A presence that transforms lives

**The humanitarian initiatives of
Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi**

Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi—spiritual leader, humanitarian and visionary—was born in 1953 in a remote coastal village in Kerala. Due to the rampant poverty in her community, she witnessed firsthand and at a young age the stark inequality in this world and wondered why some people suffer so much in life. She started giving whatever food and clothing she could find to others in need. She also began to spontaneously embrace them to comfort their sorrow. Experiencing her divine motherly nature, the villagers started to call her 'Amma,' meaning 'Mother.'

With the conviction that each of us has a responsibility to lend a hand to the less fortunate, Amma moved forward with confidence in her life of service and compassionate care for all. Amma explains, "A continuous stream of love flows from me to all of creation. This is my inborn nature. The duty of a doctor is to treat patients. In the same way, my duty is to console those who are suffering."

Now, decades later, Amma is truly a citizen of the world. She holds free public programs across India, as well as around the globe—in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Europe, the Americas, and Australia. In her satsangs, Amma offers words of wisdom and guidance on personal fulfillment, as well as the most pressing matters of our time. From climate change to terrorism, cross-cultural tensions to gender equity, poverty to online sexual exploitation, Amma's observations invite each of us to get involved in the process of rebuilding a concerned and caring society.

> "Whether or not God exists might be a subject of debate, but no rational person can ever say that suffering humanity does not exist—we can see that suffering with our own eyes. In my view, service to such people is worship of God."
>
> - Amma

A revolution of love:
Amma's message

For more than 65 years, Amma has been listening to her children's grief, their small joys, their complaints and their laments. Amma intimately knows the depth of their heartaches and the pain behind their tears.

Fear is the main obstacle standing in the way. It robs us of our ability to harness our strengths and talents. But there is a special power within that can help us overcome fear—love. Love gives us the strength to push aside every obstacle and move forward.

Everything in creation is a wonder. And the greatest wonder of all is the human being. This is because humankind has the unique ability to think deeply, to discern right from wrong, and to act accordingly. When this sense of discernment awakens, a new dawn will break.

The world is like a flower. Each nation is a petal. If one petal is infested, does it not affect all the other petals? Does not the disease destroy the life and beauty of the flower? Is it not the duty of each one of us

to protect and preserve the beauty and fragrance of this one world flower from being destroyed?

Together we are a power, an undefeatable power. When we work together, hand in hand with love, it is not just one life force, but the life energy of countless people that flows in harmony, unimpeded. From that constant stream of unity, real progress will take place, and we will see the birth of peace.

If that is sincerely our goal, then there is only one path forward: we must usher in a revolution of love. Any revolution, regardless of its form or leaders, should strive for positive transformation based on dharma. To selflessly serve the people without bias is the true aim of any revolution. Only the power of love can truly achieve this.

It is a revolution that should happen first in the individual mind. From there, it must spread to one's home and community. The rest will happen spontaneously. If that goal is reached, our dreams of a noble world family will be fulfilled in a meaningful way.

This human life is meant to be born in love, to be lived in love, and to eventually end in love. In truth, there is no end to pure love. Love connects every being in creation. Whether humans or animals, it is the power of love that binds a child to its mother and a mother to her child.

Love is the inner expression and compassion is its outer expression. If we could transform compassion from a mere word into a path of action, we would be able to solve 90% of the world's humanitarian problems.

If only our minds, eyes, ears, and hands could genuinely understand and feel the sorrow and pain of others. How many suicides could have been avoided? How many people could have received food, clothing, and shelter? How many conflicts in the name of money, fame, and position could have been avoided?

When the full moon rises, the Earth is freed from the darkness of night. Similarly, may the light of love, compassion, and selflessness dispel the darkness of selfishness, hatred, and conflict covering humankind. May a beautiful new dawn of goodness shine. May the light of truth and dharma illuminate the hearts of all.

Amma, **Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi**
Founder of the Mata Amritanandamayi Math
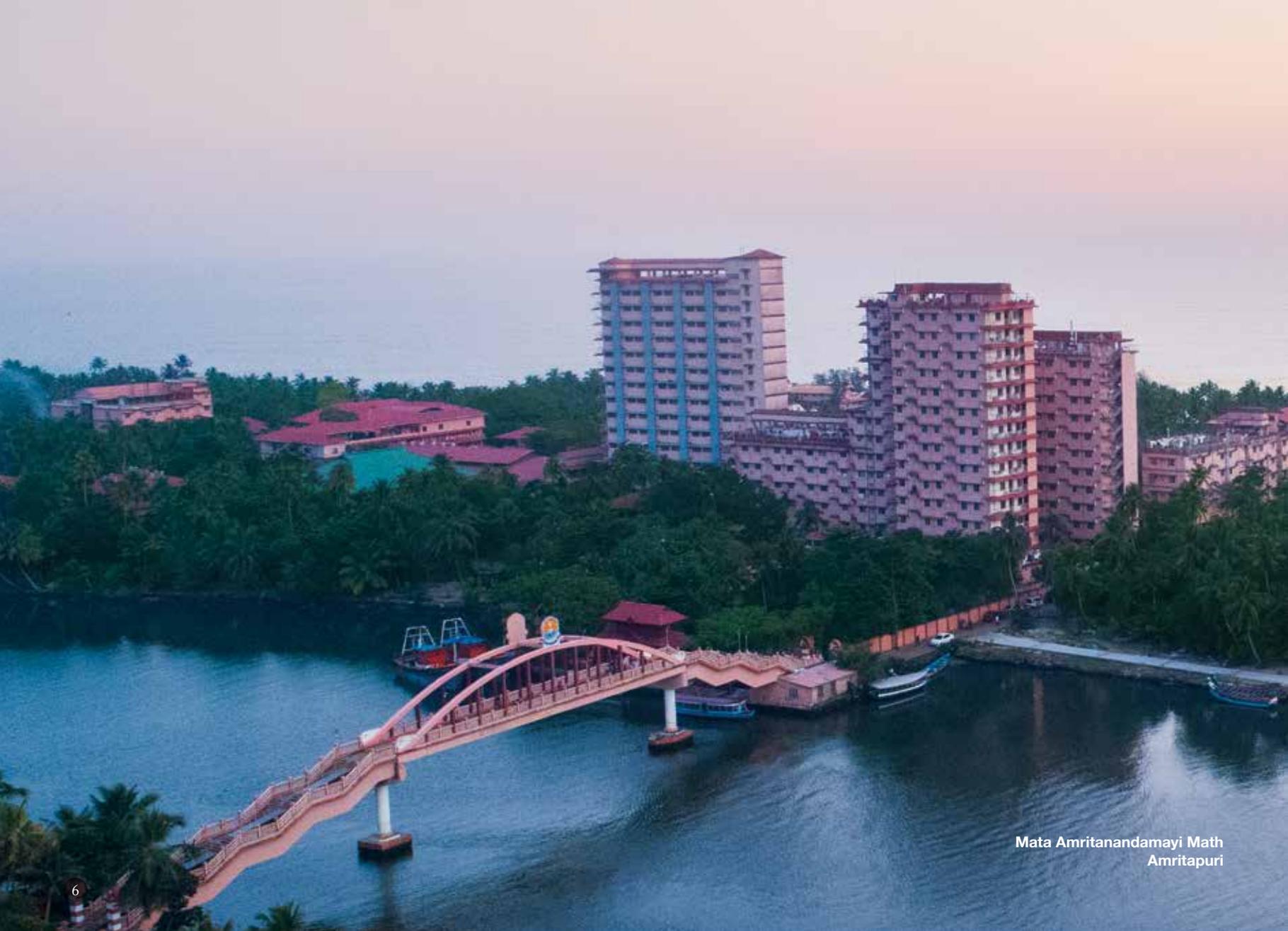
Mata Amritanandamayi Math
Amritapuri

Led by Amma around the world, the Mata Amritanandamayi Math's humanitarian programs are multifaceted and aimed at helping those in need. This inspires compassion and a sense of oneness with our fellow human beings, whatever their background. The programs strive to alleviate the burden of the poor by providing the five basic needs—food, shelter, healthcare, education and livelihood—wherever and whenever possible. We are especially focused on helping to meet these needs in the aftermath of major disasters.

Augmenting these efforts, we work in the fields of environmental conservation and sustainability to help protect the future of our fragile planet. And through Amrita University, our researchers are innovating new means of delivery of goods, knowledge, information, energy and healthcare, so that we can get help to impoverished people here and now.

A large part of our organisation's humanitarian work is accomplished through its vast network of volunteers. Amma's message is recognised worldwide and has inspired people from all walks of life to come forward and give their time. From healthcare to research to construction, their efforts reduce the overall cost of implementation. This multiplies every penny in donor money tenfold, thus enabling a massive amount of aid to people in need.

Find out more at **amma.org/humanitarian**

1 crore
meals served
each year

3 lakh
people housed

64.5 lakh
people given
free healthcare

55,000
children granted
scholarships

2.5 lakh
women empowered
with jobs

1 lakh
pensions for
destitute

₹713 crore
for disaster relief

60 lakh
trees planted
worldwide

15,000
women's self-help
groups seeded

Darshan

The essence of Amma is experienced through her darshan—a heartfelt motherly embrace that Amma has dedicated her entire life to giving one and all. In Amma's arms, the mind finds peace and the heart basks in the light of the Divine. It is a transcendent moment wherein the child finds union with the mother, the disciple with the Guru, the devotee with God. It is an interaction capable of shifting the very axis of one's life, removing obstacles, aligning one more with honesty and integrity, and bolstering one's spiritual pursuits.

For more than 45 years, Amma has spent nearly every day in this manner, sometimes giving darshan for as many 22 hours without break. More than 4 crore people of all religions, beliefs, nationalities, races and walks of life have found their way into her arms. In Amma's presence, people pour out their hearts, share their hardships and seek guidance. Not only does she provide them with concrete solutions, but she also gains insight into the pressing problems of society's sick and poor.

It is therefore in direct response to these problems that all of the charitable humanitarian programs of the Mata Amritanandamayi Math (MAM) have arisen. What's more, having directly experienced Amma's compassion through her embrace and indirectly through witnessing her comfort the suffering, many people become inspired to dedicate their own life to the service of those in need. Thus, it is through the seemingly simple gesture of "Amma's hug" that a veritable renaissance of spirituality and service has been dawning in the modern world.

Food & Water

**1 crore meals for the homeless
and hungry throughout India each year**

Feeding the world with Love

Through Amma's main ashram and its branch centres, we annually feed more than 1 crore people across India. We've been fighting hunger in this way for more than 30 years. In the first six months after the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami, we provided more than 60 lakh free meals to disaster survivors, as well as more than 185 tons of uncooked rice to help the survivors make ends meet.

We also regularly distribute rice, milk, and other uncooked staple foods to remote tribal communities that do not receive aid from any other organisation. In this way the volunteers also get to know the people and their problems. Those in need of further assistance are helped with financial aid, medical care, housing, tutoring and more.

Jivamritam
Drinking Water Project

In October 2017, the President of India, Sri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the ₹100 crore initiative to provide safe drinking water to 1 crore people in 5,000 villages throughout India.

