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Cataloguing the palm-leaf manuscript collection of EFEO Pondicherry and supporting the editorial work of Tamil scholars utilising *tamil* and *grantha* manuscripts. Also teaching Sanskrit texts.

Sathyanarayanan obtained his doctoral degree (on *Ānandarāṅgacampū – A study and Translation*) from Pondicherry University in 2003. He joined the EFO in 1989 and was involved in a project that produced an edition of “Pondicherry Inscriptions” and helped catalogue the collection of palm-leaf manuscripts housed at the Institut Français de Pondichéry (IFP), which was recognised as a Unesco “Memory of the World Collection” in 2005. Currently, Dr. Sathyanarayanan is preparing a critical edition and translation of the *Siddhāntadīpikā*, an eleventh-century monograph of Rāmanātha. This text summarises the key components of Śaiva Siddhānta doctrine, including a description of the ontological categories and reality levels (*tattva*) that comprise the metaphysical framework of this tradition. He is also engaged in several other projects of the centre, including a critical edition of the *Ratnatrayaparīkṣā* in collaboration with Dr. T. Ganesan (IFP); this Kashmiri Saiddhantika text elucidates a central triad of categories found in Śaiva Siddhānta tradition.

Books:

(in collaboration with Dominic Goodall, Nibedita Rout, S.A.S. Sarma, T. Ganesan, S. Sambandhasivacharya), *The Pañcāvaraṇastava of Aghoraśivācārya: A twelfth-century South Indian prescription for the visualisation of Sadāśiva and his retinue*, Institut français de Pondichéry/ Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient (Collection Indologie 102), Pondichéry2005.

(with S.A.S Sarma) *Dhyānaratnāvalī of Trilocanaśivācārya*, Srikantha Sivacharya Research Institute (SSSRI Series 004), Karaikkal2013.

(with Dominic Goodall) *Śaiva Rites of Expiation, A First Edition and Translation of Trilocanaśiva's Twelfth-Century Prāyaścittasamuccaya (with a transcription of a manuscript transmitting Hṛdayaśiva's Prāyaścittasamuccaya)*, Institut français de Pondichéry/ Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient (Collection Indologie 127), Pondicherry2014.