



Kshemendra

Writing during the twelfth century, Kshemendra lived in the region today known as India. Kshemendra wrote in the ancient language of Sanskrit. He studied Buddhism and Hinduism, and he wrote epic poems based on various stories and gods from those religions. Additionally, Kshemendra was a playwright, a novelist, and a historian.

Despite being born into a wealthy and powerful family, Kshemendra wrote about downtrodden or common people, on topics that appealed to the masses. His work remained mostly unknown until its discovery in 1871. In total, eighteen pieces of his writing have been found and translated. Now people from all over the world can read his work in their own language and appreciate this once-forgotten poet.