

A brief biography of
Pa-Auk Tawya Sayadaw

The Chief Abbot of Pa-Auk Tawya Meditation Centre

1. **Name:** Venerable Āciṇṇa
2. **Age and Years of Monkhood:** 83 years, 63 vassas (2016)
3. **Childhood name:** Maung Aung Than
4. **Native place:** Lake Chaung Village, Hinthada Township
5. **Father's name:** U Pyu
6. **Mother's name:** Daw Saw Tin
7. **National and Religion:** Myanmar, Buddhism
8. **Date of Birth:** 24 June 1934, Sunday
9. **Date of Noviciation:** 2 May 1944
10. **Noviciating Teacher:** Venerable Soṇa Thera, Salin Monastery in Leigh-chaung village
11. **Date of Higher Ordination:** 10 May 1954
12. **Place of Higher Ordination:** the Khaṇḍa Sīmā of Yay-kyee Taik-thit Monastery, Hinthada Township
13. **Ordaining Teacher (Upajjhāya):** Venerable Paññā (the president of Yay-kyee sect), Yay-kyee Taik-thit Monastery
14. **Places of learning education:** Yay-kyee Taik-thit Monastery, Aung Maṅgalā Theik-dhi Monastery, Masoeyein Monastery, Myin-wun Monastery, Phayargyi Monastery, Taung-htee-lin Monastery
15. **Examination Passed:** First Level Exam, Second Level Exam, Third Level Exam, Sāsanadhaja-sirīpavara-dhammācariya Degree
16. **Date of passing Dhammācariya and monastery:** 1956, Phayargyi Monastery, Oatkan Town
17. **University Education:** State Saṅgha University; Passed Intermediate Exam of University of Rangoon
18. **Start taking Paṭipatti Training:** Renounced to the forest at the tenth vassa of monkhood to undertake Paṭipatti Training (1964)
19. Resided in the forest more than 20 years undertaking meditation strenuously.
20. Venerable Āciṇṇa learned meditation from five prominent teachers: Venerable Mahāsī Sayadaw and Venerable Paṇḍita (Shwe Taung Gone Sayadaw) in 1964, Venerable Kathit Waing Sayadaw, Venerable ThanLyin Sayadaw (Catudhātuvavatthāna), and Shwe-Thein-Taw Tawya Sayadaw in Kanni Town (Ānāpānassati). However, he studied the Buddha's meditation methods in Tipiṭaka very thoroughly and succeeded in reviving the true method of meditation as taught by the Buddha. This is a very great achievement in the field of Paṭipatti Sāsanā.
21. **Title awarded by State Government:** Mahākammaṭṭhānācariya Title (1995);
Aggamahākammaṭṭhānācariya Title (1999)
22. **Title awarded by Shwekyin Nikāya (Sect):** Title Certificate of Shwekyin Nikāya Rattaññūmahānāyaka (2009)
23. Venerable Āciṇṇa has been teaching samatha-vipassanā meditation in minute details as taught by the Buddha worldwide for more than 33 years since 1983 and achieved great success.
24. Venerable Āciṇṇa has stayed in Pa-Auk Tawya Main Centre in Mawlamyine since 1981. Currently, he is residing in Pa-Auk Tawya Meditation Centre (Pyin Oo Lwin), Tat-Oo Dhamma Yeikthar (Extended), 31/5 milestone, Kyauk-phyar-doe village, Pyin Oo Lwin township, Mandalay Region, Myanmar since 1 August 2015.