



Revival and Renovation of Water Bodies Story of Runa Vimochana Teertham

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Location:

This Teertham is located before entering Thangatchimadam, opposite to Shri Ekanta Ramar Temple which is about 7 KMs from Sri Ramanathasamy Temple.

Form

It is in the form of Pond - Stairs running from South to North



Mythological Story

Atri Maharshi was in need of money for holding yajna. He goes to Kubera at Kubera Patnam to get the money. Though Kubera was having tons of money, he refused to pay to Atri maharshi. The enraged maharshi curses him to lose all his wealth and become a beggar.

The curse had gradual effect on him and Kubera went on losing his wealth. He borrowed the money from Goddess Lakshmi but even that borrowed money was also lost because of the curse. Then Kubera comes down to earth and starts begging.

Athri Maharshi Curses Kubera



Lord Kubera Borrowing Money from Mahalakshmi

During the course of his journey he comes to Sethu (present Dhanuskoti). During the walk, he comes across Atri Maharishi and he immediately falls down at his feet and asked for forgiveness.



Athri Maharshi releases the curse and blesses Lord Kubera

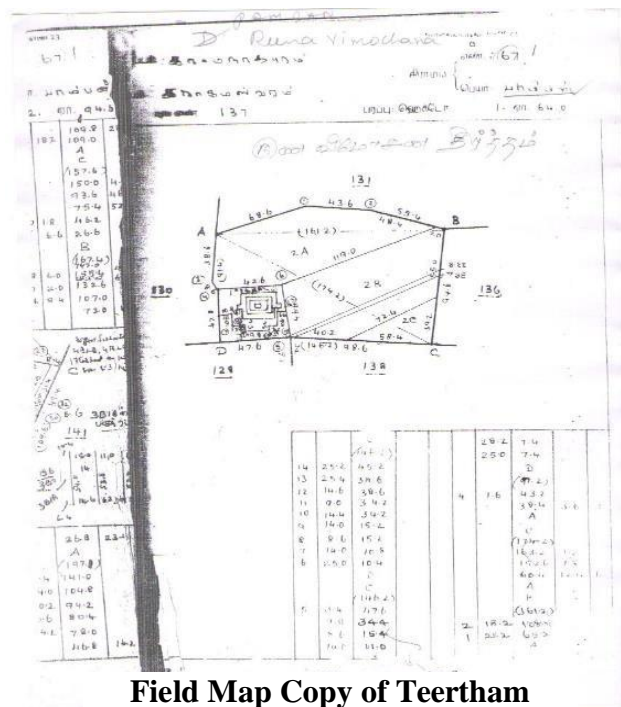
Looking at his condition Maharshi with a kind heart asks him to take bath in a Teertham that was created by the Rishi himself at that instant. At the command of the rishi, Kubera takes bath in the Teertham and due to which he was released from the curse and started regaining his lost wealth and ruled the Kubera Kingdom again.

Merit of the Teertham

As per Sanskrit Terms the word “Runa” means Debt and Vimochana means getting relief. Whoever takes bath in this Runa Vimochana Teertham, all Runa – Uncertainties/Debts will be washed off and therefore it is a Runa Vimochana Teertham. Runa Vimochana Teertham frees oneself from all sorts of debts to men, sages, pitrus and Gods.

Process of Teertham Identification

We were informed by the Thangatchimadam locals about the existence of the Teertham just opposite to Shri Ekanta Ramar Temple. When we located, it was surrounded by Thorny Bushes all around and there was huge volume of mud along with dumping of Liquor Bottles. This Teertham is surrounded by full of Prosopis Juliflora.



Field Map Copy of Teertham

Renovation

All the bushes and surrounding Prosopis Juliflora was cleaned and when we started our work of removing silt, we could identify the springs in two places at North West and also in South East. The water in this Tank is good in Taste. Varahi Amman temple is nearby this Teertham. They also use this Teertham for Pooja Purpose. Big fishes like Kutla fingerlings have been introduced after renovation. Renovation work started on 06 June 2013 and we could complete the work by 04 October 2013.



Benefits of this Teertham and the Impact of Renovation

This Teertham is having 25 Meters Length 28 Meters Breadth and 5 Meter Depth. It has a storage capacity of 1.3 lakhs Litres. This helps to improve the Ground water levels in surrounding area. Pilgrims Visiting the Varahi Amman Temple and Sri Ekanta Ramar Temple visit this Teertham for rituals. It also enhances the tourism Potential of Rameswaram. Varahi Amman has festivals in the month of September Navarathri and Aadi Festivals. Sri Ekanta Ramar Temple has festivals for Navarathri, all Thiruvonams, Mahasivarathri and Aadi. During these festivals the utility of this Teertha goes up.

