

**ELECTIVE III - SAIVA SIDDHANTA**

**UNIT- I :**

Introduction : Traces of Saivism in Vedas and Upanisads, Agamas - Scriptures  
Meykanda Sastras - Tirumurais.

**UNIT- II:**

Epistemology: Nature of Jnana - Sources of Knowledge perception - Inference -  
Testimony. Place of Citsakti.

**UNIT-III:**

Metaphysics: Three eternal realities - Concept of God – Nature of God –  
Arguments for the Existence of God. Concept of Soul – Nature of Soul –  
Arguments for the existence of the soul.

**UNIT- IV:**

Ethics: Means to Release - Carya - Kriya - Yoga and Jnana - Iruvinaiooppu -  
Malaparipaka - Saktinipada Nature of Mukti - Jivan Mukti - Dasacaryam –  
Concept of graced in Saiva Siddhanta.

**UNIT- V:**

Saiva Siddhanta in relation to virasaivism and Kashmir Saivism.

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sivagana Siddhiyar .
4. V.A. Devasaenapathi - Of Human bondage and Divine Grace
5. Sivaraman - Saivism in philosophical perspective
6. Annamalai University  
Publications - Lectures on Saiva Siddhanta