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Food and water as an offering

Distributing to children of migrant workers in Faridabad, Haryana.

Connecting the homeless to social services in 10 cities across France.

The Amrita Children's School in Nairobi, Kenya provides education and three nutritious meals a day for 150 children. Every other Sunday, more than 250 kids from the neighbouring villages are served a healthy lunch.

Feeding the hungry across Asia, the Americas, Europe, and Australia.

Reaching the Musahar community in a remote village in Bihar.

**48,000+ homes in more than
80 locations throughout India**

Building a roof of care for everyone

As a result of poor shelter, polluted water and inadequate sanitation, 50,000 people—mostly women and children—die each day. The problem is disproportionately concentrated in the developing world.

We are doing our part to help put a roof over as many heads as we can. In 1997, responding to cries for help from women who spent entire nights mopping rainwater out of their thatched huts, Amma initiated a house-building project. Today, over 48,000 homes in 80 locations throughout India have been constructed. More than houses, we work to build entire communities, complete with town halls, roads, electricity, wells, sewage systems, and safe drinking water. As part of our response to the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami, we also provided new homes in Sri Lanka and Andaman Islands.

Housing projects by location

KERALA
More than 20,000 houses spread throughout the districts of Alappuzha, Ernakulam, Idukki, Kannur, Kasargode, Kollam, Kottayam, Kozhikode, Malappuram, Palakkad, Pathanamthitta, Trissur, Trivandrum, Kodungallur and Wayanad. Village colonies in the cities of Trivandrum (Airport Colony) and Kochi (Ambulangal).Villages and individual houses in the districts of Ernakulam, Alappuzha and Kollam.

TAMIL NADU
Amritapuram (Rameshwaram, Ramanathapuram Dt.)
Panagudi (Rosmiyapuram, Valliyoor, Tirunelveli Dt.)
Amirpalayam (Sattur, Virdunagar Dt.)
Scavanchers Colony (Sivakasi, Virdunagar Dt.)
Aruppukkottai (Virdunagar Dt.)
Kollencode, Kaliyakavila, Marthandam, Kuzhitturai, Kulachel & Kanyakumari
Ettimadai, Nallampalayam & Madukkarai (all in Coimbatore Dt.)
Arikkambedu & Vellanur, Ambathur, Avadi, & Maduravoyal (all in Tiruvallur Dt.)
Karikattukupam, Ernavur & Kovalam (all in Chennai)
Ramabelur, Pinjumedu, Satyamangalam (all in Erode Dt.)
Kumbakonam
Pudukuppam
Villages in Cuddalore, Kanyakumari & Nagappatinam Districts.

KARNATAKA
Hirisave (C.R. Pattana, Hassan Dt.)
Mulki (Mangalore Dt.)
Hosahalli (Mandya Dt.)
Madhuvanahalli (K.R. Taluk, Mysore Dt.)
Gandhi Nagar (Mysore Dt.)
Gokulam (Mysore Dt.)
Dongrampura and Dirampur (Raichur Dt.)

ANDHRA PRADESH
Gudimalkapur (Medipatnam, Hyderabad Dt.)
Filim Nagar (Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad Dt.)
Amrita Nagar (Pradhatur, Cuddapah Dt.)

PUDUCHERRY
Karaikal
Near Deepak Cables
Puducherry Taluk

WEST BENGAL
Puljour Amaravathi & Bidhan Nagar (Durgapur Dt.)
Amritabati Housing Colony (Durgapur Dt.)
Panihatti (Kolkata Dt.)

RAJASTHAN
Sanghaneer, Jaipur

UTTAR PRADESH
Telibagh (Lucknow-New Brindavan Yojana Dt.)
Koraon (Mirzapur Dt.)
Pratap Nagar (Ghaziabad Dt.)

MADHYA PRADESH
Piplani, near SOS Village (Bhopal Dt.)

GUJARAT
Dagara, Mokhana & Modsar (Bhuj, Kutch Dt.)

MAHARASHTRA
Ajanta Nagar (PCMC, Pune Dt.)

UTTARAKHAND
Batwadi Sonar and Chandrapuri (Rudraprayag Dt.)

ORISSA
Baleshwar
Bhubaneshwar

ANDAMAN ISLAND
Bamboo Flat and Austinabad, South Andaman

SRI LANKA
Thekkawatta (Kalutara District, Western Province)
Periyanilavanai (Ampara District, Eastern Province)

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- Orphanage for up to 400 children in Kerala and a care centre for more than 150 children in Nairobi, Kenya
- Four care homes for the elderly in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka
- Working to provide proper homes, community centres and streetlights in villages throughout India

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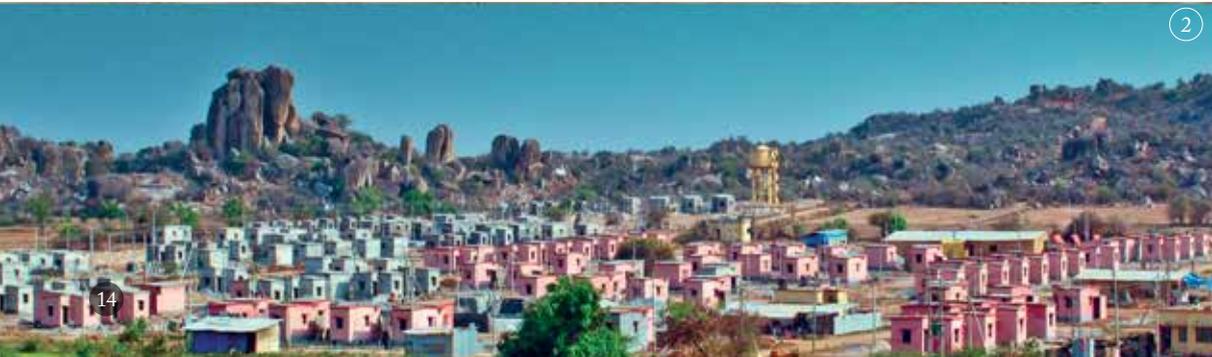
We have successfully relocated 1,600 families from abysmal slums into clean, new apartment blocks, so they could begin their life anew in sunny, hygienic spaces with proper plumbing, water and electricity.

1) New homes for tsunami refugees, Allapuzha, Kerala. 2) Raichur Housing Colony, Karnataka. 3) Vadakku Vanchiyoor, Karaikal, Puducherry. 4) Pune, Maharashtra: We built these apartment blocks for former slum-dwellers.

5) New homes for tsunami refugees, Edavanakkad, Ernakulam, Kerala. 6) Completed houses at Mela Pattinacherry, Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu. 7) Thekkawatta Housing blocks, Sri Lanka.

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**₹860 crore worth of free healthcare
to more than 64.5 lakh people since 1998**

Extending a hand that truly cares

Since opening the doors of Amrita Hospital, Kochi in 1998, we have provided more than ₹860 crore worth of charitable medical care, benefiting 64.5 lakh patients as of December 2022. We are also committed to offering high quality and compassionate treatment that is accessible to all, regardless of race, caste, religion, or economic condition. Recognised as one of the premier hospitals in South Asia, we have treated more than 1.96 crore patients overall and attracted a dedicated team of highly qualified medical professionals from around the world. The 1,350-bed tertiary-care hospital houses 12 super-speciality departments and 45 speciality departments.

Healing with hope

At the village health clinic where Amma grew up, she saw people suffering because they couldn't afford even the most basic items. Witnessing this severe pain, it became her dream to provide medical care for the poor in whatever way she could.

Foundations of care

Six Amrita Kripa Charitable Hospitals reach villages and tribal areas with little access to healthcare. There are three in Kerala, two in Karnataka, and one in the Andaman Islands. The doctors also visit surrounding areas to care for patients who cannot travel.

Travelling to rural areas

Medical teams with Amrita Hospitals in Kochi and Faridabad hold free health camps to treat people in remote regions. Some of the patients have never seen a doctor before.

Advanced medical care on wheels

Our mobile health buses bring sophisticated medical care to people in regions where there are no health facilities. The size of a city bus, they are equipped with advanced facilities, including mini-operation theatres.

When disasters strike

From Kerala to Uttarakhand, our medical teams have been dispatched to provide emergency medical treatment after floods, earthquakes, landslides, cyclones, and the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami.

Local women for village health

We have trained health workers in basic care in rural and isolated areas throughout India. Local women are supported because they are trusted within the community, and as women, they can better connect with pregnant mothers and adolescent girls.

Reviving ancient practices

Amrita Ayurveda Hospital in Kollam is a university-teaching hospital that combines classical specialties with advanced Panchakarma therapies. Its ancient medical wisdom brings compassionate, holistic healing to the science of modern clinical standards.

NABL
ISO / IEC 17025
Accredited

NABH

ISO 9001

ISO 14001

OHSAS 18001

First University teaching hospital in the country becoming NABH, NABL, ISO 9000: 2015 and NAAC A++

The Amrita Hospitals hand-transplant team won the prestigious British Medical Journal Award for the category of best surgical team of South Asia.

Healthcare Excellence Awards
"Successful Innovation"
September 2013 - New Delhi
FICCI

In a first for India, Amrita surgeons reconstructed the breastbone of an infant, using 3D printing

Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences is bestowed the Healthcare Excellence Award from FICCI for Patient Safety & Medical Innovation.

Asia's first upper-arm double hand transplant done at Amrita Hospital, Kochi

Amrita Hospital, Kochi performed India's first two double hand transplants

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Amrita Hospital, Faridabad, Delhi-NCR
With 2,600 beds, it is India's largest private hospital

Amma's compassionate vision to make high quality healthcare accessible to all expanded into India's North when Amrita Hospital, Faridabad opened its doors in August 2022. Founded on love and guided by science, our teams of doctors and healthcare professionals are dedicated to each patient's physical and mental well-being.

As India's largest multi-specialty hospital, we offer the latest technology through multiple specialty and super-specialty centres, from advanced robotic surgery to new frontiers in pediatric medicine to comprehensive cancer care. Because we are a non-profit organisation, every rupee reaches more people.

We are also a teaching hospital with a strong focus on research to develop innovative healthcare solutions and better treatment methods, thus adding value to the nation's healthcare landscape.

| 2600 beds | 81 specialties | 64 modular operation theatres | Smart ICUs with 534 critical-care beds | 300-bed super-specialty pediatric hospital | 10 bunkers for high-precision radiation oncology |

Inaugurating Amrita Hospital, Faridabad, Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi said its fusion of modernity and spirituality will make it an easy and effective medium of healthcare to serve the families of poor and middle-class people.

The hospital strongly focuses on mother and child care, an area with major healthcare gaps.

In February 2026, Swami Nijamritananda Puri, the hospital's Administrative Director, marked a milestone with North India's first elevated hospital helipad.

India's first and the world's second kidney-transplant recipient to undergo a hand transplant. Gautam Tayal's complex 17-hour surgery was successful.

Medical teams travel to villages to hold free health camps for people with limited access.

Lending a hand
when everything falls apart

Amma's compassion and concern for disaster survivors is so complete that she responds to every aspect of their situation—not only fulfilling their material and emotional needs, but also keeping an eye on their future.

