



Revival and Renovation of Water Bodies

By

Vivekananda Kendra – Nardep



Sugriva Teertham

Location and Form

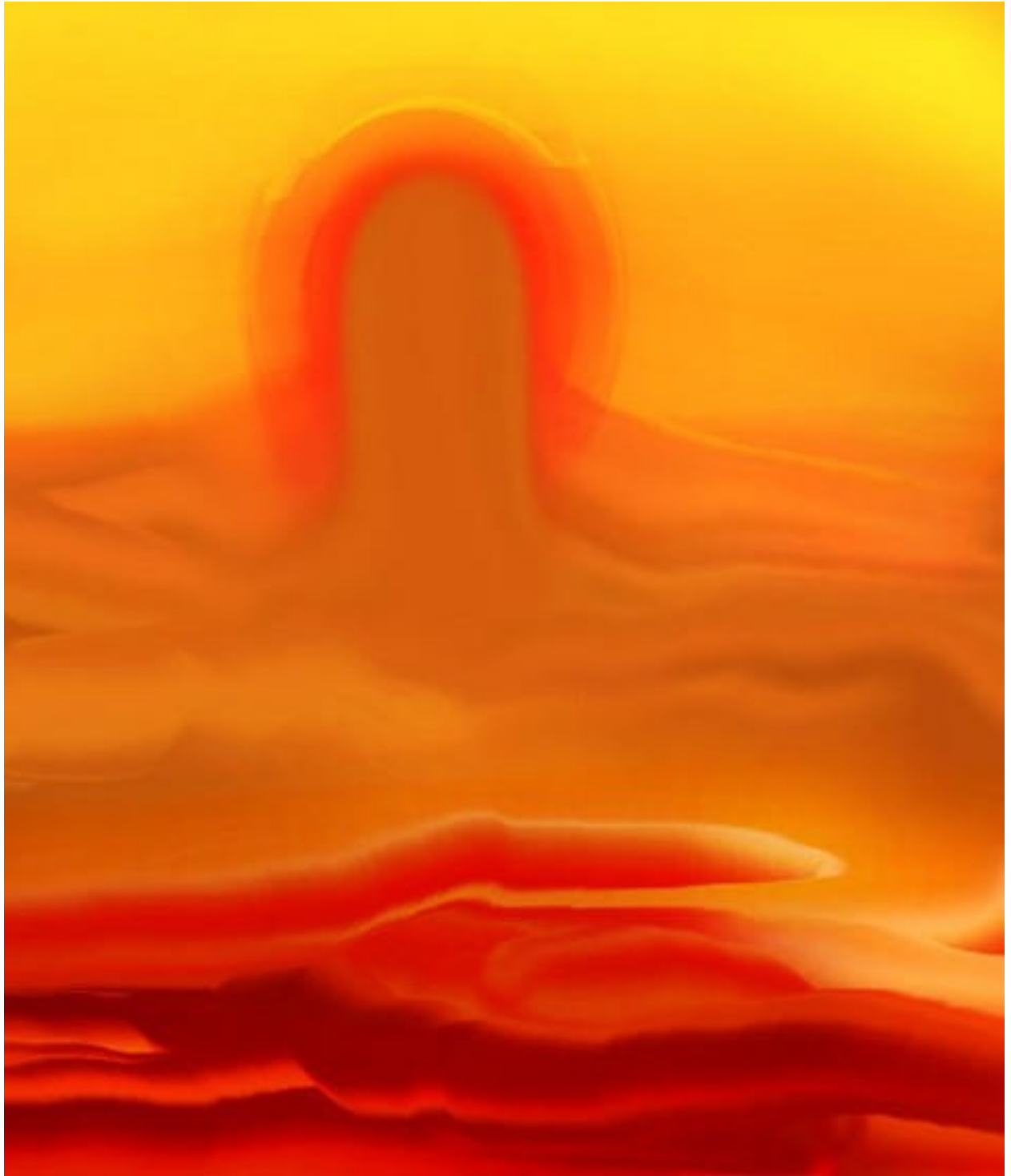
This Teertham is located from Rameswaram Temple towards Gandhamadhanaparvatham. It's a pond type Teertham with one side stairs

Mythological Story

Sugriva instrumental for his brother Vali's death acquired the sin of killing his own brother. Lord Rama created this Teertham and sugriva did 9 days of Shiva Pooja near this Teertham and had the darshan of Lord shiva in the form of light.



