Jatayu Teertham is in the forest area. Getting permission for renovation was a difficult task. However, with some efforts and follow up, forest department gave a permission for the renovation of dilapidated water body as it will help the cattle and forest animals.

The traditional pooja was performed on 29th August 2022. We will cover the renovation work in the next issue.
Repairing of the Renovated Water Bodies
Vivekananda Kendra – Nardep started the renovation and revival of Traditional water bodies of Rameswaram in the year 2013. In the last 8 – 9 years, we have renovated 40 Traditional water bodies – Teerthams. However, a few water bodies requiring repairing and upkeep for the following reasons:

- As the structures are old, a few places the structure at the base was damaged
- Gusty wind and saline atmosphere is causing damage to the outer surface
- General wear and tear
- Fading of the paint

This month, we are covering the repair and maintenance of the following few Teerthas (TWBs):

1. **Arjuna Teertham**

*The old structure caved in .......

*Repairing of the damaged portion is on ....*
Filling up the gap, strengthening and plastering work is completed

Complete touch up by proper plastering before giving a new coat of paint
2. Bhima Teertham

Supervisor, Shri. K. Radhakrishnan showing the damaged walls

Workers cleaning the debris as a part of maintenance work
Lot of clothes thrown by the pilgrims pollutes the water body – cleaning is on ....

Plastering the damaged wall due to saline atmosphere and gusty wind
Final touch up before the recolouring

Bhima Teertham ready to greet the pilgrims after repairs and maintenance
3. Sahadeva Teertham – it is a small water body

*General maintenance and plastering outside the water body*

*Touch up inside the water body to prevent further erosion*
Workers giving a coat of primer before colouring

Colouring work in the final stages
4. **Brahma Teertham**

This water body is one of the biggest in Tamil Nadu having more than 30 acres of area. However, Vivekananda Kendra – Nardep have constructed the Brahma Teertham only in a small area. However, it has a potential to develop further by converting the whole area into a lake or into a micro forest.
Painting from inside – use of enamel paint for long lasting

Painting from outside with the help of enamel white and kavi paint