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Ven. Ajahn Amaro

December 3rd, 2026

Abbot of Amaravati Buddhist Monastery, UK, and one of the senior Western disciples in the Thai Forest Tradition of Ajahn Chah. Ajahn Amaro received bhikkhu ordination from Venerable Ajahn Chah in 1979 at Wat Pah Nanachat in Thailand. He later helped establish the Forest Sangha in the West and in 1996 co-founded Abhayagiri Buddhist Monastery in California, serving as co-abbot with Ajahn Pasanno until 2010. He subsequently returned to England to become Abbot of Amaravati Buddhist Monastery. A respected meditation master, Dhamma teacher, and author, he has devoted more than four decades to transmitting the Buddha's teachings and the contemplative tradition of Ajahn Chah.

Ven. Ajahn Achalo

December 4th, 2026

Abbot of Anandagiri Forest Monastery in Phetchabun, Thailand, and a respected teacher in the Thai Forest Tradition of Venerable Ajahn Chah. Drawn to meditation as a young man, Ajahn Achalo travelled to Thailand to devote himself to the Buddha's path and received bhikkhu ordination at Wat Pah Pong. He trained for many years in the Thai Forest tradition under eminent masters, particularly Ajahn Anan and Ajahn Jayasaro, and has practiced in monasteries, remote forests, and on pilgrimage. Today, as Abbot of Anandagiri, he teaches meditation and Buddhadhamma internationally, emphasizing samādhi, mettā, wisdom, kamma, and the gradual cultivation of the path to liberation.

Phra Ajahn Kŕic Nimmalo

December 5th, 2026

A senior Thai Forest monk and meditation teacher with more than three decades in the Sangha, Phra Ajahn Kric Nimmalo has devoted his monastic life to the study and practice of the Buddhadhamma, particularly samatha and vipassanā meditation. Known for presenting profound teachings with clarity, warmth, and directness, he guides practitioners in bringing mindfulness and wisdom into everyday experience. Through Dhamma teachings, retreats, publications, and recordings, he has helped make the Buddha's path of practice accessible to practitioners throughout Thailand and internationally.

Ven. Vinaya Rakkhita

December 6th, 2026

Venerable Vinaya Rakkhita is a senior Indian Buddhist monk, Dhamma teacher, and longtime leader associated with the Maha Bodhi Society. He has devoted his monastic life to preserving and sharing the Buddha's teachings in India, supporting Buddhist education, meditation, pilgrimage, and service to communities connected with the sacred places of the Buddha. His work continues the great revival of the Buddhadhamma in its land of origin and the legacy of the late Acharya Buddharakkhita.

Ven. Ananda Maha Thera

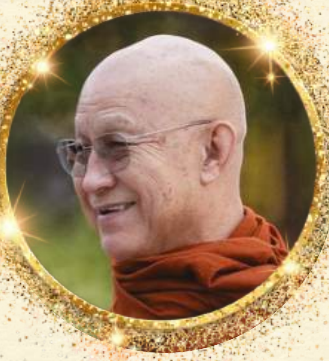
December 7th, 2026

The Most Venerable Tirikunamale Ananda Maha Thera is a highly esteemed Buddhist monk and scholar born on April 20, 1958. He currently resides at the Siri Vajiraramaya temple in Colombo 05. Since 2014, he has held the prestigious position of Maha Nayaka (Chief Prelate) of the Amarapura Sri Dharmarakshita Vansa Maha Nikaya, serving as the eighth Maha Nayaka Thera of this historic monastic chapter. Having received his Novice Ordination in 1969 and Higher Ordination in 1978, he has dedicated his life to monastic discipline, Buddhist education, and the promotion of the Sinhala language. He is a prolific author of numerous books detailing Buddhist philosophy, history, and virtues. Furthermore, he serves in several capacities of national and religious significance, such as being a member of the Uttaritara Palaka Mandala (Highest Governing Body) for the Sri Lanka Bhiksu University. In recognition of his profound wisdom and lifetime of service, the Government of Myanmar awarded him the distinguished honorific title of "Aggamahapandita" in 2021.

Ven. Pharamaha Kriti

December 8th, 2026

Phramaha Keyrati Srivuthana (Dhirapanno Bhikkhu) is a distinguished Buddhist monk and former medical professional. Born in Bangkok in 1967, he originally graduated with First Class Honours in Medicine and trained as a pediatrician in the United States before ordaining under the Thai Forest Tradition in 1998. Currently serving as the Vice-Abbot of Wat Pah Boonlorm, he is an accomplished teacher and author of numerous Pāli, Thai, and English publications. He actively dedicates his life to making the Buddha's teachings globally accessible to both monastics and lay practitioners.



Ven. Phramaha Sutham

December 8th, 2026

Phra Ratcha Wachira Thammachariya, also widely known as Phra Ajahn Suthum Sudhammo, is a prominent spiritual leader within the Thai Forest Tradition. Born in Rayong, Thailand, in 1949, his early years were spent working as a fisherman before a deep spiritual calling led him to join the Dhammayuttika Nikaya monastic order. He dedicated his life to mastering vipassana meditation under the guidance of esteemed masters who were direct disciples of Luang Pu Mun Bhuridatta Thera. Currently serving as the abbot of Wat Pa Kasornsilakhun in Udon Thani, he was granted a royal monastic title in 2021 in recognition of his unwavering dedication to teaching the Dhamma and guiding both monks and laypeople.

Ven. Ajahn Kevali

December 9th, 2026

Ajahn Kevali is a senior Theravāda Buddhist monk in the Thai Forest Tradition of the renowned meditation master Ajahn Chah. Originally from Germany, he received full monastic ordination in 1998 with Luang Por Liem Thitadhammo, successor to Ajahn Chah at Wat Nong Pah Pong. Ajahn Kevali has served since 2007–08 as abbot of Wat Pah Nanachat, the International Forest Monastery in Ubon Ratchathani, Thailand, one of the world's foremost centers for training international monastics in the Ajahn Chah tradition. His teachings emphasize simplicity, renunciation, mindfulness, direct experiential wisdom, and the practical realization of the Buddha's Dhamma.

Ven. Bhadant Jnanjyoti Mahathero

December 11, 2026 | 05:30 - 06:30 PM

Highly inspired by the modern Buddhist Renaissance initiated by Bodhisattva Baba Saheb Ven. Jnanjyoti Mahathero entered into the Theravada monastic life twety eight years back in the year 1998, observed 28 Vassa till now. Following the ideal of Mahakassapa he is a living example of Pansukul Dhutang practice in India and deep practitioner of Vipassana of Ledi Sayadaw tradition. He has been closely associated with Vipassana master Sh S N Goenka.

He almost reestablished lost Forest Tradition in India by running Ledi Sayadaw Vipassana Centre in Todoba Forests of district Chandrapur, Maharashtra. He has mastery over Abhidhamma specifically on Citta, Cetasika, Rūpa and Nibbāna. Two distinct phenomenon make him much venerable among Indian devotees that he took birth beneath a tree like Buddha and he never sleeps, a deep practitioner of Nesajjikaṅga austerity. He travels thousands of miles on foot followed by lakhs of devotees every year. He has been closely associated with Tipitaka Chanting since early years.

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under the most sacred Bodhi Tree.

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