



## Revival and Renovation of Water Bodies

### Story of Amrita Vapi Teertham

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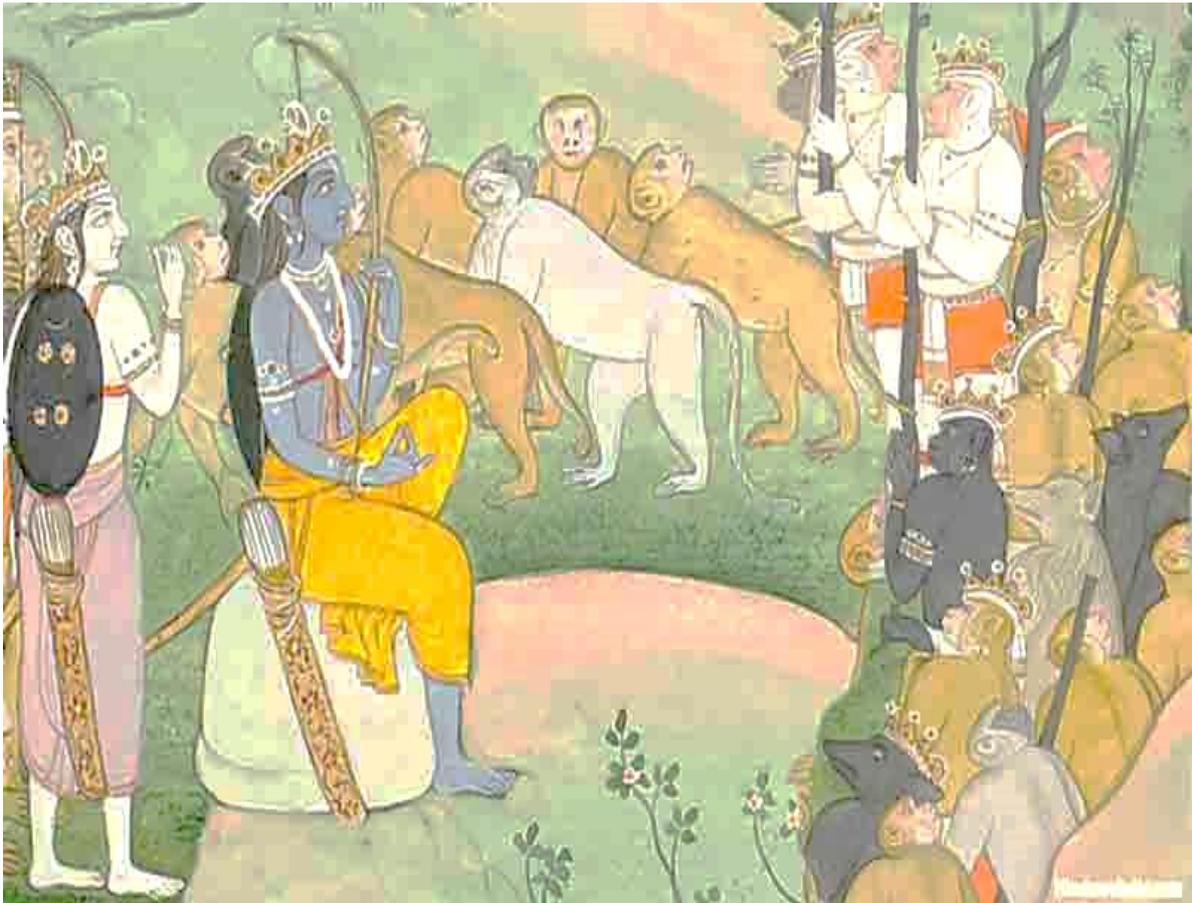
Vivekananda Kendra – Nardep



This Teertham is located before entering Thangatchimadam inside Shri Ekanta Ramar Swamy Temple, which is some 7 Kms. from Sri Ramanathasamy Temple. This Teertham is in the form of well inside Sree Ekanta Ramar Swamy Temple

#### Mythological Story

It was told that Lord Rama along with his council of war retired in this temple when the sea Bridge was being built.



