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## WORKSHOP ON SAIVA AGAMA & SAIVA SIDDHANTA

25 & 26 October 2018

**The French Institute of Pondicherry (IFP)**, internationally known for its pioneering researches on Indian Culture is a repository of many valuable manuscripts on **SAIVA AGAMA** and allied Saivasiddhanta literature that has been recognised as the *UNESCO Memory of the World*.

By fully utilizing this valuable manuscript resource the IFP has been working on the important research programme of Critical Edition of the Saiva Agama-s that are the fundamental textual source for the wide spread and widely practised Saiva system. In the course of 60 years of its existence the IFP has to its credit the publications of the ground breaking first critical editions of some of the hitherto unpublished Saiva Agama-s that are very well received by the scholarly community world wide.

It is now considered an opportune moment to dwell deep into this corpus of Saiva Agama-s by organising a 2-day National Conference with the theme: **Saiva Agama & Saiva Siddhanta** on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 in collaboration with *Sivadri Sambamurthy Sivachariar Trust, Chennai* and *Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, (Regional Centre), Puducherry*.

### **Objectives:**

With a good number of such Saiva Agama publications on hand this conference is intended to draw the attention of scholars on some of the unexplored subjects treated in the vast Saiva Agama corpus as well as on some of the themes expounded in the Saivasiddhanta texts in Tamil.