



“Revival and Renovation of Traditional Water Bodies”

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1. Teertha Poojas:

During this month, Teertha Poojas were performed at 12 traditional water bodies with the participation of 194 volunteers. Members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Teertha Mitras, and yoga students actively participated in conducting the poojas. The detailed list is given below.



Teertha pooja at Ramar Teertham

Sl.No.	Name of the Teertha	Date	Participants	Remarks
1	Veera Teertham	13 th	27	Pasumai Kulu, Pasumai Kutumbam, Anadalaya.
2	Gyanvapi Teertham	17 th	13	Pasumai Kutumbam
3	Neelakantha Teertham	17 th	4	Teertha Mitras
4	Amutha Teertham	17 th	10	Pasumai Kulu, Teertha Mitras.
5	Pancha Teertham	21 st	7	Pasumai Kulu, Pasumai Kutumbam, Anadalaya
6	Kumutha Teertham	21 st	6	Pasumai Kulu, Anadalaya.
7	Bhairava Teertham (Maha Teertha Pooja)	25 th	83	Teertha Mitras, Pasumai Kulu, Pasumai Kutumbam, Anadalaya and local volunteers.
8	Hanuman Teertham	25 th	12	Teertha Mitras (Yoga team mens)
9	Jambavan Teertham	26 th	4	Teertha Mitras
10	Rama Teertham	28 th	10	Teertha Mitras
11	Vali Teertham	29 th	10	Pasumai Kulu
12	Angada Teertham	29 th	8	Pasumai Kutumbam Aanathalaya.
	Total		194	



Teertha Pooja at Gnanavapi Teertham

2. Maha Teertha Pooja:

The **Bhairava Teertham Pooja** was held on **25th July 2026 (Saturday)** at **4:30 p.m.** Volunteers extended a traditional welcome to the participants.

The rituals were performed by **Shri Lakshmi Krishna**, assisted by **Shri Nagarajan**, and included **Ganapathi Pooja**,



Kalasha Pooja, Teertha Pooja, Maha Aarathi, recitation of the 108 Teertha Names, lighting of 108 lamps, Karpura Aarathi, and the symbolic offering of pori to the fishes.

According to the **Puranas**, Bhairava Teertham is dedicated to **Lord Kala Bhairava**, the guardian deity of Rameswaram Island. Local tradition holds that when **Lord Rama** prepared for the consecration of the Shiva Linga, Lord Kala Bhairava struck his **Trishula** into the earth, giving rise to this sacred freshwater teertham near the seashore.

Shri V. Ramakrishnan, Director, Vivekananda Kendra–NARDEP, Kanyakumari, addressed the gathering on the spiritual significance of **Teertha Pooja**. The programme was attended by **83 participants**, including **Teertha Mitras, Yoga students, Self-Help Group members, villagers, and media representatives**. The event concluded with the distribution of prasadam comprising **Aval, Poori, Sundal, Pongal, Ghee Rice, and Puliyodharai**.

Bhairava Teertham is a unique **sea-based sacred teertham**, revered as one of the important pilgrimage sites associated with the spiritual heritage of Rameswaram. To facilitate the safe and convenient conduct of rituals and religious ceremonies, **Vivekananda Kendra-NARDEP** has developed a dedicated **ritual platform** adjacent to the seashore within the premises of the **Bhairava Temple**. Alongside the platform, a **circular freshwater well** has been constructed and consecrated for use as **Bhairava Teertham**, enabling devotees to perform traditional teertha-related rituals throughout the year.

The platform has now become a focal point for conducting **Teertha Poojas, Deepa Poojas, Aarathis**, and other spiritual observances, attracting pilgrims and local devotees alike. The local community cherishes a long-standing aspiration to further enhance the sanctity of the site by installing a **majestic idol of Lord Kala Bhairava** adjacent to the platform. They believe that such an installation would transform the location into a prominent spiritual landmark, enriching the devotional experience of pilgrims while preserving and promoting the sacred traditions associated with Bhairava Teertham.



Maha Arathi at the sea based Bhairava Teertham



Prasatham Distribution

