



Social Capital

By
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1. Teertha Mitra Meeting:

On 4 June 2026, the final Teertha Mitra meeting for the Sarva Teertha Maha Sangamam Festival was successfully conducted with the participation of 110 members, including key leaders, important volunteers, and Teertha Mitras representing various villages.

The meeting focused on finalizing all festival arrangements and ensuring that every aspect of the event was well coordinated. The duties and responsibilities of each volunteer and Teertha Mitra were clearly explained, enabling everyone to understand their respective roles and contribute effectively to the smooth execution of the festival.

A detailed discussion was also held regarding the necessary government permissions, administrative formalities, and other essential arrangements required for the successful conduct of the festival. Participants reviewed the event schedule, coordination plans, and operational procedures to ensure seamless implementation on the festival day.

As part of the meeting, Ramakrishnanji distributed the festival invitation cards to all participants and encouraged them to actively invite devotees and members of the public to participate in the Sarva Teertha Maha Sangamam Festival. The meeting concluded with confidence that all preparations were in place and with a collective commitment from the volunteers and Teertha Mitras to make the festival a grand success.



Coordination Meeting with Teertha Mitra Volunteers

2. Village Meetings

During this month, meetings were conducted in 16 villages to plan the upcoming Maha Teertha Utsavam in June. The discussions focused on the importance of the Teertha Pooja festival and the active participation of village communities. Guidance was given on collecting sacred water from local teerthams and organizing the process in a disciplined manner. The spiritual significance of the festival was also explained to encourage unity and devotion among the people. The meetings received good response from all villages, and necessary responsibilities were assigned to ensure the successful conduct of the Maha Teertha Utsavam.



Village meeting at RK Puram



Village meeting at Ramar Teertham Group

3. International Yoga Day Celebrations:

International Yoga day is celebrated every year. This year, the celebration was held at 4 locations, with 387 people participated.

S.No	Date	Location	No.of Participants
1	21.06.2026	Indian Coast Guard, Mandapam	170
2	21.06.2026	Court, Rameswaram	17
3	21.06.2026	Green Rameswaram Office	150
4	21.06.2026	Sallimalai	50



Yoga Day Celebrations at ICGS, Mandapam

4. Anandalayas:

By June, 23 Anandalaya Centres were actively serving 312 students across various communities. Periodic visits to each centre ensured close mentoring, progress review, and encouragement, reinforcing the commitment to quality education and value-based development.

S.No	Anandalaya	Address	Teachers Name	No. of Students
1	Aarav	Ramakrishna Puram, Rameswaram	E.Namburani	17
2	Veer	Sambai, Rameswaram	B.Thillai Pushpam	25
3	Krish	Vallal Nagar, Rameswaram	M.Kalaivani	12

4	Kabir	Paruvatham, Rameswaram	S.Haritha	12
5	Raghav	VK Nagar, Pamban	S.Gayathri	12
6	Harsh	SethupathyNagar, Thangachimadam	M.Gunalatchumi	10
7	Nirav	SK patti, Rameswram	M.Muthu Pavithra	14
8	Adithya	Meiyumpuli, Rameswram	S.Saraswathy	10
9	Yuvaan	Vadagadu, Rameswram	V.Sarmila	25
10	Tejas	Mangadu, Rameswaram	M.Guganeswari	15
11	Advik	Kudiyeruppu, Thangachimadam	G.Ratha	10
12	Dev	Erakadu, Rameswaram	N. Madhu	16
13	Ishaan	Manthoopu, Rameswaram	M.Bastinelini	13
14	Vivaan	Bharathiyar Street,Pamban	A.Prabhavathi	08
15	Rudhra	Sambai, Rameswram	N.Revathi	10
16	OM	Verkodu, Rameswram	N.Rajakumari	12
17	Parth	Natarajapuram, Rameswaram	S.Hemalatha	12
18	Vihaan	Akkal Madam, Pamban	V.Kalishwari	13
19	Yash	Peikkarummpu, Thangachimadam	M.Munish Priya	12
20	Samarth	Chinnapalam, Pamban	A.VijayaLakshmi	20
21	Mihir	Tharavai Thoppu, Pamban	M.Deepa	11
22	Ujjwal	Parvatham Rameswaram	N.Sujitha	10
23	Rayansh	RajivuGandhinagar Thangachimadam	Janani	20



Arav Anandalaya, RK Puram, Rameswaram



Kabir Anandalaya, Parvatham, Rameswaram

5. Sarve Teertha Maha Sangama Festival:

The Rameswaram Sarva Teertha Maha Sangamam marked a historic milestone in the conservation of Rameswaram's sacred water heritage and the revival of its ancient spiritual traditions. Rameswaram, one of India's holiest pilgrimage centres, is traditionally associated with 108 sacred teerthas, each possessing immense religious, cultural, and ecological significance. Over the years, many of these sacred water bodies deteriorated due to neglect and encroachment, creating an urgent need for their restoration. Recognizing this need, the Green Rameswaram Project, launched in 2013, initiated a comprehensive programme for the conservation of the island's natural and cultural heritage. Under its water management initiative, 51 sacred teerthas have been successfully restored through active community participation. To sustain this movement, the Teertha Mithra Group was formed, conducting monthly Maha Teertha Aarthi programmes that strengthened public awareness, encouraged community ownership, and revived traditional worship practices around the restored teerthas.



Maha Arathi at Agni Teertham

As the culmination of these sustained efforts, the Rameswaram Sarva Teertha Maha Sangamam was organized with extensive participation from local residents, volunteers, religious institutions, and devotees **on Sunday, 28th June**. Four rounds of planning meetings were conducted to coordinate the event, while members of the Teertha Mitra Group personally distributed invitation leaflets to every household, transforming the invitation process into a meaningful community celebration. Sacred water from each of the 51 restored teerthas was ceremonially collected in Kalasams, worshipped in the respective village temples, and brought to the Ramakrishna Math before being taken in a grand devotional procession to the Shankara Mutt. Accompanied by traditional Kailaya Vadhyam and banners carrying the names of the teerthas along with environmental awareness messages, the procession beautifully combined spirituality with environmental responsibility.

At the Shankara Mutt, Vedic scholars performed special rituals, Vedic chanting, and Maha Aarthi in the presence of nearly 1,000 devotees. During the gathering, Shri Ramakrishnan of the Green Rameswaram Project emphasized the importance of restoring the remaining sacred teerthas, reaffirming the collective vision of preserving Rameswaram as a globally recognized heritage city and sacred pilgrimage destination.

The celebrations concluded at Agni Teertham, where a sacred Abhishekam was performed using traditional offerings, followed by the ceremonial merging of the sacred waters from all 51 restored teerthas into Agni Teertham. This powerful ritual symbolized the spiritual unity of Rameswaram's sacred waters and the collective commitment of the community to preserving its timeless heritage. Maha Teertha Aarthi, Vedic chanting, and the distribution of Prasadam and Pidi Arisi further enriched the spiritual experience of the devotees.

The Rameswaram Sarva Teertha Maha Sangamam stands as more than a religious festival—it is a remarkable people's movement that integrates spiritual devotion, cultural heritage conservation, environmental stewardship, and community participation. It has established a strong foundation for the continued restoration and protection of Rameswaram's remaining sacred teerthas, ensuring that this priceless spiritual and ecological legacy is preserved and celebrated for generations to come.



Procession at North Car Street

