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:** 39 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)
- 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 (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: 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)

**Free medical for poor:** 100 percent free care for more than 4.7 million people since 1998

**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)

**Poor fed annually:** 10 million in India and 150,000 in North America

**Pensions for poor:** 100,000 throughout India

**Children cared for:** 500 in orphanage (India) & 160 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](http://www.amma.org)
- [www.facebook.com/MataAmritanandamayi](http://www.facebook.com/MataAmritanandamayi)
- [www.embracingtheworld.org](http://www.embracingtheworld.org)
- [www.amritapuri.org](http://www.amritapuri.org)
- [www.amma-europe.org](http://www.amma-europe.org)
- [www.amritahospitals.org](http://www.amritahospitals.org)
- [www.amrita.edu](http://www.amrita.edu)