



“Revival and Renovation of Traditional Water Bodies”

**By
Green Rameswaram Trust**



1. Teertha Cleaning

8 Teerthas were cleaned by Thiru.Murugan in October 2025. (i) Virega (ii) Brahma (iii) Sahadeva (iv) Simha (v) Nakula (vi) Gnanavapi (vii) Arjuna and (viii) Bhima



Thiru.Murugan cleaning the Brahma Teertham, Mangadu



Thiru.Murugan cleaning the Virega Teertham premises at Mangadu



Cleaning the Nakula Teertham, Sambai



Volunteer cleaning Simha Teertham, Pamban

2. Teertha Pooja

During this month, Teertha Poojas were performed at 14 traditional water bodies with the participation of 366 volunteers. Members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Teertha Mitras, and yoga students actively volunteered in conducting the poojas. The detailed list is given below.

<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Name of the Teertha</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Participants</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1	Jhambavan	4 th	13	Teertha Mitras, SHG
2	Simha	6 th	15	SHG
3	Panacha	7 th	07	SHG, Anadalaya
4	Veera	09 th	17	SHG, Anadalaya
5	Kapi	10 th	09	Teertha Mitras
6	Bhairava	13 th	11	SHG, Teertha Mitras
7	Dharma	14 th	06	SHG
8	Mangala	14 th	18	SHG, Anadalaya
9	Naga	17 th	06	SHG
10	Maha Pooja at Ganavapi	23 th	200	Green Rameswaram workers and public
11	Jata	26 th	18	SHG
12	Vaali	29 th	13	Teertha Mitras, Anadalaya
13	Ariyanachi	30 th	12	SHG, Anadalaya
14	Amutha	31 th	21	SHG, Teertha Mitras
Total			366	

In addition regular Teertha pooja at Agni Teertham was organized with 300 participants.



Teertha pooja at Mangala Teertham



Teertha pooja at Kapi Teertham

3. Maha Pooja at Gnanavapi Teertham

The Gnanavapi Teertham Pooja was held on 23rd October, Thursday at 4:30 pm, starting with preparations at 4:00 pm. Guests were welcomed traditionally by volunteers.

The programme was graced by the presence of Shri G. Vasudeo, Secretary, VK-Nardep, and Shri Ramakrishnan, Director, VK-Nardep. Distinguished guests Shri Raghunandan and Smt. Vasanta from Vivekananda Kendra also attended the event. The gathering included Teertha Mitras, members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Anandalaya teachers and students, residents of Erakadu village, the Yoga team, as well as representatives from the press and digital media.

- Pooja performed by Purohit Krishna and Smt. Laxmi, assisted by their son Shri Ramanathan.
- Rituals included Ganapathi Pooja, Kalasha Pooja, Teertha Pooja, Maha Aarathi, recitation of 108 Teertha Names, lighting of 54 lamps, final Karpura Aarathi, and offering pori to fishes.
- The Gnanavapi Teertham is believed to bestow greater knowledge upon students. A special pooja was conducted, and around 50 school students participated in the event. After the pooja pens and pencils were distributed to the students.
- Shri Ramakrishnan, Director of VK NARDEP, Kanyakumari, spoke on the significance of Teertha Pooja.
- 200 participants from different walks of life attended
- Event concluded with prasadam distribution (Pongal, Kesari, Panagam, Buttermilk, Sundal, Aval, Poori, Laddu, Bananas).
- Media coverage - local reporters and YouTube channels ensured wider visibility



Students Chanting of 108 Teertha Names associated with Ramanathaswami temple



Maha Aarathy performed by the Poojari Shri.Krishna after the elaborate pooja



Varieties of prasadam distributed to all the participants

