



PAP-VINASHAKA THEERTHAM

1. Story

Thida Murugan, a student to learn Sastras went to Brahma tapovanam near the Himalayas. The saint refused to take him as a disciple because he belonged to a lower caste by name Karalan. Then Murugan was very much disturbed. He cursed the Rishi, if I am true to myself, let this Prana leave this body and simultaneously he also said to the rishi that he will lose his knowledge and power. With the curse, the rishi became an animal. Agasthyar who once visited the tapovanam found to his dismay the saint behaving like an animal. The Agasthyar Rishi could see the reason and the curse by the Thida Murugan. Taking pity on the saint, he brings back the saint to the normal status of a man; Agasthyar guides him to do tapas for Shiva to get back his knowledge. He prayed to Lord Shiva. Then Shiva creates a theertham where if he takes bath all his sins will be washed away and hence it is known as Pap vinashaka teertham.

Key words: Papa- Sin, Vinashaka- destroy, Teertham – Holy Water

Moral: Treat others the way you want to be treated. Or Treat others in a dignified way – whether low caste or high caste.

2. Location

Papa Vinashaka Theertham is located south of Mandapam, near Rameswaram.

3. Renovation of water body



4. Technical details

Sl. No	Parameters	Dimensions (in feet and inches)		Remarks
		Before	After	
1	Length	32.00	32.00	Partly broken and dilapidated
2.	Breadth	28.00	28.00	Dilapidated
3.	Depth	5.00	12.00	
4	Steps	Nil	10 nos.	Newly constructed
5	Gate			Built newly
6	Wall on all sides			Raised from the original size of the thirtham

5. Questions for Reflection:

- What papa was committed? Why?
- What does power of curse show?
- What one makes an animal?
- Why one should yearn for knowledge?
- Why water is a purifier?
- Why we disrespect others?