Teertham Field Map Copy (FMC)

Specificity of the rituals for this theertham with Mantras

Slogan one from Adhyapana Ramayana reference about the Panasa:

tam yatudhana-prtanam asi-sula-capaprasarstisaktisaratamara-khadgadurgamsugrivalaksmana-marutsutagandhamadanilangadarksapanasadibhir anvito 'gat

Synonyms tam—all of them; yatudhana-prtanam—the soldiers of the Raksasas; asi—by swords; sula—by lances; capa—by bows; prasaprstisaktisaraprasa weapons and rsti weapons; sakti-sara—sakti arrows; tomara—tomara weapons; khadga—by a type of sword; durgam—all invincible; sugriva—the monkey named Sugriva; laksmana—by Lord Ramacandra's younger brother; marut-suta—by Hanuman; gandhamada—by Gandhamada, another monkey; nila—by the monkey named Nila; angada—Angada; rksa—Rksa; panasa—Panasa; adibih—by other soldiers; anvita—being surrounded, Lord Ramacandra; agat—came in front of (for the sake of fighting).

Explanation of the Sloka

Lord Ramachandra, surrounded by Lakshmana and Vanara mighty soldiers like Sugriva, Hanuman, Gandhamada, Nila, Angada, Jambavan and Panasa, attacked the soldiers of the Raksasas, who were fully equipped with various invincible weapons like swords, lances, bows, prasas, rstis, sakti arrows, khadgas and tomaras.
38. (a) Nala, (b) Neela, (c) Gavaya, (d) Gavaksha, (e) Gandhamadhana, (f) Angada, (g) Gaja, (h) Sarabha, (i) Kumuda, (j) Panasa, (k) Jambavān, and (l) Vaali theerthams, etc., formed by the Vanara leaders for their troops. The first five are in the compound of the Madhava Shrine, while others are on the way to Mount Gandhamadhana. All these are capable of curing disease and freeing one from sin and grief.

Panacha Teertham TN GIS Map
Renovation of Teertham started with the Pillaiyar Pooja near Panacha Teertham

Coconut touched by the Public gathering
Traditional Bhumi Pooja before starting the work at Panacha Teertham

Desilting the waterbody
Excavation work is on ……
Laying foundation stones

Work is in progress ....
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Dinakaran newspaper on October 4, 2017 gave coverage about the school student work in Panacha Teertham