

Heir I Inherited Saya Ahmwe

Bhikkhuni

by
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of
Myanmar



Rev. Daw Saccavadi
Dressed in Sangha Robes after Full Bhikkhuni Ordination

The heir that I inherited was realized after a long struggle, on the day I was ordained as a fully ordained Bhikkhuni in Sri Lanka. In Burmese, it was I called it **Saya Ahmwe** – my mentor Ven. Pannajota Thera of Myanmar.

My name in Myanmar Theravada tradition is *Saccavadi*. It carries the meaning "**truth-speaker**". My mentor teacher *Ven. Pannajota Thera* gave it to me. My mentor is a highly regarded in the samgha community in Myanmar for his strict morality and oratorical ability in preaching Buddha Dhamma.

I was born on 14th of May 1965 at Military Hospital in **Hmawbi** township of Yangon. My father is a retired medical officer from Myanmar Army medical Corp. My mother passed away in 1984 at the age of 47. I have 2 brothers and 3 sisters. I am the youngest in the sibling.

I received my B.A. from Rangoon Arts and Science University (R.A.S.U) in Rangoon, Myanmar, in September of 1986. I have never envisioned of becoming a Buddhist nun (Thi-la-shin) in my tender age until I started practicing on Buddhist meditation and participated in meditation retreats for 10 days in April,1986. My interest has been on the Buddha first Sermon "*The Four Noble Truths*" and "*The law of impermanent (Anicca)*, the human suffering (Dukha) and non-self (Anatta)" in the human world. The Buddha teaching and the wisdom that I can derive from his Dhamma to lead us all on the path to the cessation of suffering, Nibbana makes me to believe with the deepest faith on his Dhamma.

Again, the Sangha community, which carries his message and his true teaching, would be a good career option for me to follow. With my faith so driven, I decided to join the community of Buddhist nun after final examination on 9th of November,1986. I passed the examinations of Pali canonical literature in the first position in the whole Myanmar conducted by the Myanmar government. Based on those achievements, I was awarded "*The Best Candidate*" at the Buddhist academic convocation ceremonies both in 1988 and 1991.

I became a **samaneri** (novice leading to a female Buddhist monk) on 25.02.2002 at **Sakyadhita Center** in Sri Lanka by the witness of both

Bhikkhu and Bhikkhuni Sangha, that is [Bhikkhu Medananda Thero](#) and [Bhikkhuni Sudassana](#). I intend to get the Bhikkhuni-hood from the teacher Sri Lankan Bhikkhuni Khemacari who was first ordained as a Buddhist nun (Dasa-sila-mata) by Burmese nun Ven. Daw Vicari in 1958 in Sri Lanka.

On February 28, 2003, my life long aspiration to be a fully Bhikkhuni was realized. I was finally ordained as Bkhikkhuni.



Bhikkhuni Ordination Procession



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Full Bhikkhuni Ordination