E-Lecture on Women in Buddhism
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The Community of Female Renunciants (*thilashin*)
in Burma-Myanmar

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1. General Overview

2. Types and Categories: who are the Buddhist nuns?
   - Pariyatti
   - Pattipati
   - Parahita

   - Number of precepts
   - Color of their robes

3. Motives: Why do women renounce?

4. Initiation: how do they become nuns?
   - The ceremony (*thilashin wut-pwe*)
5. Membership designated by the state
   - Political representation
   - Missionary work

6. Engagement with society

7. Building a community of female renunciants
   - Buddhist education
   - Scholastic lineage
   - Partnership
   - Independent nunnery