



Seven-day  
National Textual Workshop on  
**Siddhānta-Sārāvali**

23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Venue**

Conference Hall, A Block, Ground Floor,  
Amrita School of Engineering,  
Kasavanahalli, Post Carmelaram,  
Bengaluru - 560035

**Organised by**

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham,  
Bengaluru Campus in association  
with Indian Council of Philosophical  
Research, New Delhi

**About the workshop**

Śaivism is one of the most ancient and a widespread religion with a strong philosophical base. Śaivasiddhānta is one of the important branches of Śaivism that has spread in all parts of the country as well as to many countries in the southeast Asia. Possessing a continuous history from the beginnings of the first millennium the Śaivasiddhānta is fully based on the 'Āgama-s', a large group of texts said to have been revealed by Śiva. In course of time many great teachers coming in this tradition have composed independent texts that present the philosophy, the rituals and the Yoga taught in the Āgama-s for the easy comprehension by the followers.

The Śaivasiddhānta has been influencing the religio-philosophical domain of the Bhāratavarsham in many ways. The basis of ritual—personal and the temple—is, to a substantial extent based on the Śaivasiddhānta principles. In the long history of Indian philosophy, it is the Śaivasiddhānta that propounds the concept of 36 tattva-s for the first-time which concept plays a very crucial role in the development of Āgamic doctrines and the rituals. The vast Śaiva Āgama textual corpus and the equally large corpus of commentaries give us a deep insight into the development and spread of Śaivasiddhānta in all parts of the country. To teach the fundamental principles of Śaivasiddhānta many texts and manuals have been composed by great teachers belonging to distinct parts of the country since the medieval period.

The Siddhāntasārāvali composed by Trilocanaśiva, a great Śaiva Ācārya and a resident of the Tamil country, is a very handy and a useful text to get a detailed introduction to the Śaivasiddhānta. Readers will be introduced to the basic philosophical doctrines of the Śaivasiddhānta system through a detailed textual reading of the section known as the vidyāpāda of the Siddhāntasārāvali.

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**Kindly Note:** This workshop is sponsored by Indian Council for Philosophical Research, New Delhi. Only limited seats are available for participants. All applications shall be scrutinized before final acceptance.

Registration opens: 20th November 2022

Registration closes: 10th December 2022

Announcement of final list of selected candidates: 15th December 2022



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