

The Biography and Missionary work of the Venerable

Sitagu Sayadaw Dr. Ashin Nyanissara

1. 1298 - Sayadaw was born to U Maung Nyo and Daw Thein Tin, on Tuesday, the full moon day of Tapaung, February 23, 1937, in the town of Padee Gone, Bago Division.
2. 1305 In the year 1944, he began his monastic education at the village center school in The Gone.
3. 1313 He became a novice in 1952.
4. 1318 He became a monk in 1957 in Yangon. He then studied in Mandalay and Sagaing.
5. 1322 In 1961, he passed the Dhammacariya class and received the "Sasanadhaja Dhammacariya Degree".
6. 1324 In 1963, he entered Sangha University.
7. 1326 In 1965, he received the "Diploma of Buddha's Sermons".
8. 1326 Also in 1965, the Irrawaddy Division Burmese Buddhist Missionary School (B.B.M. College) was established in Lay Myet Nhar City.
9. 1329 He began teaching Buddhist literature on Sagaing Hills in 1968.
10. 1334 In 1973, he began an intensive period of meditation at Tha Paik Eye Forest in Khayon Ka villagein, in Tha Htone District Paung Township.
11. 1336 In 1975, he began to preach Buddhist sermons

throughout Myanmar.

12. 1338 In 1977, the (East) Saddhammasitagu Monastery was established on Sagaing Hills.

13. 1341 In 1979, he began engaging in worldwide missionary work. To date, he has toured more than 50 countries and has attended more than 100 international meetings.

14. 1342 In 1980, the Sitagu Missionary Association was established.

15. 1342 During the 1980s, he initiated and oversaw the building of the Sagaing Hills Sitagu Water Project.

16. 1347 In 1985, he initiated the construction of the Sitagu Ayudana Hospital.

17. 1351 In 1989, Sitagu Ayudana Hospital was opened.

18. 1354 In 1992, the Sitagu International Buddhist Academy project was established.

19. 1354 In 1992, in Austin, Texas, the United States of America, the Theravada Dhamma Society of America (TDSA) was formed.

20. 1358 In 1996, the Sitagu Buddha Vihara was established and opened in Austin, Texas, USA.

21. 1358 In 1996, Sagaing Hills Sitagu International Buddhist Academy was opened.

22. 1368 In 2006, the Sitagu Dhamma Vihara was established and opened in St. Paul, Minnesota, USA.

23. 1369 In 2007, the Yangon Sitagu International Missionary Center was opened.

24. 1370 In 2009, Mandalay Hill Sitagu Buddha University was opened.
25. 1373 In 2011, Sitagu Samgha Vihara was established and opened in West Palm Beach, Florida, USA.
26. 1373 In 2012, the "Sitagu Shwe Zi Gone Pagoda" was built at the Sitagu Buddha Vihara in Austin, Texas, USA.
27. 1378 In 2016, Sitagu Buddhist University (Thanlyin) was opened.
28. 1378 In 2016, Sitagu Ketumati Buddhist University (Taungoo) was opened.
29. 1373 In 2012, Sagaing Hills Sitagu Vipassana Academy was established and opened in 2017.
30. 1384 As of 2023, 45 Sitagu Eye Hospitals have been opened.

Books...

= Sitagu Sayadaw has published 96 books in Burmese and 56 books in English.

= He has been awarded the following titles:

Mahadhammakathika Bahujanahitadhara by the Government of the Union of Myanmar;

Agga Mahasaddhamma Jotikadhaja; Agga Maha Ganthavasaka Pandita.

In 1358/1997, he was awarded the title of Agga Maha Pandita.

In 1379/2017, he was awarded the title of Abhidhaja Maharattha Guru.

In 1382/2020, The title of Abhidhaja Aggamahasaddhamma Jotikadhaja was conferred upon him.

In 1365/2003, Yangon University awarded him the D.litt degree.

In 1367/2005, Thailand Bangkok Maha Chulalongkorn University awarded him the Ph.D.

In 1370/2008, Nalanda University of India conferred on him the Ph.D.

In 1371/2009, Thailand's Mahamakot University awarded him the Ph.D.

In 1377/2015, Cambodia University of Education awarded him the Ph.D.

In 1377/2015, he was elected the Vice President of Shwe Kyin Nikaya UpaOkkatha.

In 1383/2022, he was elected as the 16th President of Shwe Kyin Nikaya Okkatha, and referred to as the Samgha Raja (Pope)

Because he used to live in Tha Bake Eye, he was named the Tha Bake Eye Sayadaw. In addition, since he was born in The Gone Township, he was also named The Gone Sayadaw.

Finally, because he established the Sitagu Schools, Donation of Sitagu Water Project, Sitagu Hospitals, Sitagu International Buddhist Academy, and the Sitagu Vipassana Academy, he is known as the Sitagu Sayadaw.

Sitagu Sayadaw has now reached the age of 87 (67 Vassa).

On Sagaing Hills, at the Sitagu International Buddhist Academy and Sitagu Vipassana Academy, Buddhist literature is taught to students in Pali, Burmese, and English. In addition, missionary activities directed to people of different nationalities, ethnicities, and religions are carried out. Unceasing effort is expended in a wide range of social activities.