

Sivamayam

The International Saiva Siddhanda Research Institute

Organises

The Fourth International Saiva Siddhanda Conference

At Madurai

2008 March 21, 22, 23 (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)

On the Fundamentals of Saiva Siddantha

(Veda, Agama, Purana, Epic, Sanga Literature, Thirumurai and Sastra)

Peranbudayeer !

“ThenNadudaya Sivane Portri - EnNadavarkum Eraivaa Pottri”

We have great pleasure and immense joy to invite you to the above Conference.

The International Saiva Siddhanda Research Institute has been inaugurated by his Holiness the 26th “Gurumaha Sannithanam of Dharumapura Adhinam” in 1984. This institute conducted conferences in 1984 at Dharmapuram, in 1986 at Malaysia and in 1988 at Varanasi. For the benefit of the Saiva community a monthly magazine called “Gnanasampandham” which contains essays and research articles is published regularly.

Our ancient religion, Saiva Siddhanta flowered in Tamil Nadu as a forceful bhakti movement infused with insights on siddha yoga. During the 7th to 9th centuries, saints Sampanthar, Appar and Sundarar pilgrimaged from temple to temple, singing soulfully of Lord Siva’s greatness. They were instrumental in successfully defending Saivism against the threats of Buddhism and Jainism. Thereafter, a king’s Prime Minister, Manikkavasakar, renounced a world of wealth and fame to seek and serve Lord Siva. His heart-melting verses, called Thiruvagasam, are full of visionary experience, divine love and urgent striving for Truth. The songs of these four saints are part of the compendium known as Thirumurai, which along with the Vedas and Saiva Agamas form the scriptural basis of Saiva Siddhanta in Tamilnadu and Sri Lanka.

Now, our religious traditions and practices are on the verge of deterioration. The motto of this Conference is to give life to rejuvenate our Saiva traditions. We invite scholars and exponents in Saiva Siddhanta Philosophy and Thirumurais from all over the world to present research papers at the conference.

Many Heads of Saiva Adhinams, Representative of Governments, Professors in Saiva Siddhanda, Sivachariyas, Trustees and Administrators of Saiva temples from various parts of the world will take part in this conference.

A souvenir with the research papers and conference proceedings will be published after the conference and a special souvenir will be released on the First day of the conference.

Research papers can be submitted on the theme of the conference or on related topics for the special souvenir.

Please Note:

1. The paper presented must be on Vedam, Agamam, Puranam, Epic, Sangam Literature, Thirumurai and Sastras.
2. The presentation of papers must be about five pages in A4 size paper typed in Tamil or in English.
3. Papers can be presented by anyone who is interested in the above topics.
4. Articles must be in simple and clear language.
5. Articles received after the due date may not be entertained. The conference organisers have every right to minimize or re structure the articles.
6. Foreign delegates and outstation participants are provided with food and accommodation during conference days.
7. A pilgrimage tour to temples including Madurai, Kumbakonam and Rameswaram etc. has been arranged during 24th, 25th & 26th March 2008 for foreign participants.
8. Those interested in submitting papers or would like to attend the conference please register their names or send their papers on or before 25th December 2007.
9. Registration fees:
 - a. Local Delegates Rs. 500/= b. Local Participants Rs. 400/=
 - c. Foreign delegates & participants \$100.00
 - d. The Bank Drafts are to be made to:
A/c Name: "International Saiva Sidhantha Research Institute"
Bank name: India Bank, Branch: Mayiladuthurai
Bank Sort Code: 165, A/c No: 751442194
 - e. Please forward your fee and the papers through your local co-ordinator and the others are requested to send directly to :
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Registration Form
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8. **Title of Research Paper:**.....
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