*Lord Rama with his war council*

The uniqueness of this temple is that this place is away from the sea and very quiet, hence the plan for the war was framed in this place. The well in the temple verandah is called Amrita Vapi.

Another Mythological Story is that after the war, Lord Rama stayed in this place along with Ma Sita and he was in the most relaxed mood (Ekanta). He drank the Amrita Vapi Teertham and also gave it to Vibhishana and Hanuman who were tired after fierce war. The moment they drank the Teertham, they felt rejuvenated.

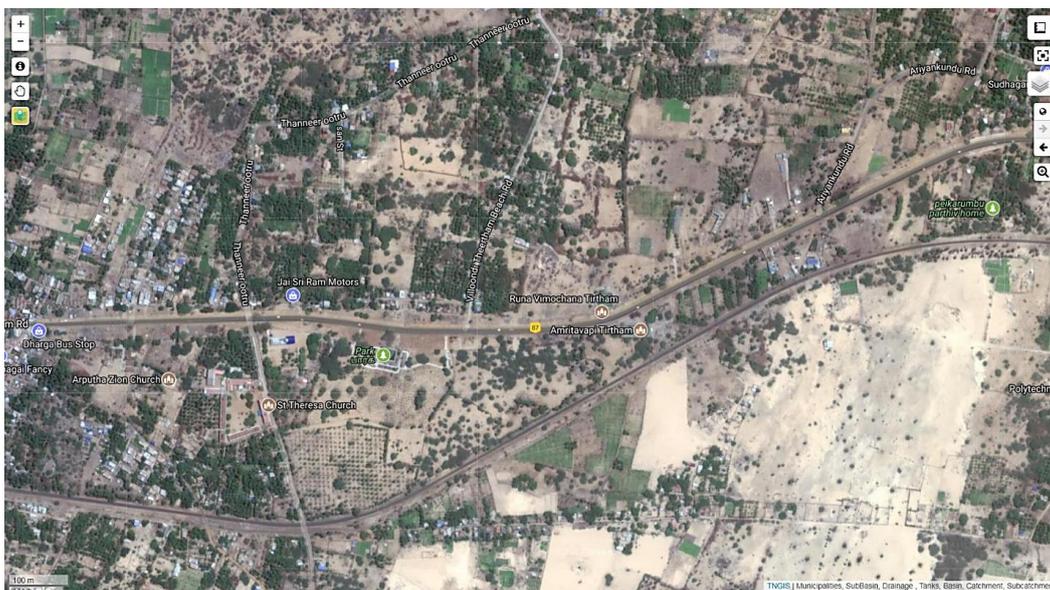


*Lord Rama in the most relaxing mood with Ma Sita*

### **Merit of the Teertha**

People believe that one gets salvation by taking this Teertham. Brother of Sage Agasthya attained it by drinking this Teertham. This Teertham rejuvenates one's soul and body. One who bathes in this Teertham gets the blessing of Lord Shiva. For long and Peaceful Life have a bath in this Teertham and drink this Teertham. Lord Rama has bestowed his blessings on it.

### **GIS Map of the Teertham**



*GIS Map of Amrita Vapi (Source: TNGIS)*

## **GPS Coordinates**

North: 9.30206

East : 79.3079

## **Renovation of Teertham**

This Teertham is located inside the temple. As far as the temple is concerned, there is a dispute with the Government related to its takeover. Vivekananda Kendra helped in cleaning the entire temple, white washing the area, cleaning the well (Teertham) and planting a few trees for beautification. During the renovation works of our Runa Vimochana and Mangala Teertham, our staff stayed in this temple.

## **Beneficiaries of the Teertham**

This water is the primary source for everyday worship of the deity - Sree Ekanta Ramar. Hence it was accessed by all the Pilgrims and Poojaris. Approximately 2500 liters would be stored in the Well. Water is good in taste complying with the word Amrita.



*Shri Ekanta Ramar Swamy Temple, Thangatchimadam*

