

This Research Library has been established by the TRIKA INTERRELIGIOUS TRUST (TRIKA TRUST) at Varanasi, as a place for study and research, with a special focus on Śaivāgama/Tantra and Kashmir Śaivism. It contains the personal collections of Dr. Bettina Bäumer and Dr. Sadananda Das, enriched and enlarged by further purchases and donations.

The Library contains the following main sections:

- Veda
- Āgama/Tantra
- Kashmir Śaivism
- Indian Philosophy/Darśana
- Traditions of Banaras
- Indian Art and Aesthetics/ Musicology
- Hinduism
- Buddhism
- Spirituality/Bhakti traditions
- Intercultural and Interreligious Studies
- Abhishiktananda Literature
- Books by and on Raimon Panikkar

The Name: Samvidālaya means literally “abode of consciousness or knowledge”, *saṃvit* being a central concept in Kashmir Śaivism for consciousness. *Samvidālaya* also occurs as a name of the Supreme Goddess (Mahānaya prakāśa).

Abhinavagupta: the greatest philosopher of Kashmir Śaivism (ca. 950-1025 A.D.). He has been chosen as the guiding figure for the research in this Library, because he combines Tantric exegesis, philosophy, mysticism, aesthetics and poetics, dramaturgy and musicology, in a unique synthesis of Indian culture and thought.

Collaboration with Scholars and Institutions:

Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts
Central University for Higher Tibetan Studies,
Sarnath.

Centre for Kashmir Studies, Srinagar University.
Institute for Religious Studies, University of Vienna
(Austria).

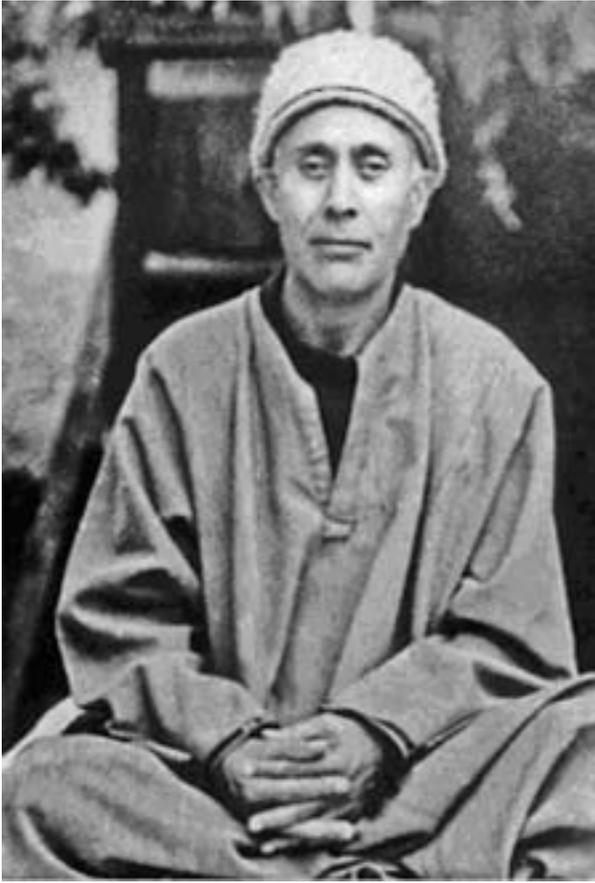
Centre for Intercultural Theology, University of Salzburg.(Austria)

Samvidālaya is dedicated to the memory of the last great master of Kashmir Śaivism, **Swami Lakshman Joo** (1907-1991), and contains his works in Sanskrit, Hindi and English.

Rules and Regulations: Books cannot be taken out but only consulted on the spot. If any photocopies are required of a limited number of pages (not entire books), they have to be ordered and paid in advance.

Opening Timings: Daily from 2 to 6 p.m. (except Sunday).





Swami Lakshman Joo (1907-1991)

User Conditions: A user fee has to be charged as a contribution towards the maintenance, staff, and for further book purchases.

- Weekly : Rs 250,--
- Monthly : Rs 500,--
- Annual : Rs 2000,--

Life Membership (as a contribution towards promotion): Rs 15,000.—

Activities: Occasionally **seminars** are organized on topics related to the special focus of the Library, as well as text study (Sanskrit), individually or in a group, with a Pandit or scholar.

Occasional **music programmes** will be announced from time to time.

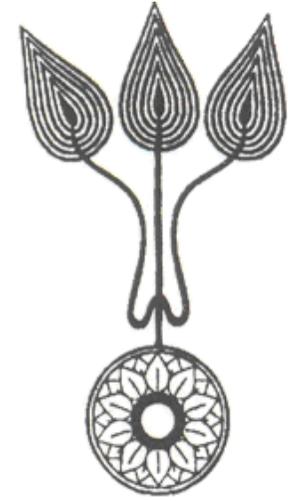
There is space for **meditation**.

Location: B-2/114, Bhadaini (near Ma Anandamayi Hospital), second floor, Varanasi – 221001

Phone: 0542-2312360

Director : Dr. Bettina Bäumer ‘Sharada’

E-mail: bettina.baeumer@utpaladeva.in



संविदालयः

ABHINAVAGUPTA RESEARCH LIBRARY

