

**ANALYTICAL STUDY OF CHANGING CHARACTERISTICS  
ON BUILT ENVIRONMENT OF  
THE CONTEMPORARY URBAN BUDDHIST MONASTIC  
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