



## Revival and Renovation of Water Bodies Jhambavan Teerthams



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### Location

It is located on the way to Gandhamadhana Parvatham. From Ramanathasamy Temple it is 1.2 KM and is near Sugriva Teertham. It is in the form of Well.

GPS Coordinates: North 9.29867; East 79.307

### Mythological Story

We all know that Bear-king “Jambavan” was an obedient servant of Lord Rama, and he fought along with his side against Ravana.

Jambavan was very powerful even in his old age. There is a story that he just gave one kick to Ravana and Ravana fainted, such was his strength. In all his life, he never got any strong opponent to fight and this desire of fighting remain unfulfilled. He told this desire to Lord Ram. Lord promised him that He will fulfill his desire to fight in the next incarnation in Dwapara yuga and also told him that only after his defeat, he will know with whom he was fighting. So when Lord came in His all opulent original form as Krishna, He had a pastime to fulfill the desire of Jambavan.

While passing through a jungle, He saw a very beautiful woman, who too got attracted towards Lord. Lord wanted to marry her but she was afraid of her father, with whom Lord will have to fight and her father was none other than “Jambavan” of Treta yug. Lord accepted the challenge, and there was a great fight between the two. Jambavan was tired and exhausted and was surprised with his opponent, still not recognised the Lord and finally when he fell down, he realized what a mistake he had done by fighting with his Master. With tears in his eyes, he immediately fell at the Lotus feet of the Lord.



*Jhambavan handing over his daughter*

The Lord embraced him and in turn Jambavan happily handed over his daughter to the Lord. She was none other than “Jambavati” one of the eight dear most Queens of Lord.

After his duties were over Jambhavan requested Lord Krishna to show the pathway to Mukti (Liberation). Lord guided him to Gandhamadhana Parvatham for Tapas. He chanted Rama Nama and attained Mukti. The legend says that Jambavan with his power created this Teertha.

### Belief

- Helps in attaining Mukti
- Realization of Self
- Removal of Sin

### Process of Identification

This Teertham was identified with the support of Local person Shri.Karuppaiah who has helped us in locating several other Teerthams. Vivekananda Kendra - Nardep has always adopted a multipronged strategy to confirm the existence of such water bodies by collecting local historical knowledge, Revenue maps, GIS as well as Google Maps and the old literature review.

21% of communicable diseases are water borne

**Workdone**

- + Cleaning of Surrounding areas
- + Removal of Thorny trees
- + De-silting
- + construction & Repairing of steps
- + Raising of retaining wall
- White washing

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जाम्बवन् तीर्थम्  
Jambhava Teertham

Water for People  
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The collage features several photographs showing the construction progress: workers cleaning the area, de-silting the well, and building concrete steps and retaining walls. A large photo on the right shows the completed concrete structure. A circular logo in the bottom left corner contains a bird and the text 'Water for People'.

## **Revival and Renovation of Teertham**

Following works were carried out:

- Cleaning of thorny bushes
- Excavating the municipal waste dumped in the nearby area
- Removing the liquor bottles and other debris.
- Deepening the well
- Providing proper wall on all 4 sides of the well
- Creating a cement pathway from road to the well etc.

## **Beneficiaries**

Main beneficiaries are the visitors to the nearby Siva Temple. Poojaris of the Siva Temple use the Teertham for their Pooja. Considering the importance of the Teertham, it has high tourist potential if properly maintained

## **Impact of the Teertham**

- Green cover increased in the area
- Soil Erosion is reduced
- Recharges Ground Water
- Storage Structure - 30000 Liters of Water created
- Pilgrims usage improves the scope for preserving the Teertham.