Vali and Sugriva Fight



Lord Shiva in the form of light

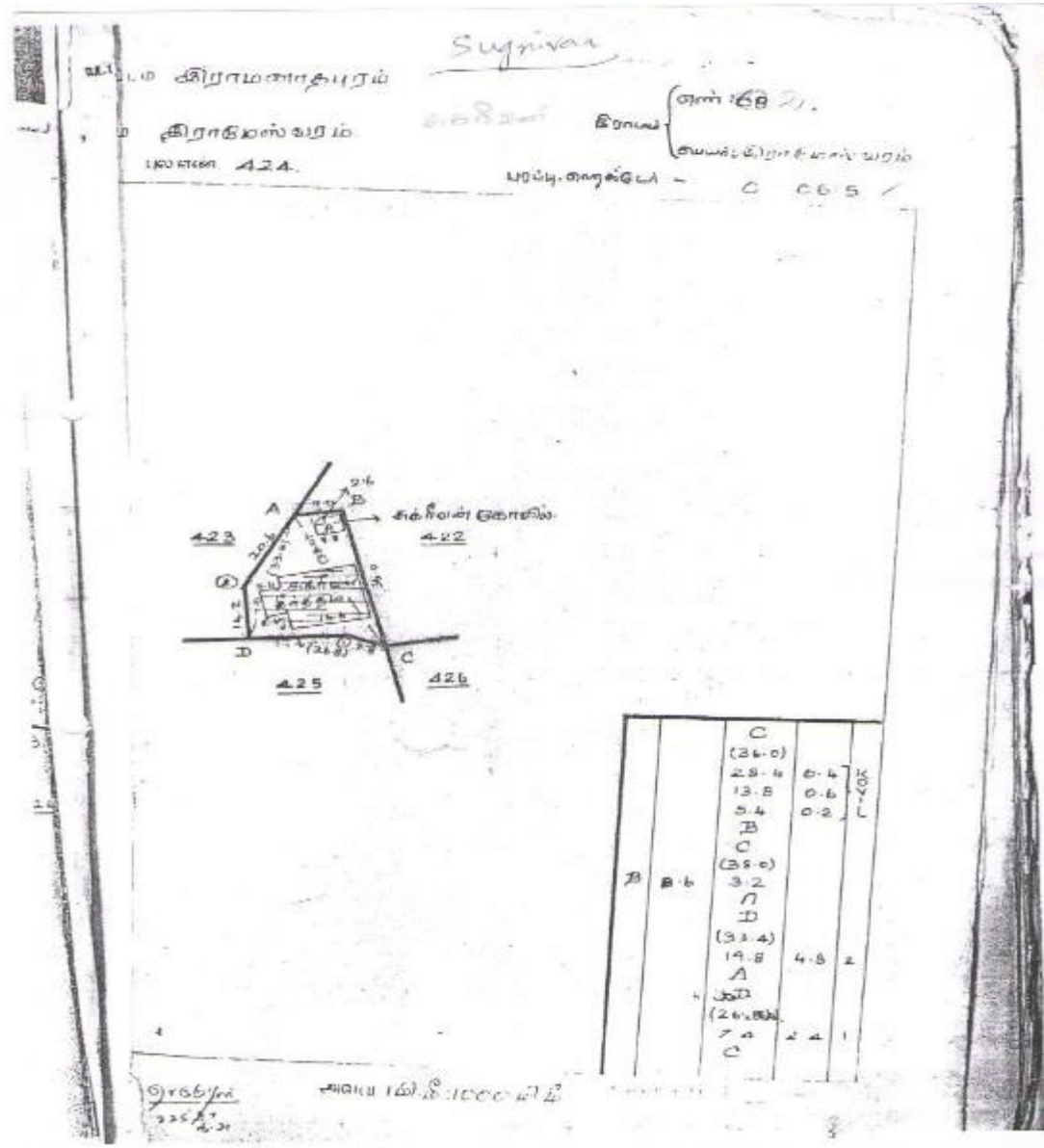
Lord Shiva blessed that this Teertham would be called in the name of Sugriva. People believe that they get punya by taking bath in this Teertham.

GIS Location

North - 9.29468

East - 79.3089

Field Map Copy of Sugriva Teertham



Process of Identification and Renovation of the Teertham

Mr.Vedarajan is the local person who was responsible for identification of this Teertham. The Traditional Water Body renovation involved numbers of steps such as:

- Cleaning the thorny bushes from the water body and the surrounding area.
- Cleaning and De-silting the pond
- Construction of parapet wall
- Construction of gate
- Fixing up the board etc.

Local people helped the workers while renovation work. NSS Team of Parvathavarthini School also came forward to do some voluntary work. There is a beautiful small temple of Sugriva near the pond.



Sugriva Teertham



Impact of the Tank

- i. This particular tank benefits the pilgrims visiting Sugriva temple
- ii. People also use the water for rituals related to death, as there is a graveyard in the nearby area.
- iii. It also serves as a water storage place and thus ground water recharge takes place
- iv. Potential of reliving its historical and mythological importance and develop as a destination for pilgrimage.

Building Teertha Mitras

In order to build Teertha Mitras around all the Teerthams a meeting was organized on 18th November 2018 morning in the premises of Sri Adichunchanagiri Mutt. The meeting was attended by a few local stakeholders including shop owners of Sannathy Street.



*A view of the meeting held at Sri Adichunchanagiri Mutt for maintaining Teerthams
(Traditional Water Bodies)*

WASH Proposal field visit Support

Green Rameswaram project partner Shri.Krishnamoorthy of INDIA NGO attended the “Search” Exercise on 25th November 2018. As a part of this exercise he visited the following schools on 26th November.

1. Sri Parvathavarthini amman Girls Higher Secondary School
2. Mandapam union Middle School, Rameswaram
3. Mandapam Union Primary School near Rameswaram Market



Shri.Krishnamoorthy of INDIA NGO visiting the Middle School in Rameswaram



Shri.Krishnamoorthy interacting with the students of Primary School