Since 2001, we have dedicated **₹713 crore** to immediate relief and long-term recovery. Our support has carried hundreds of thousands of people through the darkest periods of their lives into the light of resilient, sustainable, and equitable communities.

**Amma consoles survivors of the
2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami**

Key Disaster Response Initiatives

2024 Wayanad Landslides: emergency medical care, search for survivors, relief camps; ₹15 crore for community rebuilding and establishing our landslide early warning system

2024 Floods in Tamil Nadu: basic needs for 8,800 households in 12 villages in Thoothukudi district

2022 Ukraine-Russia War: Volunteers at the borders in Poland and Hungary to aid refugees; shelter throughout Europe

2020 - 2022 COVID-19 Pandemic: Health care, vaccinations, financial support, and basic needs supplies, including ₹85 crore to our women's self-help groups

2019 Kerala Monsoon: ₹1.2 crore (₹1 lakh to 121 families who lost a member in heavy monsoon)

2019 Pulwama Terror Attack (J&K): ₹2 crore to 40 families of CRPF soldiers killed

2018 Kerala Floods: ₹10 crore in aid to Kerala Govt Fund; relief camps throughout Kerala; 24-hour emergency helpline

2017 Ockhi Cyclone: ₹2 crore in aid to Kerala Govt Fund; relief camps

2016 Puttingal Temple Fire (Kerala): ₹1 crore to victims and their families; free treatment at Amrita Hospital

2015 Chennai Flood: ₹5 crore to Tamil Nadu Govt, as well as evacuation support, medicine and food

2015 Nepal Earthquake: Food, blankets, shelter and 2 tons of medicines

2014 Jammu & Kashmir Floods: ₹30 crore in relief including emergency medical camps and long-term house construction

2013 Typhoon Yolanda, Philippines: Immediate response for food and shelter; $1M in scholarships for orphans

2013 Uttarakhand Flash-flooding: ₹50 crore in aid, especially for house construction and community rebuilding

2011 Japan Earthquake/Tsunami: Immediate response for food and shelter; $1M in scholarships for orphans

2010 Haiti Earthquake: Medical supplies, shelter materials, scholarships

2009 Floods in Karnataka & Andhra Pradesh: ₹100 crore in immediate relief, medical care and 1,000 homes for the displaced

2009 Cyclone Aila, West Bengal: Medical care, food and supplies

2008 Floods in Bihar: ₹5 crore in medical aid, food, supplies and shelter

2006 Floods in Gujarat: Immediate medical aid; food and supplies

2005 Floods in Mumbai: ₹5 crore in medical aid, food, supplies and shelter

2005 Hurricane Katrina, USA: $1M to Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund

2005 Earthquake, Kashmir: Food, blankets, shelter and 3 tons of medicines

2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami: ₹200 crore in immediate relief and long-term rehabilitation, including 6,200 tsunami-resistant homes, 700 new fishing boats, an evacuation bridge, and vocational training for 2,500 survivors

2001 Earthquake, Gujarat: Immediate medical response in Bhuj; three villages rebuilt with 1,200 homes

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The 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami

A borderless disaster met with unbound compassion

The Indian Ocean Tsunami took more than 227,000 lives in the region across 14 countries. It was one of the deadliest natural disasters in recorded history.

Led by Amma, the Mata Amritanandamayi Math's **immediate response and long-term recovery work** stands as one of the most multi-faceted, comprehensive, and sustained disaster relief projects ever undertaken by a non-governmental organisation. What made our work unique was its holistic nature—**every aspect** of the tsunami survivors' lives was considered and improved.

At the end of 2006, our efforts came to ₹**200 crore**, alongside volunteer hours that cannot be counted. Many of the people who received support stated that in terms of their quality of life and economic independence, they were better off after the tragedy than they had been before.

Transforming survivors in the immediate aftermath

Rescue and relief operations instantly began as the waves rushed towards our headquarters in Amritapuri. Through Amma's compassionate and practical leadership, we came to the aid of survivors with **evacuation, medical care, food,** and **shelter.** We also offered **psychological support** to people who lost their homes and loved ones. Over the course of months, our teams supported more than **30,000 people** in Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

Rebuilding lives with community resilience

In the disaster's wake, our work transitioned into **long-term recovery** that lasted for years. The initiatives included construction of more than **6,200 homes** for survivors in southern India and Sri Lanka; **creative therapy sessions for 10,000 children,** including swimming lessons; **700 new fishing boats** to provide income for 4,900 families; education and **vocational training to 2,500 young people;** and the **start of self-help groups for women.**

COVID-19 Pandemic

In 2020, COVID-19 began its relentless impact as a global health crisis—one that killed people and attacked societies at their core. We focused on how to get to those desperately in need of help through efforts that addressed multiple elements, from **medical treatment** and **vaccinations** to providing **basic needs, financial support,** and **psychological counselling.**

In India, we started with donations to governments—₹**10 crore** to the **Indian Government's** PM CARES Fund and ₹**3 crore** to the **Kerala** Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund.

To bridge the econonic impact, Amma especially reached out to the **200,000 women** of our **Amrita SREE women's self-help groups.** This included basic supply kits and financial aid that came to support worth more than ₹**85 crore.**

We also strengthened outreach in **India's villages and remote tribal areas** to inform them about safety measures, medical treatment, and vaccinations. Through our **Amrita RITE** tutoring centres across rural India, we worked with local authorities to continue educating the children while schools remained closed.

In more than 40 countries, our local volunteers supported their communities at the grassroots level through provision of basic needs and emotional support. They especially connected with the poor, isolated, elderly, and people with disabilities. We also led tree-planting campaigns to express humility and servitude to Mother Nature, asking for forgiveness for all the harm humankind has heaped upon her.

More moments from our response & recovery efforts over the years

1. **2025 - Floods in Tamil Nadu** - Swami Ramakrishnananda Puri led distribution of aid kits to 8,800 families across 12 villages, bringing relief as they recovered.

2. **2022 - War in Ukraine** - Volunteers went to border crossings in Poland and Hungary to support thousands of refugees.

3. **2018 - Floods in Kerala** - Emergency medical camps treated people in flooded areas. Here, a volunteer rescue team reaches villagers by boat.

4. **2011 - Earthquake & Tsunami in Japan** - Amma comforts a woman at a relief camp in Tokyo. We provided immediate food and water and then $1M in scholarships for orphans.

5. **2013 - Typhoon in the Philippines** - Immediate relief and $1M in scholarships for orphans. Here, 480 children celebrate high school graduation.

6. **2010 - Earthquake in Haiti** - Volunteers travelled from the US to provide medical assistance, basic supplies, and materials to construct shelters. We also gave scholarships to 30 orphans.

7. **2001 - Gujarat Earthquake** - In Bhuj, we adopted three villages that were destroyed. Reconstruction included 1,200 homes and a community health centre, as well as a church, a mosque and a temple.

**55,000 scholarships
for children in at-risk communities**

Lighting up lives through education

Throughout the developing world, going to school is rarely free. Students are required to pay their own transportation costs, purchase uniforms, textbooks, notebooks and pencils. Children who cannot afford these basic costs cannot attend school. As families struggle to stay above the poverty line, the additional expense of school becomes an unlikely investment.

And yet, universal education has proven to be the most effective means of eliminating endemic poverty, and on an individual level has been shown to be the most sustainable escape from poverty's clutches. Research has shown that every year of school increases an individual's wages by 10 percent. The gains are even greater in developing countries.

Fighting farmer suicide by keeping kids in school
In 2007, suicide rates among farmers had spread widely in India due to debt and crop failure. In response, Amma began a scholarship program for the children of farmers living below the poverty line. Today, more than 55,000 children have received support.

The right to write We are also teaching adults reading and writing, with a focus on women. Even though their days are filled with work as day labourers, farming, and household chores, the students are excited to gain the power of literacy. One of the first achievements is spelling their own names, which then leads to financial independence and greater self-confidence.

Tablets to teach In impoverished rural areas, school attendance is often low and drop-out rates are high. In 2013, we started an afterschool digital education program that uses tablets to encourage school attendance in villages and tribal communities. Drawn by the technology, the students gain access to quality education through our tuition centres. We have reached students from 1,220 villages across 22 states.

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Digital literacy for tribal people

Under the Digital India program, we have successfully trained and certified more than a thousand tribal youth and adults in the Wayanad, Idukki and Palakkad Districts of Kerala in Digital Literacy.

New skills for more than 1 lakh of the most marginalised

We provide free skills training for the poorest of the poor with a focus on women, scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, minorities, and other marginalised people. Instilling them with self-confidence and strength, we have reached 72,004 people in rural India and 29,304 in urban and semi-urban areas since 2003. Supported by the Govt of India, our centres run in Idukki, Kerala; Virudhunagar and Chennai, Tamil Nadu; Angul and Kalahandi, Odisha; East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya; Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh; and Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

Independence for isolated tribes in Mizoram

We are helping rebuild resilience among the Mizo tribes, a state where many live below the poverty line. A team of 15 local leaders has reached 9,000 members of six tribes, 70% of whom are women and girls. The work includes health camps, digital literacy, food & nutrition awareness, and substance-abuse awareness for youth. We are also documenting their traditional healing practices, ancient knowledge on the verge of being lost.

Instilling children with strength & compassion

Amrita Vidyalayam is our forward-thinking education network for pre-Kindergarten to Class 12. Today, there are 86 schools across India that foster students with values and self-esteem. Amma attaches great importance to developing each child's creativity, intelligence, and character. This strong base helps them boldly venture into various fields of action to build a world of love, harmony, peace, mutual respect, and knowledge.

Exploring science online

OLabs gives students with limited or no access to physical laboratories the opportunity to learn. Through online virtual simulations, children are studying Sciences, Maths, and English. In partnership with India's Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, we have reached 4.2 lakh students in 30,000 schools with 28,000 teachers trained.

A renaissance of ancient art

The Amrita Shilpa Kalakshethra was established through a collaboration between the Government of India and Amrita University with a mission to revive the traditional Indian art forms. Providing full financial support with stipends is a huge encouragement to attract talent, and the training helps the budding artisans to improve the quality of their work.

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Free online courses for Indian Sign Language through OLabs, Govt of India

A world where we all learn from each other

Amma has always expressed the need to care for people with disabilities and help them overcome exclusion from the mainstream education system. It is a vision in which the children learn not only knowledge, but how to live with self-confidence and social responsibility.

At Amrita University, researchers are developing innovative assistive technologies based on AI, audio, and video solutions. We have also established schools where each student is included in decision-making for their unique needs.

Sign language accessibility for e-governance services

A digital learning ecosystem for children with autism

Students with one of our schools for children with disabilities bring joy to Amritapuri

Technology-enhanced cognitive tutoring for dyslexia

Hearing-impaired children unlock the power to speak
The Amrita Speech & Hearing Improvement School in Thrissur, Kerala uses scientific methods for hearing-impaired children to learn to speak. The children have a 100 percent pass rate in the Secondary School Leaving Certificate Exam and do very well in obtaining employment.

Discovering talents in children with disabilities
Two schools in Kerala are dedicated to children with Down's Syndrome, epilepsy, autism and other intellectual disabilities. The teachers instill the students with basic life skills, education, and the ability to express themselves.

