



Social Capital

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As a part of reviving the rejuvenated Teerthams as a tourist destination we have started the Teertha Pooja in all the rejuvenated Teerthams in Rameswaram as a follow up of Governors visit.

1. Neelakanta Teertham

On 9th February 2019, Vadakadu Ayyanar Temple varudabishekam coincided with Teertha Pooja in Neelakanta Teertham which is very nearer to Ayyanar Temple. The Teertham water was taken and poured to Ayyanar deity in Vadakadu. Many people participated in the pooja and thus the purpose of the Teertha renovation in this village has been served.



Teertha Pooja Pictures from Vadakadu Neelakanta Teertham



2. Jatamugata Teertham

On 11 February 2019 we did a Teertha pooja at Jatamugata Teertham. 30 Karyakarta's from Vivekananda Kendra, Gujarat and 7 local people participated. Shri.Pakshi sivarajan the local priest and Green Rameswaram volunteer did the Pooja by chanting vedic mantras. He was assisted by temple priest Shri.Muniyasamy. Before the start of the Pooja, people also visited nearby Jatayu and Saravaroga Nivarana Teerthams.



Teertha Pooja at Jatamugata Teertham, Jatayu Teertham and Sarvaroga Nivarana Teertham

After the chanting of mantra's all the devotees offered flower to the Teertha and poured Turmeric powder in the Teertham. Science behind pouring Turmeric powder in the Teerthams is to purify the water as turmeric kills the germs in the water.

3. Ramar Teertham

Ramar Teertham is located in the middle of Rameswaram. Teertha pooja was organized on 12 February 2019 at about 8.00 AM. Some of the local residents and pilgrims who visited Ramar Teertham during that time participated. Ganapathy namavali and Teertha Sankalpa Mantras were chanted.



Teertha Pooja in Ramar Teertham

4. Kapi Teertham and Agni Teertham

On 19, February 2019, full moon day Teertha Pooja was organized at Kapi Teertham and Agni Teertham. 14 people participated at Kapi Teertham and 120 at Agni Teertham. Purhoit Sagam took the initiative at Agni Teertham in performing Pooja.



Teertha Pooja in Kapi Teertham



Agni Teertham event

5. Gnanavapi Teertham

On 15 February 2019 Teertha Pooja was conducted at Gnanavapi Teertham in Erakadu. Local people cleaned the surrounding area before the Pooja and did rangoli. Shri.Pakshi Sivarajan local priest and Green Rameswaram volunteer performed the rituals. People have also brought sweet pongal as a Prasad for the event. They departed with a commitment of performing Pooja every month on the same day.



Teertha pooja in Gnanavapi Teertham, Erakadu village

6. Sahadeva Teertham

On 18 February, 2019 Teertha Pooja was organized at Sahadeva Teertham. Brahma Kundam and Nakula Teertham are also nearby and so the Pooja was performed at these places also. Pooja started with chanting of Ganapathy Mantra followed by Teertha Namavali, Teertha Sankranthi and Teertha Sankalpa Pooja.



Teertha Pooja in Brahma Kundam, Nakula Teertham and Sahadeva Teertham

7. Sugreeva Teertham

On 27 February 2019 Teertha Pooja took place at Sugreeva Teertham with 12 participants. After the completion of Teertha pooja participants visited Sugreeva Temple which is located near the Teertham.



Teertha pooja in Sugreeva Temple near Sugreeva Teertham

Yoga, Hindi and English classes at Green Rameswaram Building

Shri.Hegdeji is conducting regular Yoga classes for gents in the morning and ladies in the evening. On an average 15 people participate in the morning and 25 ladies in the evening.

English and Hindi learning classes are also conducted for the school students regularly for 10 – 15 students.

Silver Medal by our Yoga Students in Yoga championship conducted by Universal Yoga Academy at Karur

15 students who are learning Yogasanas at our center in Green Rameswaram building participated in the event held at Karur conducted by Universal Yoga Academy. All the 15 members were awarded with silver medals for their outstanding contribution on 24 February 2019. Yoga teacher Shri.Hegdeji accompanied the students to Karur for the function.



Shri.Hegdeji lighting the lamps during the event



A few participants along with the dignitaries

