

## Amma Fact Sheet

<b>Full Name:</b>	Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi
<b>Description:</b>	spiritual leader and humanitarian
<b>Born:</b>	27 September 1953
<b>Place of Birth:</b>	Parayakadavu, Alappad Panchayat, Kollam District, Kerala, India
<b>Language:</b>	Malayalam
<b>No. of People Embraced:</b>	39 million
<b>Programs Conducted in:</b>	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
<b>Main Positions Held:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Founder, Embracing the World</li> <li>· Founder &amp; Chairperson, Mata Amritanandamayi Math</li> <li>· Chancellor, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham University</li> <li>· Founder, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences &amp; Research Centre (Amrita Hospital)</li> </ul>
<b>Awards Bestowed:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Honorary Doctorate of Letters from University of Mysore (2019)</li> <li>· Award from PM of India for Biggest “Clean India Campaign” Contribution (2018)</li> <li>· Soldiers of Peace International Association’s Commemorative Gold Medal for Peace” (Toulon, 2017)</li> <li>· Medal of the Provence-Alpes-Côtes d’Azur Region (Toulon, 2017)</li> <li>· Hindu Ratna Award (Kochi, 2017)</li> <li>· Fashion4Development “Medal of Honor” (New York, 2015)</li> <li>· Kavithilakam Pandit Karuppan Award (Kerala, 2014)</li> <li>· Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from SUNY (Buffalo, 2010)</li> </ul>

- Prix Cinéma Vérité (Paris, 2007)
- James Parks Morton Interfaith Award (New York, 2006)
- Philosopher Saint Sri Jnanaswara 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 (Yoga Journal, 2002)
- Care & Share Int. Humanitarian of the Year Award (Chicago, 1998)
- Hindu Renaissance Award (Hinduism Today, 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: 100<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UN (New York)
- 1993: Parliament of the World's Religions 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Chicago)

<b>Free medical for poor:</b>	100 percent free care for more than 4.7 million people since 1998
<b>Homes constructed:</b>	More than 47,000 in 75 locations throughout India
<b>Disaster relief expenses:</b>	\$75 million U.S.
<b>Yoga &amp; Meditation Prog:</b>	Amrita Yoga & Integrated Amrita Meditation Technique (IAM Technique)
<b>Scholarships for poor:</b>	More than 50,000 worldwide
<b>Trees planted:</b>	More than 1 million (part of UN's Billion Tree Campaign)
<b>Poor fed annually:</b>	10 million in India and 150,000 in North America
<b>Pensions for poor:</b>	100,000 throughout India
<b>Children cared for:</b>	500 in orphanage (India) & 160 in children's home (Kenya)
<b>Poor women helped to start home businesses:</b>	More than 200,000 across India in more than 13,000 groups
<b>Official Websites:</b>	<a href="http://www.amma.org">www.amma.org</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/MataAmritanandamayi">www.facebook.com/MataAmritanandamayi</a> <a href="http://www.embracingtheworld.org">www.embracingtheworld.org</a> <a href="http://www.amritapuri.org">www.amritapuri.org</a> <a href="http://www.amma-europe.org">www.amma-europe.org</a> <a href="http://www.aimshospitals.org">www.aimshospitals.org</a> <a href="http://www.amrita.edu">www.amrita.edu</a>