Amrita University

Education for living, education for life

Established in 2003, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham is founded upon Amma's vision of **values-based education** and **compassion-driven research** to find solutions for our world's mounting humanitarian crises. Today, Amrita is a multi-disciplinary, private university with a vibrant community of more than **30,000 students,** a **1000+ strong PhD faculty,** and **ten campuses** across India.

As Chancellor, Amma says there are **two types of education:** education for living and education for life. Studying **to become a professional** is education for a living, while education for life requires **an understanding of the essential human values**—a culture of the heart based on courage.

With this in mind, the university's reach is vast. It offers **more than 300 UG, PG, and PhD programs** that include Engineering, Medical Sciences (Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Ayurveda), Management, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Arts & Humanities, and Social & Behavioral Sciences.

Though a young university, Amrita is one of the fastest-growing institutions of higher learning in the country, with a far-reaching resolve to stand as **a bridge between the East and the West.** We have established **more than 500 collaborations** with leading academic and research institutions, industry partners, and government bodies **across the globe.**

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500+ COLLABORATIONS/MOUS WITH WORLD'S TOP UNIVERSITIES

Stanford University · University of Oxford · The University of Chicago · Cornell University · KTH Royal Institute of Technology · University at Buffalo · Illinois University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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UCLA University of California, Los Angeles · Yale University · Columbia University · Georgia Tech · TU Delft · UC Davis University of California · Carnegie Mellon University · Berkeley · UC San Diego · Nanyang Technological University · 東京大学 The University of Tokyo · UTS University of Technology, Sydney · Monash University

Campuses

Coimbatore

Amritapuri

Nagercoil

Mysuru

Faridabad

Chennai

Bengaluru

Kochi

Amaravati

Haridwar

2.5 lakh women strengthened with skills to earn
1 lakh lifetime pensions for people with no other support

Uplifting one empowers all

Helping women earn a better living helps everyone—mothers provide better nutrition and healthcare, and spend more on their children. On average, girls and women dedicate 90% of their earned income to their families. We've been providing vocational training since 1989. After the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami, we began focusing on training women in particular. This turned out to be a smart investment, as research has shown that empowering women with skills and economic opportunity is one of the most effective means to reduce poverty throughout entire communities. Today, we are reaching people of all genders across cities and villages.

Earning through ecological balance

In Rameswaram on the coast of Tamil Nadu, we are working with women to cultivate seaweed and then produce and sell products—a livelihood that safeguards the ocean that sustains them. Seaweed is a booming global business which supports food security, sustainable agriculture, and climate resilience. However, by village tradition, women did not enter the sea. Overcoming their fears, entrepreneurs in nine villages are now earning independently for their families.

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Women's Empowerment

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Lifetime pensions for 1 lakh widows, people with disabilities and women in poverty Since 1998, we have provided monthly pensions for widows and other women in poverty. In 2006, the project was expanded to benefit people with disabilities.

Strengthening the transgender community Due to the long-standing discrimination faced by the transgender community, we launched skills training programs in Delhi, including tailoring and beautician courses, to support social and economic upliftment.

AmritaSREE
Self-Reliance, Education & Employment

15,000+ AmritaSREE SHGs

2.5 lakh+ members

Empowering women through **education** and **employment**

In the aftermath of the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami, the schooling patterns of fish and other marine life were completely disrupted. The fishing community told Amma about this and how it was harming their income. Recognising there was an urgent need for these communities to have alternative forms of livelihood, Amma launched the Ashram's first community-based Self-Help Group program. The initiative became known as AmritaSREE—Amrita Self-Reliance, Education & Employment. Today it has spread throughout 21 states in India with the largest number of SHGs in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.

Currently, there are more than 15,000 AmritaSREE SHGs with over 2.5 lakh women participating. We are working to equip unemployed and economically vulnerable women with the skills and means to set up small scale, cottage-industry businesses. This is done by providing vocational education, start-up capital, marketing assistance, and access to micro-credit loans and micro-savings accounts from government-regulated banks.

Research has shown that empowering women with equal economic opportunity is one of the most effective ways to reduce poverty for society overall. AmritaSREE SHGs are based upon a formula established by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). We identify each targeted community's particular needs, existing skills and resources before starting vocational training. Courses are selected from proposals that emerge from the women themselves and are offered at reputed vocational institutions.

Finally, Self-Help Groups are formed according to geographic proximity, each consisting of 10 to 20 women. Men who are family members of the women in the group are also eligible to receive vocational training.

While the Self-Help Groups operate autonomously, MAM nurtures them towards successful independence. In addition to providing vocational training, the Ashram helps each group come up with a viable business plan and assists in packaging and marketing the group's retail products. Some of the fields in which AmritaSREE has helped create SHGs include tailoring, handicrafts, electronic repair, account systems, beauty parlour management, feminine hygiene products, paper products, ready-made garments, leather products, bakery items, weaving on handlooms, garment making, communal farming, food processing, rice-flour production, banana culture, and coir making.

AmritaSREE SHGs
IN 21 STATES OF INDIA
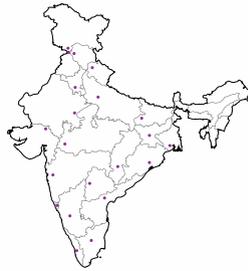
The Honourable President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, distributing certificates of appreciation to representatives of AmritaSREE SHGs who have constructed toilets and worked towards making their villages open-defecation-free.

₹30 crore in annual seed funding

₹12 crore funding to date towards vocational & skill training

Skill training for 50,000+ members

Amma distributing sarees and seed money as a grant to AmritaSREE SHGs. The seed money can be utilised either as working capital or as an addition to the corpus fund of each SHG.

Amrita SeRVe
A journey towards self-reliant villages

"It is our villages that sustain us by providing those who live in cities with the nourishment needed in order to survive. However, today, we are just exploiting villages and casting them aside. It is time to acknowledge that our villages are our very foundation and move forward with one heart and one mind to protect and serve them."

— *Amma*

Amma launched **Amrita SeRVe—Self-Reliant Villages** in 2013. Her mission is to empower impoverished villages across India through sustainable development. Today, we have reached more than **2,800 rural communities in 26 states and 5 union territories.**

Our vision is to teach people the skills they need to live in villages that are prosperous and independent. These are places where people are healthy and educated and where they lead lives of dignity in a clean, pollution-free environment.

Village clusters reached

Himachal Pradesh
1. Dhantol
2. Dhug (Tappa)
3. Ghagwa
4. Guptkashi
5. Indpur
6. Jhakri
7. Kandbari
8. Lambi Pattian
9. Nagrota
10. Palampur
11. Sakhoh
12. Shahpur
13. Chitkul
14. Kalpa
15. Raksham
16. Reckong Peo
17. Sangla
18. Dhalpur
19. Mohal
20. Sundernagar
21. Samoli
22. 16 mile
23. Duttnagar
24. Rampur Bushahr
25. Tutu
26. Baddi
27. Bisha
28. Chail
29. Dagshai
30. Dharampur
31. Kandaghat
32. Kanha
33. Koti
34. Nauni

Uttarakhand
1. Agustyamuni
2. Udalka
3. Gamshali
4. Gauchar
5. Joshimath
6. Malari
7. Mana
8. Udaipur
9. Ambhag, Tanakpur
10. Matali
11. Jagjeetpur
12. Khandusain
13. Gunji
14. Kutti
15. Munsyari
16. Dhakar
17. Badasu
18. Bansu
19. Batwadi Sunar
20. Bhiri
21. Chandrapuri
22. Chivmela
23. Dangwari
24. Devli Banigram
25. Devshal
26. Giriya
27. Guptakashi
28. Khedar Valley
29. Kodur
30. Makripada
31. Masiguda
32. Nagjagay
33. Pastikudi
34. Pirumguda
35. Sera
36. Shundhimunda
37. Tittijheta
38. Ukhimath
39. Bhinoli
40. Dunda
41. Dungi
42. Khattukhal
43. Khumera
44. Mahidanda
45. Nala
46. Singuni
47. Tulanga
48. Uttarkashi

Chandigarh
1. Dhanas

Delhi
1. Vasant Kunj
2. Surakhpur
3. Vani Vihar, Uttam Nagar

Bihar
1. Ahirpurwa
2. Dihari
3. Garhani
4. Hadiyabad
5. Ichari
6. Mathiya
7. Morasia
8. Ratanpur
9. Tenduni

Arunachal Pradesh
1. Pasighat
2. Basar
3. Lohitpur
4. Tezu
5. Bandardewa
6. DOIMUKH
7. Kimin
8. Nonpu
9. Bhalukpong
10. Dhirang
11. Aalo
12. Likabali

Assam
1. Mohanbari
2. Tarajan Kakoti Gaon
3. Kamrup Metro
4. Borakata Pathar
5. Jalukbari
6. Sonitpur

Mizoram
1. Aizawl
2. Serchhip

Uttar Pradesh
1. Achheja Buzurg
2. Achhepur
3. Ahmedpur
4. Atta fatehpur
5. Atta gujran
6. Bhatta
7. Chauki
8. Dankaur
9. Dery gujraan
10. Dubli
11. Dungarpur
12. Gunpura
13. Jewar khadar
14. Jhajhar
15. M. Jadaun
16. Mirzapur
17. Mutaina
18. Nilauni
19. Pachaukara
20. Parsaul
21. R&R Sight Jewarbangar
22. Raunija
23. Rustampur
24. Salarpur
25. Teerthali
26. Thasrana
27. Ushmanpur
28. Ghaziabad
29. Nagla Chandi
30. Vrindavan
31. Bhiesra
32. Gaipura Kalna
33. Vindhyachal
34. Chhibaiya
35. Tiwaripur
36. Dalapur
37. Hajipur
38. Kondanur
39. Malkhanpur
40. Rithaiya
41. Sarai Noorrudinpur
42. Colony Pudur
43. Dr.Khera

Jharkhand
1. Chatra
2. Deoria
3. Dumka
4. Asthal
5. Bundubeda
6. Dewgain
7. Jonha
8. Kerkkatta
9. Khat
10. Khattu Khal
11. Rudrapur

Chhattisgarh
1. Amaravati
2. Kondagaon
3. Tamara wand
4. Bijapur
5. Sonpur
6. Deurbal
7. Malgaon
8. Munjmetta
9. Narayanpur
10. Kharora
11. Aundhi
12. Chhuriya
13. Domikala
14. Dongargarh
15. Gatapar Khurd
16. Khadgaon
17. Madanwada
18. Manpur
19. Mohala
20. Pallemadi
21. Panabaras
22. Sitagaon
23. Karanjee

