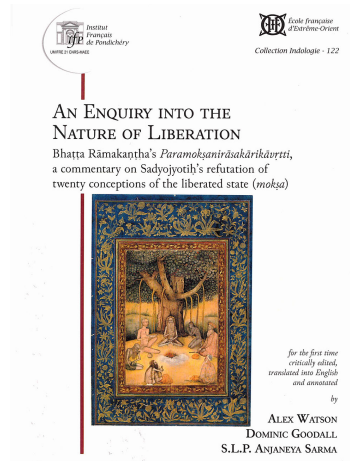


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Among his publications are editions and translations of works of poetry in Sanskrit and of hitherto unpublished Śaiva scriptures and theological commentaries.

He is currently a professor (directeur d'études) at the EFEO, co-editor with Dr. Marion Rastelli of the Viennese dictionary of tantric terminology, the [Tāntrikabhīḍhānakośa](#), and a contributor to the Hamburg [Encyclopaedia of Manuscript Cultures in Asia and Africa \(EMCAA\)](#).

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## **S.L.P. Anjaneya Sarma**

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S. L. P. Anjaneya Sarma was born in a traditional family in Andhra Pradesh. His primary education in Sanskrit was given by his father Brahmaṛṣi and later on by his paternal uncle, Brahmaṛṣi Śambamṛṣi, who taught him advanced Sanskrit with special reference to grammar (vyākaraṇaśāstra) and poetics (alaṅkāraśāstra). He continued his studies at Andhra University where he obtained his Master's degree in 1970 and completed his Ph.D. in 1987. Later in his life he remained true to the traditional education: he studied Advaitavedānta under the guidance of Brahmaṛṣi R. Kṛṣṇāmṛṣi and Brahmaṛṣi Maṇḍaviśāstra, and is currently undergoing formal training in mīmāṃsā (bhāṣya-mīmāṃsā) under Brahmaṛṣi K. Rāmasubrahmaṇyaśāstra. He has acquired formal titles of "Vyākaraṇavidvat" from Ṛṣi Veṅkaṭavaravedaśāstra-gamavidvat-sadas, Tirupati, in 1982 and "Vedāntaśāstra-vīradā" from Ṛṣi Jagadguru Śaṅkarācārya of Sringeri in 2001.

He joined Matrusri Oriental College, Jillellamudi, Guntur (Dist.) A.P, as a Lecturer in Sanskrit in the year 1971 where he taught grammar (vyākaraṇa), literature and poetics for 16 years. Many of S.L.P. Anjaneya Sarma's students have benefitted from the depth of his knowledge, so that, for example, one of them was honored with the title "Vyākaraṇavidvatpravara" by Ṛṣi Jagadguru Bharatīrtha Śaṅkarācārya of Sringeri in 2005.

He joined the Pondicherry Centre of the École française d'Extrême-Orient (EFEO), as a Chargé de recherche (research fellow) in 1987 and has since then been actively involved in the research activities carried out at the centre as an independent scholar as well as in collaboration with other researchers. During the first two years of his service, S.L.P. Anjaneya Sarma contributed to the preparation of Pīṇiyavyākaraṇodharanakośa. In the following years he was employed in collaborative research within the framework of the program "Indian Analysis of the Sanskrit Language and Literature", led by Professor F. Grimal, the then Head of the Pondicherry Centre of the EFEO. This research resulted in the publication of critical editions and studies of two major commentaries on classical Sanskrit plays of Bhavabhūti: Vṛaraghava's commentary on Mahāvīracarita (published in 1999) and Harihara's commentary on Mṛatamdhava (published in 2005). In collaboration with Professor Grimal he has been working on the preparation of a critical edition and translation of Kṛvyadarpaṇa, a literary work by Rājamaṇḍikīta, as well as on several publications within the newly founded series "Vyākhyānamāli", the first volume of which (Sarma and Grimal [2013]) has been recently published. His current research includes a critical edition of Tripathag, a commentary on Nageśa's Paribhāṇḍukhara. As an independent researcher S.L.P. Anjaneya Sarma has focused his attention on the study of different aspects of traditional Indian grammar and published two major monographs and a great number of articles in this field (see the publication list below).

Throughout his long career at the EFEO, Pondicherry, Dr. S.L.P. Anjaneya Sarma has continuously been a source of knowledge and inspiration for a wide range of scholars (from students up to the most advanced researchers) coming to Pondicherry from different parts of the world to seek his assistance. Dr. Sarma has also been invited to teach courses at the Indological departments of two European Universities: École Pratique des Hautes Études in June 2011 (lecture-series "Readings in the Bhāmatī and in other commentaries of the tradition of philosophical Vedānta") and University of Hamburg in 2014 ("Intensive Course on Indian Grammar and Poetics").

Throughout his scholarly career Dr. S.L.P. Anjaneya Sarma has remained deeply rooted in the traditional scholarship. He has attended numerous traditional scholarly debates (v?ky?rthasadas) in different parts of India, such as Madras, Tirupati, and many more. Since 2010 he has been acting as the examiner in vy?kara?a??stram at Sri Kanchee Veda Vedantha Sastra Sabha in Tenali, Guntur Dist. (A.P.), an annually conducted traditional examination in different ??stras. He is, furthermore, an external examiner for the PhD graduates in vy?kara?a??stra at the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati, and Rashrtiya Samskrit Samsthan, Delhi.

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