

Amma Fact Sheet

Full Name:	Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi
Description:	spiritual leader and humanitarian
Born:	27 September 1953
Place of Birth:	Parayakadavu, Alappad Panchayat, Kollam District, Kerala, India
Language:	Malayalam
No. of People Embraced:	40 million
Programs Conducted in:	Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Dubai, England, Finland, France, Germany, Holland, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mauritius, Reunion, Russia, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, UAE, USA
Main Positions Held:	Founder, Embracing the World Founder & Chairperson, Mata Amritanandamayi Math Chancellor, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham University Founder, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre (Amrita Hospital)
Awards Bestowed:	Honorary Doctorate of Letters from University of Mysore (2019) Award from PM of India for Biggest “Clean India Campaign” Contribution (2018) Soldiers of Peace International Association’s Commemorative Gold Medal for Peace” (Toulon, 2017) Medal of the Provence-Alpes-Côtes d’Azur Region (Toulon, 2017) Hindu Ratna Award (Kochi, 2017) Fashion4Development “Medal of Honor” (New York, 2015) Kavithilakam Pandit Karuppan Award (Kerala, 2014) Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from SUNY (Buffalo, 2010) Prix Cinéma Vérité (Paris, 2007) James Parks Morton Interfaith Award (New York, 2006) Philosopher Saint Sri Jnaneswara World Peace Prize (Pune, 2006) Mahavir Mahatma Award (London, 2005) Centenary Legendary Award of the Int. Rotarians (Cochin, 2005) Gandhi-King Award for Non-Violence (Geneva, 2002) Karma Yogi of the Year (<i>Yoga Journal</i> , 2002) Care & Share Int. Humanitarian of the Year Award (Chicago, 1998) Hindu Renaissance Award (<i>Hinduism Today</i> , 1993)
International Addresses:	2018: Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities’ “Child Dignity in the Digital World” (Abu Dhabi) 2015: Summit of Conscience for the Climate, Paris, France (video message) 2015: UNAI Conference on Tech. for Sustainable Development (New York)

2014: Joint Declaration of Religious Leaders Against Modern Slavery (Vatican)
 2014: Conversations on Compassion (Stanford University)
 2013: 100th Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Swami Vivekananda (New Delhi)
 2012: United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (Shanghai)
 2009: Inauguration of Vivekananda Int. Foundation (New Delhi)
 2008: Summit of the Global Peace Initiative of Women (Jaipur)
 2007: Cinéma Vérité Film Festival (Paris)
 2006: James Park Morton Interfaith Awards (New York)
 2005: Rotary International, India (Cochin)
 2004: Parliament of the World's Religions (Barcelona)
 2002: Global Peace Initiative of Women Rel. & Spiritual Leaders, UN (Geneva)
 2000: Millennium Peace Summit, UN (New York)
 1995: International Celebrations at the 50th Anniversary of the UN (New York)
 1993: Parliament of the World's Religions 100th Anniversary (Chicago)

Homes constructed:	More than 47,000 in 75 locations throughout India
Disaster relief expenses:	\$75 million U.S.
Yoga & Meditation Prog:	Amrita Yoga & Integrated Amrita Meditation Technique (IAM Technique)
Scholarships for poor:	More than 50,000 worldwide
Trees planted:	More than 1 million (part of UN's Billion Tree Campaign)
Free medical for poor:	100 percent free care for more than 4.7 million people since 1998
Poor fed annually:	10 million in India, 150,000 in U.S.
Pensions for poor:	100,000 throughout India
Children cared for:	500 in orphanage (India) & 150 in children's home (Kenya)
Poor women helped to start home businesses:	more than 200,000 across India in more than 13,000 groups
Official Websites:	www.amma.org / www.facebook.com/MataAmritanandamayi/ www.embracingtheworld.org / www.amritapuri.org www.amma-europe.org / www.amritahospitals.org / www.amrita.edu