Madhya Pradesh
1. Amber
2. Golamba
3. Havelikeda
4. Jalakkadi
5. Juna Kathiwadi
6. Kandiyoor
7. Karara
8. Kasat Pani
9. Kharkali
10. Koravankandi
11. Muljipura
12. Parappanthara
13. Pattimalam
14. Adagaon
15. Ahukhana
16. Andhari
17. Bada Buzurg
18. Badgaon Mafi
19. Badi
20. Badjhiri
21. Badkheda
22. Badsingi
23. Bahadarpur
24. Bakhari
25. Bambhada
26. Baroli
27. Basali
28. Bhawasa
29. Bhota
30. Boharda
31. Borgaonkhurd
32. Borsar
33. Chandgarh
34. Chapora
35. Chaundi
36. Chidiyapani
37. Chillara
38. Chinchala
39. Dahihandi
40. Dapora
41. Dariyapur Kalan
42. Daulatpura
43. Devhari
44. Dhamangaon
45. Dongargaon
46. Emagird
47. Fatepur
48. Fopnar Kalan
49. Fopnar Khurd
50. Gadhi
51. Gadhtal
52. Gavhana
53. Godhan Kheda
54. Gol Kheda
55. Hamidpura
56. Hatnur
57. Ichhapur
58. Jafarpura
59. Jainabad
60. Jaisingpura
61. Jambupani
62. Jamthi
63. Jasondi
64. Jhiri
65. Kalmati
66. Karoli
67. Khadkod
68. Khamala
69. Khamni
70. Khapar Kheda
71. Lalbag Mal
72. Lalbag Ryt
73. Loni
74. Machalpura
75. Malvir
76. Mangrul
77. Metha
78. Mohad
79. Mohammadpura
80. Mordad Kalan
81. Mordad Khurd
82. Morjhira
83. Morkheda Kalan
84. Morkheda Khurd
85. Nachan Kheda
86. Nagulkheda
87. Ner
88. Nimbola
89. Nimgaon
90. Patonda
91. Pipalgaon Ryt
92. Pipli Ryt
93. Rahipura
94. Raigaon
95. Raisena
96. Rasulpura
97. Rehata
98. Sangrampur
99. Selgaon
100. Shahdara
101. Sirsoda
102. Solabardi
103. Sukhpuri
104. Sultanpura
105. Tarapati
106. Thathar
107. Titgaon Khurd
108. Turak Gurada
109. Viroda
110. Antri
111. Gram Tiholi
112. Morar
113. Panihar
114. Bhicholi Mardana
115. Rau
116. Gauraiyaghat
117. Jamtara
118. Amajhiriya
119. Amanar
120. Amdih
121. Amjhor
122. Antoli
123. Atariya
124. Aunta
125. Bachaha
126. Badkadol
127. Baghadol
128. Baheraha
129. Bairiha
130. Balodi East
131. Balodi West
132. Banchachar
133. Bansa
134. Bansukli
135. Barachh
136. Barhi Kachhar
137. Barkachh
138. Barna
139. Bartua
140. Basahi
141. Basnagri
142. Basohara
143. Bataudi
144. Belaha
145. Bhainsaha
146. Bhangjir
147. Bharri
148. Bhatgawan Kalan
149. Bhatgawan Khurd
150. Bhattu
151. Bhurka
152. Bidor
153. Bijaha
154. Bijaha Tola
155. Bineka
156. Budhsar
157. Chandaura
158. Chandela
159. Charhet
160. Charkidol
161. Charkwah
162. Chhakata
163. Chhapra Tola
164. Chhateni
165. Chhuda
166. Chhuihai Tola
167. Chitraw
168. Dadar
169. Darain
170. Daraudi
171. Datari
172. Dawadahiya
173. Deolihan Tola
174. Deora
175. Deori
176. Dhaneda
177. Dhedhuwa
178. Dholar
179. Dhondha
180. Domhar
181. Dongarsarwar
182. Duari
183. Gajani
184. Gajwahi
185. Gandhiya
186. Ghirghori
187. Ghiyar
188. Ghori Ghat 171
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190. Ghorsa
191. Girui Badi
192. Girui Khurd
193. Gopalpur
194. Gura
195. Hardua
196. Hartala
197. Hidwah
198. Hudraha
199. Jagra Tola
200. Jamudi
201. Jamunara
202. Jamuniha
203. Jaraukhra
204. Jhara
205. Jhiriya
206. Jhiriya Tola
207. Jora
208. Kalleh
209. Kanadi Kalan
210. Kanadi Khurd
211. Karki
212. Karpa
213. Katira
214. Kauwa Sarai
215. Keet
216. Khadgadi
217. Khapkauha
218. Kharika Tola
219. Khusarwah
220. Kirgi Barha
221. Kolhua
222. Kothigarh
223. Kothiya
224. Koylari
225. Kudari
226. Kudra
227. Kudra Tola
228. Kunda Tola
229. Kurran Tola
230. Kusmi
231. Kuthuli
232. Kuwara
233. Lakhanpur
234. Lakhanwar
235. Lakhnoti
236. Lapri
237. Laundi Bahra
238. Lukam Tola
239. Madha
240. Mahua Tola
241. Mair Tola
242. Malauti
243. Masira
244. Masiyari
245. Matohar
246. Mithi
247. Mithouli
248. Mohni
249. Mudariya Tola
250. Muhdola
251. Mungaha
252. Nadna
253. Nagadwah
254. Nagnaudi
255. Nakti Tola
256. Ludhawali
257. Nayagaon
258. Bhonti
259. Karera
260. Kolaras
261. Purani Shivpuri

Rajasthan

1. Aira
2. Jodhpur
3. Adoti
4. Aluta
5. Balahet
6. Barekma
7. Bavarpura
8. Bhudana
9. Chechada
10. Chodagave
11. Dangada
12. Davara
13. Doda Dhekla
14. Dunchipur
15. Ekat
16. Gabda
17. Ganvada
18. Ghanpur
19. Gorehara
20. Hadoti
21. Jatuvada
22. Jodli
23. Khedla
24. Khoboura
25. Kiradi
26. Madhorajpur
27. Mamchari
28. Mangoral
29. Masapta
30. Mizora
31. Narayanpur Tatwar
32. Naroli
33. NIMODA
34. Odach
35. Padam Pura
36. PAHADPURA
37. Raneta
38. Rawal
39. Sangada
40. Harirampura
41. Jellippara
42. Molakhedi
43. Nallasinga
44. Raghuwanti
45. Sakara
46. Shyamoli
47. Vadviloli
48. Varagampadi
49. Tonk

Punjab

1. Banduwa
2. Sumrala
3. Thariyal
4. Mehraj
5. Katar Singh Wala
6. Rampura Phul
7. Abohar
8. APS Fazilka
9. Maira
10. Gopalpur
11. Nakodar
12. Shahkot
13. Kapurthala
14. Phagwara
15. Hurwa
16. Mansa
17. Ralla
18. Moga
19. Gidderbaha
20. Kolad
21. New Thariyal

Jammu & Kashmir

1. Muthi (Bhalwal Block)
2. Pandori
3. Palwama
4. Sonwar
5. Batwara
6. Bemina
7. Budgam
8. Charar-e-Sharief
9. Dal Gate
10. Dal Lake Road
11. Gogji Bagh area
12. Gund
13. HMT Area
14. Munawarabad
15. Humhuma
16. Karan Nagar
17. Nishat Garden Area
18. Rawalpora
19. Sanat Nagar
20. Shivpora
21. Zakura

Ladakh

1. Bag-E Khomenie
2. Kargil
3. Khumbathang
4. Leh

Haryana

1. Amrita Hospital
2. Arua
3. Badshahpur
4. Bhainsrawali
5. Bhupani
6. Gharkhera
7. Kanwra
8. Khedi Khurd
9. Kheri Kalan
10. Mandhawali
11. Nachouli
12. Nawada
13. Palwali
14. Riwajpur
15. Sidhola
16. Tigaon
17. Jind
18. Pundri
19. Bihali
20. Kanti
21. Rampura
22. Tajpur

Sikkim

1. Lingdum
2. Ranka
3. Rongnec
4. Tathangchen
5. Chungthang
6. Kabi Tingda
7. Mangshila
8. Phamtam
9. Lachung
10. Central Pendam

Gujarat

1. Ahmedabad
2. Ghatlodia
3. Dhansura
4. Dungri
5. Modasa
6. Moti Borwai
7. Moti Vav
8. Nani Borwai
9. Nani Vav
10. Vadagam
11. Dagara
12. Rajpur
13. Sabarkantha
14. Lusadia

Meghalaya

1. 3rd Mile, Upper Shillong
2. Anjali
3. Cherrapunji
4. Demseiniong
5. Dympep
6. Iewryngnep
7. Krang
8. Kyrdemkhla
9. Laban
10. Laitnongkseh
11. Langkyrdem
12. Lapalang
13. Lapalang (Dawki)
14. Lummawkong
15. Madanrting
16. Mawbah
17. Mawbeh
18. Mawjrong
19. Mawkhar
20. Mawkriah
21. Mawlyngot
22. Mawlynrei
23. Mawrah
24. Mawryngkneng
25. Mawsynram
26. Mylliem Lyngkien
27. Mylliem Mawsawa
28. Mylliem Mawwan
29. Nongrah
30. Nongrim Hills
31. Nongumlong
32. Pyndengkhah
33. Pynthorbah
34. Pynursla
35. Shella
36. Smit
37. Sohrarim
38. Sohryngkham
39. Syniasya
40. Synrangshohnoh
41. Tangmang
42. Tyrsad
43. Umpling
44. Umsning
45. Wahkdait
46. Wahkhen
47. Wahnongkseh
48. Wahumlein

West Bengal

1. JJ Nagar
2. Kali Nagar
3. Krishnarampur
4. Majerdari
5. MK nagar
6. RS Madai
7. Seenkuli

Maharashtra

1. Nandurbar
2. Palghar
3. Khondachiwadi
4. Ransai
5. Satara

Telangana

1. Kollasuda
2. Koduru
3. Kalwakurthy
4. Madingpadar
5. East Maredpally

Goa

1. Malcopon
2. Quepem

Odisha

1. Chhadoi
2. Gobardhanpur
3. Kanaka
4. Kansara
5. Kayanguruja
6. Kharmul
7. Krushnachandrapur
8. Kukupangi
9. Kurumitha
10. Mardarajpur
11. Panchupada
12. Rajanga
13. Sinkola
14. Tantichira
15. Bamra
16. Athemunda
17. Bagduri
18. Barapita
19. Bhikajharam
20. Bindhyagiri
21. Borbhata
22. Chancher
23. Chatabare
24. Dithikutti
25. Dukshyapatna
26. Dungripada
27. Guptapada
28. Haridamada
29. Jharkusmkhunti
30. Jugasaipatana
31. Khalandi
32. Mundaguda
33. Salapur
34. Semadta
35. Zeerota
36. Bhoi Sahi
37. Janla Post
38. Mendhasala
39. Pahad Pura
40. Pardampra
41. Pavarpura
42. Raneta
43. Rooppura
44. Paradip
45. Gop
46. Sakhigopal
47. Rourkela

Karnataka

1. Bengaluru localities
2. Gauribidnur Taluk
3. Dharampura
4. Karnad
5. Mandya
6. Mysore City
7. Rangayana Koppalu
8. Athkur
9. Dongarampur
10. Korthakundha
11. Kurvakurda
12. Mamdadodi
13. Sagamgunta
14. sarjapur
15. shakwadhi
16. Yaragunta
17. Botio
18. Byse
19. Kundapura Taluk
20. Sirsi Taluk
21. Karwar

