

Kaasivaasi Senthinathaiyar

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Kaasi Vaasi is a title for anyone resides in Varnasi/ Kaasi for at least ten months continuously, the period a fetus resides in mother's womb. **KuppiLaan Kaasivaasi Senthinathaiyar** got this title too. He resided in Kaasi for ten years which is way more than the required time for the title.

He authored three famous books

1. Thevaram veda saram

2. Brahma sutra- Sivaththuvida Saiva Padiyam

3. Siva Jnana Bodha Vasanalangara Deepam; all of them are currently available in reprint.

Kaasivasi Senthinathaiyar authored many books, about 35 including his books and articles. The publication of '**Kasivasi Senthinataiyar Commemoration Society' of Kuppilan**, published about 30 years ago gives the names of most of his publications. The book **Brahma sutra- Sivaththuvida Saiva Padiyam** is a translation of **Neelakanda bashya**, a commentary to Brahma Sutra by **Neelakanda**, is an important and great book of his. There were the names of 12 of his books in the index of the library of Madras university. Unfortunately, only one book, '**Sivagnanabotha Vasanaalangkaara Theepam**' was physically available there. All other books vanished.

There was another **Kaasi Vaasi Krishna Iyer** who is a Saivaite and a martinet who initiated Rajaji the first Governor General of India into **Thiru Vaasakam**. His daughter **Baalam Ammaiyar** from Australia now funded the reprint of Senthinathaiyar's "Tevaram Veda saram" in 1996. Her husband is the famous Late **K. Lakshmana Iyer** of Sri Lanka who authored simple philosophy book in Tamil " **Inthiya Thaththuva Jnanam**" which has several reprints. This book got awards from both Sri Lankan and Indian Governments. This is the recommended first book for any beginners interested in Indian philosophies.

Our prof. in **Toronto N. Subramaniya Iyer's** wife Srimathi **Kowsalya** is from his family. Another son of Krishna Iyer is late **Prof. K. Sivaraman**, the world-famous Saiva Siddhanta Scholar who authored the book "**Saivism in Philosophical perspective**". This is a gem for any academics who wants to venture in to Saiva Siddhanta in the University level. **Prof. Sivaraman** was in Hamilton University; Canada and his wife and sons are settled there. There is a vacuum after Him at academic level internationally for mentorship and guidance for Saiva Siddhanta Studies and research at academic levels in the universities globally. There are students of catholic monasteries are heading in that way with their doctorates and research publications on Saiva Siddhanta. They may be the future authors and teachers of Saiva Siddhanta. God save Saivism!

Kaasi Kumarakuru para math is now situated in **ThirupananthaL**. They still have their Math in Kaasi where they spent significant amount of time for spiritual practice and learning and get their title **Kaasi Vaasi**. This monastery is famous for setting up hundreds of Trust Funds for education and propaganda of Saiva Dharma along with services to the Humanity. They are famous for printing Siva Tamil Texts too.