

# Amma/Embracing the World Fact Sheet



<b>Name:</b>	Sri Mata Amritanandamayi
<b>Description:</b>	Visionary humanitarian and spiritual leader
<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

## 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, 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)
- Fashion4Development “Medal of Honor” (New York, 2015)

- Kavithilakam Pandit Karuppan Award (Kerala, 2014)
- 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:**

- Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities  
"Child Dignity in the Digital World" (Abu Dhabi 2018)
- Summit of Conscience for the Climate, Paris, France (video message, 2015)
- UNAI Conference on Tech. for Sustainable Development (New York, 2015)
- Joint Declaration of Religious Leaders Against Modern Slavery (Vatican, 2014)
- Conversations on Compassion (Stanford University, 2014)
- 100 Birth Ann. Celebrations of Sw. Vivekananda (New Delhi, 2013)
- United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (Shanghai, 2012)
- Inauguration of Vivekananda Int. Foundation (New Delhi, 2009)
- Summit of the Global Peace Initiative of Women (Jaipur, 2008)
- Cinéma Vérité Film Festival (Paris, 2007)
- James Park Morton Interfaith Awards (New York, 2006)
- Rotary International, India (Cochin, 2005)
- Parliament of the World's Religions (Barcelona, 2004)
- Global Peace Initiative of Women Rel. & Spiritual Leaders, UN (Geneva, 2002)
- Millennium Peace Summit, UN (New York, 2000)
- Int. Celebrations at the 50th Anniversary of the UN (New York, 1995)
- Parliament of the World's Religions 100th Anniversary (Chicago, 1993)

#### **Declarations:**

- Faith Leaders' Universal Declaration Against Slavery (Vatican, 2014)

## Embracing the World\*:

- Food:** 10 million meals served annually in India / 150.000 served annually in USA/ 1 ton of organic vegetables produced in France & distributed to food bank
- Shelter:** 47, 000 houses built in 75 locations and an orphanage for 500 children in India/160 in children's home (Kenya), care homes for elderly, Relocation of slum-dwellers into 1,600 clean, new apartment, new clothing for more than 500,000 people in poverty annually
- Healthcare:** more than 4,7 million patients received free treatment at AIMS hospital in Cochin since 1998
- Education:** more than 75 schools in India for 100 000 children / 51000 scholarships granted to poor children
- Livelihood:** training and business assistance to 200 000 vulnerable women in more than 13.000 groups/ 100 000 pensions for widows, poor women and disabled people throughout India
- Emergencies:** 75 million dollars relief package since 2005 ( Katrina, Nepal, Uttarakhand, Kerala, Philippines...)
- Environment:** over 1 million trees planted since 2001 as a member organization of the UN "Billion Tree Campaign", donated \$15 million to the Namami Gange – Clean the Ganges Project (2015), Clean India, Beautiful India: 1,700 annual cleaning drives in cities, temple grounds, rivers, parks, etc., supporting 10,000 impoverished people to grow organic vegetables on their own land, constructed 12,000 toilets for the poor and much more.
- Research:** vocational training and life-enrichment education, biotechnology to fight epidemics, wireless network for landslide detection, low-cost solutions for diabetes care, cutting-edge distance learning platform ...
- Main project:** Amrita Serve; teach 101 villages in 21 Indian states the skills they need to live in communities that are sustainable and self-reliant
- Yoga & Meditation** programs: Amrita Yoga & Integrated Amrita Meditation Technique (IAM Technique)

**Official Websites:**

[www.amma.org](http://www.amma.org)

[www.embracingtheworld.org](http://www.embracingtheworld.org)

[www.amritapuri.org](http://www.amritapuri.org)

[www.aimshospital.org](http://www.aimshospital.org)

[www.amrita.edu](http://www.amrita.edu)

[www.amma-europe.org](http://www.amma-europe.org)

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[www.facebook.com/MataAmritanandamayi](https://www.facebook.com/MataAmritanandamayi)

\*Embracing the World is a global network of charitable projects conceived by the Mata Amritanandamayi Math (MAM), an India-based non-governmental organization with special consultative status to the UN's Economic & Social Council and the UN's Department of Public Information.