Tamil Nadu

1. Annur Mettupalayam
2. Attukal
3. Ayampathy
4. Chinnampathy
5. Colony Pudur
6. Ettimadai
7. Kandivali
8. Kondanur
9. Kondanur Puthur
10. Makkinaickenpatti
11. Muruganpathi
12. Nandhikoil
13. Panapalli
14. Puthupathy
15. Saadivayal
16. Seenkuli
17. Senguttai
18. Azhakiapandipura
19. Chotta Panikkan Therivillai
20. Irulupuram
21. Madhavapuram
22. Nagercovil
23. Ottayalvilai
24. Suchindram
25. Ellis Nagar
26. Madurai
27. Madurai AV
28. Palamedu
29. Sholavandan
30. Nagapattinam
31. Nagore
32. Eraviputhoor
33. Inam Chettikulam
34. Karumpattor
35. Marungoor
36. Amritagiri
37. Panchalingapuram
38. Sundararajapuram
39. Theroor
40. Olakkudai
41. Rameswaram
42. Thiruppuvanam
43. Chinnamannur
44. Tirunelveli
45. Punganthurai
46. Sendilampannai
47. Kooraikondu
48. Rajapalayam
49. Sulakkarai

Andhra Pradesh

1. Achamma Kunta
2. Chenchu colony
3. Gudipadu Cheruvu
4. Gundlapadu
5. Hanumanpuram
6. In Bapatla Mandal
7. Kandlakunta
8. Karemkudi
9. Krosuru
10. Regulavaram Thanta
11. Maddulaparva
12. Peddakomera
13. Boduvalasa
14. Gottivada
15. Gullepalle
16. Jellari Petta
17. Pedhapadu
18. Visakhapatnam
19. Ramatheertham
20. Vizinagaram

Malapuram

1. Amballur
2. Asamannoor
3. Chendamangalam
4. Kuruva
5. Manjeri
6. Muvattupuzha
7. Niramaruthur
8. Pallippuram
9. Parappur
10. Perumpadappa
11. Tanur
12. Thazhekode
13. Thuvvur
14. Tirur
15. Urangattiri
16. Vallikkunnu
17. Vazhayur
18. Vengola
19. Vettikkattiri
20. Adhikarithodi

Kozhikode

1. Chruvannur
2. Chengottukavu
3. Chorode
4. Eramala
5. Kakkodi
6. Kakkur
7. Koyilandi
8. Omassery
9. Onchiyam
10. Thamarassery
11. Thikkodi
12. Vatakara
13. Vellimadukunnu Ashram

Kasargode

1. Kasargode
2. Kanhangad
3. Madhur
4. Nileswaram

Kannur

1. Kannur
2. Chengalayi
3. Karivellur Peralam
4. Kolayad
5. Koothuparambu
6. Makkoottam
7. Pookode
8. Ramanthali
9. Thalassery

Wayanad

1. Amarakkuni
2. Appappara
3. Anchukunnu
4. Begur
5. Irulam
6. Kaniyambetta
7. Kalpetta
8. Kattikulan
9. Kavamkkunnu
10. Kunnamangal
11. Mananthavady
12. Meppady
13. Moodakolli
14. Moonanakkuzhi
15. Mullankolly
16. Muthanga
17. Muttil
18. Nadavayal
19. Naloornadu
20. Nathamkal
21. Nellarachal
22. Noolpuzha
23. Padinjara Thara
24. Pakkam
25. Panamaram
26. Periya
27. Poothadi
28. Porunannur
29. Pozhuthana
30. Pulpally
31. Thariyoodu
32. Thirunelli
33. Thondarnadu
34. Thrissileri
35. Valaramkunnu
36. Vegapally
37. Vellamunda
38. Velliyabam

Ernakulam

1. Ponekkara
2. Thammanam
3. Amballoor
4. Angamaly
5. Ayavana
6. Ayyanmpuzha
7. Chariyamthuruth
8. Chellanam
9. Chendamangalam
10. Chennur
11. Cheraneloor
12. Chettikkadu
13. Chittattukara
14. Choornikkara
15. Chottanikkara
16. Eazhipram
17. Edakochi North
18. Edakochi South
19. Edathala
20. Elamakkara
21. Ezhikkara
22. Fortkochi
23. Gandhinagar
24. Kadavanthra
25. Kadayirupp
26. Kalady
27. Kaloor
28. Kalvathi
29. Karukutty
30. Karumallur
31. Karuvelippady
32. Kathrikadavu
33. Keezhmad
34. Kizhakkambalam
35. Koduvazhanga
36. Kolencherry
37. Koothattukulam
38. Kottuvally
39. Kumbalangi
40. Kunnathnadu
41. Kunnukara
42. Kunnumpuram
43. Kuutampuzha
44. Labour Colony
45. Manassery
46. Manjapra
47. Maradi
48. Mattancherry
49. Mazhuvannoor
50. Mookannur
51. Moothakunnam
52. Mulanthuruthy
53. Munambam
54. Muvattupuzha
55. Njarakkal
56. North Paravoor
57. Palarivattom
58. Palluruthy
59. Pambakkuda
60. Pambayimoola
61. Panangaad
62. Pavakkulam
63. Perumbavoor
64. Pizhala
65. Poothotta
66. Puthanvelikkara
67. Thevarakad
68. Thiruvaniyoor
69. Thripunithura
70. Thuravoor
71. Vadakkekkara
72. Vadavukode
73. Valakam
74. Varapuzha
75. Vengola
76. Vypin

Kottayam

1. Changanassery AV
2. Meenadom
3. Neezhoor
4. Pala
5. Peroor

Thrissur

1. Avinissery
2. Ayyanthole
3. Chavakkad
4. Cheruthuruthy
5. Kodungallur
6. Koratty
7. Nattika
8. Perinjanam
9. Puthur
10. Thalikulam
11. Thanniyam
12. Vellangallur
13. Velukara

Palakkad

1. Kottekkad
2. Alamaram
3. Alathur
4. Ayiloor
5. Boothivazhi
6. Chindakki
7. Cholayilpadam
8. Elavancherry
9. Gonjiyoor
10. Kathirampathy
11. Kunnanchala
12. Mamana
13. Mele Sambarkode
14. Agali
15. Melenanjakkandi
16. Elemplassery
17. Nakkupathy
18. Nallepilly
19. Nellipathi
20. Ottapalam
21. Paloor
22. Pattimalam
23. Pettikkal
24. Puducode
25. Sholayoor
26. Shornur
27. Thazhesambarkode
28. Varagampadi
29. Vettilachola

Idukki

1. 10th Mile
2. Edamalakudy
3. Adimali
4. Alampetty Kudi
5. Ambalakudy
6. Anachal
7. Anakulam
8. Andavankudi
9. Balagram
10. Bisonvalley
11. Chemmannar
12. Chempakappara
13. Chinnapparakudy
14. Chinnar
15. Chokramudikudi
16. Cumbummettu
17. Devikulam
18. Edalippara Kudy
19. Elamplasseri
20. Irumpupalam
21. Kanakkayam
22. Kandathikkudi
23. Kanjikuzhy
24. Kanthaloor
25. Kattamudi Kudi
26. Kattappana
27. Kavakkattulkudi
28. Keezhukanam
29. Komalikkudy
30. Kootar
31. Korampara,Pooppara
32. Koravankandi
33. Kottamala
34. Kovilmala
35. Kudayathoor
36. Kumaly
37. Kumbitankuzhy
38. Kunjipettikudi
39. Kurathikudy
40. Kuthirayilakudi
41. Mankulam
42. Marayoor
43. Mlamala
44. Moolamattom
45. Move Kochutovala
46. Move Muniyara
47. Move Pambanar
48. Move Rajamudi
49. Munnar
50. Murikkasseri
51. Murukady
52. Narakkanam
53. Nedumangadam
54. Nedumkandam
55. Padicup
56. Palar
57. Parapp
58. Pattayidambukudi
59. Peerumade
60. Perinjamkutti
61. Peruvanthanam
62. Pettimudikudi
63. Puthukkudi
64. Rajakkad
65. Rajakumari
66. Sevalkkudi
67. Suryanelli
68. Thalumkandam
69. Theerthamala Kudi
70. Thenmalakkudi
71. Thodupuzha
72. Thokkupara
73. Thondimalakudi
74. Thookupalam
75. Thopramkudy
76. Upputhara
77. Valara
78. Valiyathovala
79. Vandiperiyar
80. Vattavada
81. Vazhathoppu
82. Vellavarakkudi
83. Viripara

Alappuzha

1. Alappuzha Municipality
2. Allepey Beach
3. Ambalapuzha North
4. Ambalapuzha South
5. Aryad
6. Budhanoor
7. Champakulam
8. Cheriyanad
9. Chettikulangara
10. Chingoli
11. Chunakara
12. Devikulangara
13. Evoor
14. Ezhupunna
15. Haripad
16. Mamood
17. Mannancherry
18. Mararikulam South
19. Memana
20. Nedumudi
21. Neelamperoor
22. Nooranad
23. Onampilly
24. Palamel
25. Pallickal
26. Pulincunnoo
27. Puliyoor
28. Punnapra North
29. Punnapra South
30. Purakkad
31. Thakazhy
32. Thalavady
33. Thazhakara
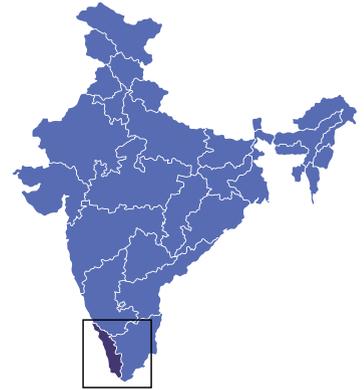34. Thrikkunnappuzha
35. Thuravoor
36. Trippakkudam
37. Vallikunnam

Trivandrum

1. Trivandrum
2. Balaramapuram
3. Chirayinkeezhu
4. Kaimanam
5. Karumkulam
6. kilimanoor
7. Kizhuvilam
8. Pappanamcode
9. perumkadavila
10. Vilappil

1. Pathanamtitta

1. Angadickal
2. Aranmula
3. Aruvappulam
4. Ezhamkulam
5. Kadapra
6. Kallarakkadavu
7. Kallooppara
8. Koipuram
9. Kollamula
10. Konni
11. kottangal
12. Kulanada
13. Kunnamthanam
14. Kurumpala
15. M Ward
16. Malayalapuzha
17. Mallappally
18. Mezhuveli
19. Naranganam
20. Omalloor
21. Pallickal
22. Pandalam AV
23. Pandalam Thekkekara
24. Pathanamthitta AV
25. Peringanadu (Part)
26. Ranni
27. Thiruvalla AV
28. Thumpamon

Kollam

1. Adinad
2. Alappad
3. Chavara
4. Cheriyazheekkal
5. Clappana
6. Kareepra
7. Karunagappally
8. Kattilkadavu
9. Kottarakkara
10. kulashekarapuram
11. Kundara
12. Kuzhlithura
13. Neduvathoor
14. Oachira
15. Pandarathuruth
16. Parippally
17. Perinad
18. Puthiyakavu
19. Sooranad
20. Thazhava
21. Vallikavu
22. Veliyam
23. Vettikkavala
24. Vilakkudy
25. Yeroor

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Swami Jnanamritananda Puri with the people of Harirampura, Rajasthan. In 2013, the village was among the first we adopted.

