



Social Capital



By
Green Rameswaram Trust

1. Teertha Pooja

Our work of involving community in doing Teertha poojas is going on although not regularly. SHG members and Yoga participants are trying to take the ownership of the programme. In this month, we could carry out Teertha poojas at 16 Traditional water bodies with 184 volunteers participating in the activity. The details are given below.

S.No	Name of the Teertha	Date – January 2024	participants	Remarks
1.	Panacha	05/01/2024	4	SHG
2.	Hara	06/01/2024	9	SHG
3.	Gnanavapi	11/01/2024	5	SHG
4.	Ramar	11/01/2024	7	Yoga
5.	Amutha	17/01/2024	11	SHG
6.	Deva	17/01/2024	9	SHG
7.	Nagula	18/01/2024	4	SHG
8.	Angada	22/01/2024	7	SHG
9.	Arjuna	22/01/2024	11	SHG
10.	Bhima	22/01/2024	9	SHG
11.	Vaali	22/01/2024	7	SHG
12.	Mangala	23/01/2024	6	SHG
13.	Parasurama	23/01/2024	5	SHG
14.	Draupadi	23/01/2024	6	SHG
15.	Hanuman	25/01/2024	9	Yoga
16.	Agni	25/01/2024	75	General public
	Total		184	



Hanuman Teertham Cleaning



Teertham Pooja at Hara

2. Swami Vivekananda Jayanthi Celebration

Swami Vivekananda jayanthi was celebrated on Sunday, 13th of January at Green Rameswaram project office.

Shri.Vinoth from INS Parundhu was the chief guest and Shri. Soma Sundaram, the Branch Manager of ICICI Bank, Rameswaram presided over the function.

Sister Saraswathi gave the welcome address while Shri. Thillai Packiam shared the life and message of Swami Vivekananda. Shri. Hegde gave a vote of thanks. 80 people attended.



Welcome address by Sister Saraswathi



Shri.Thillai Packiam – narrating life and messages of Swami Vivekananda

3. Celebrating a Decade of Green Rameswaram Trust - 10th Foundation Day

The 10th Foundation Day of Green Rameswaram Trust was celebrated on Sunday, 28th January at Varthini Hall, near Lakshumana Teertham. More than 350 participants which includes students, SHG members, yoga participants and others participated. The programme started at 2.45 P.M. and before the main function Shri. Ramakrishnan, the Director, Vivekananda Kendra - NARDEP initiated the event by explaining the work of Green Rameswaram project and emphasizing the need of local volunteers taking the ownership of the project – Green Rameswaram.



A short documentary on Green Rameswaram was screened. The main function started at 3.15 P.M. The details are as follows:

- Lamp Lighting by Distinguished Guests



Swami Sudapananda, Ramakrishna Mission, Ramanathapuram and Shri.Mani, Retired Headmaster lighting the lamp

- Sister Gopi Lakshmi welcomed the guests and audience after the Universal Prayer.



- **Highlights and Progress Report:**

Shri. Thillai Packiam gave an overview of the work carried out by Green Rameswaram Project



Shri. Thillaipackiam addressing the gathering

- **Address by Chief Guests**

Chief guest Swami Sudapananda emphasized the historical, archaeological, and mystical significance of Rameswaram, urging every citizen to understand its importance.



Swamiji of Ramakrishna mission addressing the audience

- **Experience sharing:**

Following participants shared their experiences

- Sister Rajalakshmi shared her experiences of Livelihood project – Aajeevika
- Sister Kanagavalli, SHG member
- Yoga practitioner

- **Distribution of certificates to School students:**

The event included the distribution of certificates to students, recognizing their talents in participating in various competitions such as (i) Chanting Tirukural (ii) Teertha story telling (iii) Singing songs on Rameswaram (iv) Essay competition on Solid waste management / water management etc. (v) Drawing competition. 700 students from 15 schools participated in these competitions.

- **Distribution of prizes to SHG members:**

25 members of Women Self help groups as well as a few Yoga participants participated in various competitions such as (i) Rangoli (ii) Preparation of traditional food items (iii) Elocution (iv) Singing songs related with Green Rameswaram projects (v) Musical chair etc. Winners received stainless steel utensils during the foundation day programme.



School students receiving the certificates from Swamiji



Aajeevika member receiving tool kit and seeds for kitchen garden



Shri. Vinoth, Commander of INS Parundhu distributing the kit

- **Thanks giving**



Sis.Rani giving a vote of thanks

The programme ended with Shanti Mantra, distribution of prasadam and seedlings to every participant.

4. Webinar

Every Tuesday at 6 P.M. Shri.Krishnamoortiji of Vivekananda Kendra gives a talk on virtual media (Google Meet). This month we have 5 Webinars

Name of the topic	Date	Link
Periyapuranam - Part 3	2 nd	meet.google.com/zwq-aycm-dxf
Periyapuranam - Part 4	9 th	meet.google.com/zwq-aycm-dxf
Periyapuranam - Part 5	16 th	meet.google.com/zwq-aycm-dxf
Periyapuranam - Part 6	23 rd	meet.google.com/zwq-aycm-dxf
Periyapuranam - Part 7	30 th	meet.google.com/zwq-aycm-dxf

5. Green Transport:

E-Autos reached out to 11,955 pilgrims. Out of which, we have provided free services to Senior citizens 63 nos., children 120 nos. and differently-abled 12 nos.