1. Women's groups learned masonry skills to build toilets in their communities. The Govt of India has declared 12 of our villages Open Defecation Free.

2. Women use banana fibre to produce reusable sanitary pads as a new source of income that also supports menstrual hygiene and environmental action.

3. Solar and hydro smart grids in 13 villages across 8 states to bring electricity to places where blackouts could last for days.

4. Farmers in Sadivayal in Tamil Nadu's Coimbatore District received Organic Certification from the state government.

5. Health workers trained at Amrita Hospital, Kochi conduct diagnostic tests and offer preventive care in the villages.

6. Adult literacy classes are offered in Amrita SeRVe villages in several states, especially Odhisa and Jharkhand.

7. Our tuition centres use tablets to encourage school attendance. Children from 1,220 villages across 22 states have been reached.

8. Our village coordinators and health workers are hired from the local areas, as they are trusted by the community members.

9. A project for solar-based distillation of lemongrass essential oil has brought sustainability and livelihood to women in an impoverished tribal community in Wayanad.

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Students from Amrita University interacting with villagers in Harirampura, Rajasthan

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> "All universities should send their students to impoverished rural villages or city slums for at least one or two months during their education. They would be able to see directly the issues and problems that the poor face."
>
> *- Amma*
> *Keynote Address*
> *United Nations Academic Impact*

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PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

10 lakh+ beneficiaries   **25** states

700+ projects   **2,800** villages

30+ international universities

10 lakh+ hours in the field

Live-in-Labs® was created in 2013 by Amma as Chancellor of Amrita University so students could spend time in impoverished villages as part of their education. This firsthand experience not only helps them grasp the issues the poor confront, but also kindles compassion, inspiring them to find solutions. They witness life's daily challenges—like shortages of food, clean water, healthcare, education, sanitation, stable housing, and electricity. More importantly, they have the opportunity to truly listen to the people. The students then use this experience to identify community needs and develop and implement viable solutions. Students with more than 30 international universities also arrive to take part. The projects are comprehensive, affordable, and sustainable.

UNESCO

UNESCO CHAIR on Experiential Learning for Sustainable Innovation & Development

Protecting Crops from Animal Attacks with AI

Harirampura, Rajasthan
E4Life PhD Scholars
Amrita University, School for Sustainable Futures

Scalable and Sustainable Rural Sanitation Model

Dunda, Uttarakhand
International Participant:
EPFL, Switzerland

Public Health Awareness Program

Ratanpur, Bihar
International Participant: Toronto Metropolitan University, Canada

Alcohol Awareness for Children in Tribal Villages

Wayanad, Kerala
International Participant: Harvard School of Public Health, USA

Compassion-Driven Research
Advancing science to serve the world

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham is a research-intensive university **built upon helping to find solutions for humankind's most pressing issues,** from poverty to climate change to digital safety. As Chancellor, Amma says that if we could **transform compassion from a mere word into a pathway of action,** we could solve 90% of the world's challenges.

Her vision defines the university's core principle: **scientific excellence must bring relief to the suffering.** Compassion-driven research guides the selection of priority areas, the design of technologies, the structure of collaborations, and the deployment of initiatives. Rather than keeping academic inquiry separate from humanitarian action, Amrita integrates the two.

Inner inspiration comes only when we work towards uplifting our fellow beings and society. Only then will our power of observation become keen and will our inherent talents awaken and uncover new and deeper realms of knowledge.

- Amma
Chancellor
Amrita University

37 of our faculty were recognised in Stanford University's World's Top 2% Scientists, 2025

One of the villages we have reached in Northeast India.

Focusing on Six Grand Challenges

One Health
- Integrated Health and Wellbeing: Predictive, Personalized, and Preventive
- Food Security and Agricultural Technologies

Information, Intelligence, & Immersion
- Hyper-Connected Reality and Securing the Cyberspace
- Ubiquitous Artificial Intelligence

Education for Life: Knowledge, Awareness, Interconnectedness
- Value-based Education and Indic Studies: Cultivating Compassion and Inclusivity
- Pedagogies, Emerging Technologies, and Indian Knowledge Systems

Ecosystem Restoration & Management
- Climate Change and Disaster Resilience: Models, Technologies, and Solutions
- Ecosystem Restoration, Environmental Sustainability and Management

Smart, Sustainable, & Resilient Cities & Communities
- Smart, Green Materials, and Intelligent Manufacturing
- Quantum Science, Engineering, Computing, and Technologies

Empowered Citizens & Organizations
- Sustainable Livelihood: Skills, Policy, Governance, Social Change
- Responsible Leadership, Innovative Partnerships, and Empowered Organizational Systems

Strength in numbers

21,500+ research papers published across disciplines

250,000+ citations received globally

170+ patents granted

500+ active research projects underway

₹600+ crore in research funding

500+ collaborations with international universities

Research includes biocontrol of infection for improved wastewater sanitation.

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From research to reality

A few milestones where our innovations have brought people change in their daily lives:

- World's first wireless sensor network system for early detection of landslides
- Asia's first upper-arm double hand transplant
- India's first haptics and AI-based platform for skill development
- Affordable insulin pumps and remote ECG monitoring device
- OceanNet offshore communication systems for fishermen
- Low-cost sanitation technologies
- Non-invasive cancer diagnostics and nanomedicine research

At work in Odisha for our landslide early warning system.

Haptics training simulates tools and objects so users can safely learn.

Abdul Rahim from Afghanistan, Asia's first upper-arm double hand transplant recipient.

The first batch of E4Life scholars graduated in 2025.

E4Life PhD Fellowship—Research in Rural India

Each year, Amrita commits **$5.1 million to support 100 fully-funded fellowships** for PhD students dedicated to developing sustainable solutions for rural India. With **over 70% of participants coming from international backgrounds,** the program fosters a unique, interdisciplinary, and globally collaborative environment. These scholars, representing **a wide range of disciplines**—including engineering, social sciences, health sciences, and environmental studies—engage in rigorous, field-based research directly in villages across the country.

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AMRITA RESEARCH CENTRES

Advanced Materials & Green Technology (CoE-AMGT)

Cybersecurity Systems & Networks (TIFAC-CORE)

Tribal Empowerment through Digital Inclusion (CoE-TEDI)

Landslide Risk Reduction (CoE)

Wireless Networks & Applications

AMMACHI Labs

Gender Equality & Women's Empowerment

Centre for Research in Accessible Technologies & Education

Internet Studies & AI

Humanitarian Technology (HuT) Labs
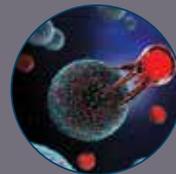
Mind Brain Centre

Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences & Research

ICMR Collaborative Centre for Pediatric Cardiology (CoE)

ICMR Collaborative Centre for Snakebites (CoE)

Advanced Centre for Clinical Trial (ICMR INTENT)

CAR T-Cell Therapy (CoE)

Nanosciences & Molecular Medicine (CoE)

Pediatric Neurological Disorders (CoE)

Antimicrobial Resistance (CoE)

Organ Transplantation (CoE)

Specialised Centre for Adult Vaccination (CoE)

Advanced Research in Ayurveda (CoE)

Digital Health & Telemedicine

Biomedical Engineering

Environment
A green vision for a better future

**Member
UN Billion Tree
Campaign**

UN
environment

Our environmental initiatives are aimed at innovating solutions in sustainability defined by simple, practical steps that can be adopted on a large scale. Several of our projects and events have been formally recognised by UNESCO as part of the UN Decade on Education for Sustainable Development.

With more than 60 lakh trees planted worldwide, we are a member organisation of the UN Billion Tree Campaign. Other initiatives include worldwide environmental awareness campaigns, supporting poor families in rural India to grow kitchen gardens to improve their nutrition, and implementing innovative waste management practices at our own institutions.

We donated ₹100 crore towards Namami Gange—the Govt of India's project to reduce pollution of the River Ganga and restore conservation and reverence for its sacred traditions.

Our Global Seedball Campaign Volunteers worldwide have distributed 10 lakh+ seedballs in their local ecoystems. Rolled from mixes of seeds, soil, and other organic materials, seedballs are scattered in public areas to support restoration of forests and other plant-life. In 2023, Hon'ble President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, launched participation by the Indian Navy, Tamil Nadu Forestry Dept, and Govt of Puducherry. The teams distributed another 2 lakh, including by helicopter.

60 lakh+
trees planted worldwide

30,000
trees planted along 13 kms of coastline in Kerala

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Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Sri Narendra Modi, presents Amma with a special award in recognition for contributions to Swacch Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Mission).

Amala Bharatam Campaign

The Amala Bharatam Campaign (ABC) is a program aimed at improving public health and restoring India's physical beauty. Volunteers undertake regular and periodic cleaning of roads, markets, temples, government offices, and hospitals. This. includes the sorting of garbage, recycling, proper disposal of waste, and constructing public toilets.

ABC is also working to make people more aware of the need to avoid littering, spitting and urinating in public, and to maintain environmental cleanliness. This initiative is ongoing in every language and every state in India and has already reached lakhs of people nationwide.

7,500+
clean-ups conducted

6,500+
workshops organised

1 LAKH+
volunteers mobilised

5 LAKH+
hours of time spent

Amma and 800 devotees hit the streets of Kolkata to clean up public waste immediately after her 2013 darshan program concluded at 11 pm.

ABC volunteers on a busy city street in Kerala.

Amma has provided school children with 10 lakh reusable handkerchiefs to educate them about disease prevention. The children also distributed handkerchiefs to the general public.

Youth across India also conduct public awareness campaigns.

Massive Sabarimala Cleanups - Care for nature, Care for sacred spaces

In 2011, members of the Travancore Devaswom Board sought help from Amma for a public clean-up drive at Sabarimala, one of the world's largest annual pilgrimages. Amala Bharatam volunteers rallied with cleaning supplies and rubber boots. People, aged between 18 and 80, from all walks of life, cultures and countries worked with love for Mother Nature.

The next year, volunteers also built a temporary dam where the river had been blocked for many years—exposing a riverbed with waste wrapped around stones and buried in mud. Teams removed and disposed of 98 truckloads within two days and the Pampa River flowed freely again.

Amala Bharatam annual cleanup drives continued until 2017, strengthening the inherent bond between humankind and our natural world. In 2018, the Kerala Government declared the site a plastic-free zone and dumping clothes was banned.

Over the years, a total of 20,035 volunteers gathered 2.1 lakh bags of trash. For them, cleaning was not just about cleaning. Cleaning was joyful. Cleaning was purifying. Cleaning was a labour of love.

GreenFriends

In 2001, we started Greenfriends, a global collective of volunteers who take action, step-by-step, to heal our world at both the individual and community levels. Today, there are members in more than 50 countries throughout the Americas, Europe, Australia and Asia. People of all ages take part in our tree-planting drives, vegetable and flower gardening, soil restoration, beekeeping, environmental education, plastic upcycling, and more.

Protecting women, Protecting Mother Earth

We began Saukhyam Reusable Pads as the world's first menstrual product based on banana fibre. With over 29 lakh pads sold and distributed, they reduce plastic pollution and support women's health. The pads are produced by women in rural India, providing a new source of income for their families.

Building Africa, together
One continent, a global future

The rise and progress of Africa is a cause very dear to Amma's heart. When she visited Kenya for the first time in 2003 and witnessed the severe level of suffering, she felt a strong desire to stay and serve the people. At the same time, Amma sees the tremendous potential in Africa's citizens, and if it is awakened, they can make a powerful contribution to uplifting the entire world. Although Africa faces deep challenges like poverty, climate change, and armed conflict, it also has the world's largest percentage of young people, rich cultural heritages, and vast natural resources. Amma began her humanitarian work in 2009 in Kenya. Through her vision, we are supporting a continent of empowered communities, equitable access, and sustainable peace. An Africa where humanitarian action supports long-term resilience with the cross-cutting goal of gender equality & women's empowerment.

A sanctuary of hope

Amrita Watoto Boma is our school for about 150 children from a slum on the outskirts of Nairobi. On Sundays, we serve free lunch for another 250 children.

Tools to break free from poverty

In Kenya and Rwanda, we have run skills training programs for youth that include tailoring, house-keeping, carpentry, plumbing, motorbike repair, and electrical trades.

When small things count

We have distributed more than 23,000 white canes for the visually impaired throughout Kenya, especially in tribal areas. We are also training rural health volunteers in early detection and treatment options for visual impairment to reach people in their surrounding villages.

Bringing back the power to see

Volunteer ophthalmologists and optometrists from Spain travel to Sub-Saharan Africa to perform free cataract surgeries in slums and remote tribal areas. They have conducted more than 9,700 procedures in Kenya, Sierra Leone, Zambia, Cameroon, Senegal and Burkina Faso. We have also given people over 36,850 pairs of eyeglasses.

A common bond

Amrita University runs a scholarship program to support 350 students from Africa to travel to India for higher education, with an emphasis on Amrita's medical schools. Amma envisions a common bond between Africa and India for sustainable development that is based on the sharing of knowledge and compassion. The University has connected with key government officials and educational institutions across 15 African nations.

Guardians of a vital need

In the dry and difficult landscapes of rural Moshi, Tanzania, we have trained local women in four villages to protect, monitor, and manage their own water systems.

AYUDH
Empowering the youth with a purpose

AYUDH (Amrita Yuva Dharmadhara) is our international youth movement, dedicated to empowering young people to contribute to a peaceful and sustainable world and become compassionate leaders with a sense of tolerance, solidarity, and global responsibility. Through self-transformation and service to others, AYUDH encourages young people to work towards the betterment of society. AYUDH's initiatives are organised by and for youth across the world, and are based on four main pillars:

Social Service: Contributing to individual and global transformation through community outreach.

Personal Development: Empowering young people to express their creative and innovative potential and acquire leadership and life skills.

Sustainable Initiatives: Promoting a sustainable and environmentally friendly lifestyle to preserve and protect the Earth for future generations.

Intercultural Exchange: Building bridges between youth from different cultures, religions and social backgrounds while laying the framework for a global network of young people who share the ambition to create a better world.

Warm winter clothes for migrant workers in Ahmedabad. AYUDH reached people in need throughout Gujarat, Maharashtra, Odisha, West Bengal, and Delhi.

India - ayudh.in
Europe - ayudh.eu
Americas - ayudh.org

AYUDH is active across Europe, the Americas, Asia, Africa and Australia.

AYUDH members distributing food at flood-affected areas in Kerala in 2018.

AYUDH Pune tackled the problem of space constraints for implementing green initiatives by conducting organic terrace-gardening workshops in companies, housing societies and educational institutions, reaching out to a total of 6,000 families in one year.

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cross 10 cities in eight cou... UDH Europe promoted the No Hate Speech Movement of the Council of Europe at Amma's annual world tour in 2017.

IAM & Amrita Yoga
Master yourself to master your life

Integrated Amrita Meditation

The Integrated Amrita Meditation Technique (IAM), initiated by Amma in 2003, focuses on integrating the body, breath and mind for holistic wellness. IAM comprises a combination of yogic stretches for relaxation, deep and rhythmic breathing exercises, and concentration exercises. It takes just 15 to 35 minutes a day. IAM is ideal for people of all ages and all faiths, since yoga transcends religion.

amrit.am/practices
iam-meditation.org
amritayoga.com

Amrita Yoga – Relishing the elixir of the inner self

Amrita Yoga, a unique Hatha Yoga program, has reached **74 lakh people** worldwide. The series of postures is inspired by Amma, who encourages people from all walks of life to practise yoga so they can lead peaceful, harmonious, and complete lives. In 1987, trained teachers began the courses in Kerala, and the program soon expanded to encompass students across the globe through our international centres. In 2014, the United Nations General Assembly declared June 21st as the International Day of Yoga at the behest of Indian Prime Minister, Sri Narendra Modi. Since then, the country's Ministry of AYUSH has credited Amrita Yoga with helping coordinate the communication, advancement, and execution of yoga activities across the country and abroad.

Yoga & Meditation Training in Prisons

In 2019, we began coordination with state governments in Tamil Nadu and Kerala to teach yoga and meditation to prisoners. Inmates develop self-awareness and confidence by learning to recognise their own self-worth, and this supports their reentry into society as good citizens. Thus far, 22,237 prisoners in Kerala and 6,732 in Tamil Nadu have participated. This includes 1,870 sessions taught by 805 volunteers.

IAM - Integrated Amrita Meditation for the armed forces all along the borders in India

International Day of Yoga at an Amrita Vidyalayam higher secondary school

Amrita Yoga training session at Amritapuri Ashram

Universal Motherhood

There is an everlasting Truth, which remains immutable throughout time—the Creator and creation are one. To realise this Truth is the ultimate goal of human life. Time and again, great souls appear in our midst to take us by the hand and guide us. Being inclusive with all forms of life, they accomplish deeds beyond the reach of ordinary people.

Many who come to Amma open their hearts to share their sorrows. Drying their tears, she learns of their family problems, medical problems, financial problems, social problems. It is in response to these circumstances that Amma has launched all of her humanitarian initiatives. Her work not only relieves people of their pain, but instills them with courage and self-confidence. Lives are transformed.

Amma truly embodies the ancient concept of Universal Motherhood. It is a unity felt not only towards one's own family, but towards all people, all animals, all plants, all mountains, all oceans, all stars. Indeed, to a woman in whom the state of true motherhood has awakened, every being, animate or inanimate, is her child.

As a spiritual master, Amma's love and compassion are unfailing. Those who live according to her words won't have to wander far in search of happiness. Happiness will come looking for them.

Women Priests – Reviving an ancient tradition

Until recently, women were not allowed to worship in the inner sanctum of a temple of the Hindu faith. Nor could they consecrate a temple or perform Vedic rituals. Women didn't even have the freedom to chant Vedic mantras. For decades now, Amma has been encouraging and appointing women to do all of these things. Moreover, Amma herself has performed the consecration ceremonies in all of the Brahmasthanam Temples constructed by the Mata Amritanandamayi Math. Amma says, "Those prohibitions against women were never actually a part of the Vedic traditions. They were in all likelihood invented later by men who belonged to the higher classes of society in order to exploit and oppress women. They didn't exist in ancient India."

Ashram Publications - We have published many books—in more than 30 languages—on Amma's life and teachings. Written by Amma's sannyasi disciples and devotees, these books contain the essence of spiritual life. We also publish the monthly spiritual magazine, Matruvani. Available in 10 Indian and 7 foreign languages, it helps millions around the world keep up with Amma and the activities of her ashram.

Bhajans - Over the past 40 years, Amma and the residents of Amritapuri Ashram have composed and recorded more than 4,000 bhajans, with Amma herself singing in over 35 languages. In these veritable scriptures set to music, we find Amma singing the entirety of spirituality, with all of its moods, emotions, prayers, and truths.

Brahmasthanam Temples - On April 21, 1988, Amma consecrated the Ashram's first Brahmasthanam Temple in Kodungallur, Kerala. Since then, she has founded 20 more across India and one in Mauritius, Africa. They are open to people of all castes, genders, and religions, reflecting Amma's divine love for one and all. These sacred spaces stand as a living embodiment of the timeless Vedic prayer, *lokah samastah sukhino bhavantu*—"May all beings everywhere be happy."

Amritavarsham: Amma's birthday celebrations - Each year on the 27th of September, lakhs of people from around the world travel to Amritapuri Ashram to express love and gratitude to Amma for her life of love, compassion and selfless service. In fact, Amma has no desire to have her birthday celebrated, but allows her disciples and devotees to do so as long as the event is used to extend the scope of her charitable humanitarian projects.

Each year on her birthday, Amma conducts marriages for impoverished couples so they can marry by traditional rites with all the requisite clothing, gold jewellery, feast etc.

Forty Families of CRPF Troopers martyred in the Pulwama Terror Attack received ₹5 lakh each on Amma's 66th Birthday.

Amritapuri

Amritapuri, the international spiritual headquarters of the Mata Amritanandamayi Math (MAM), is situated in the very place Amma was born. On a daily basis, thousands of devotees from India and abroad gather in Amritapuri to receive Amma's blessings and wisdom.

Since being officially formed in 1981, Amritapuri has grown to become a vibrant international community, the ethos of which is rooted in the ancient concept of Sanatana Dharma—*vasudhaiva kutumbakam*. It is a Sanskrit phrase that means the whole world is one family. The Ashram residents, more than 3,500 monastic disciples and lay devotees from around the world, find new inner meaning in life and spiritual solace from Amma.

Amma's relentless efforts to serve and embrace humanity with loving care have led to MAM establishing an active presence in more than 50 countries. The 100+ centres and hundreds of volunteer groups are devoted to carrying out Amma's mission and vision—that we're here to make a meaningful, qualitative difference to the lives of those who yearn for a helping hand.

Her love knows no borders
Amma's travels across the world

In 1987, it was time for Amma to start finding her children around the globe. For three months, she held programs in 14 places in the US and four in Europe. Most people had never met Amma before, but felt as if they already knew her. This was the beginning of her decades of travel in response to countless calls of the heart for her motherly embrace and spiritual wisdom.

Today, Amma has traversed the width and breadth of India, as well as the Americas, Europe, Asia, Australia, Africa, and the Middle East. Her programs find her leading bhajans, meditations, and prayers for world peace. However, most of her time is spent embracing the lakhs of people who arrive to receive her darshan, inspiring them to continue with hope in their own life journeys.

This vast expression of Amma's compassion also leads to the expansion of her worldwide humanitarian initiatives through the dedicated work of volunteers. Her universal motherhood has ignited inner candles of love and selfless service in more than 50 countries.

You are the Light:
Amma chairs Civil 20 for India's G20 Presidency

Amma and Shri Kailash Sathyari, Nobel Peace Laureate, light the lamp at the C20 Inception in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

In 2022, Amma became the first spiritual leader to chair the G20's Civil 20 Engagement Group (C20). You are the Light—the Civil 20 India tagline—was a message that carried hope to millions of people around the world.

G20 is an intergovernmental forum of most of the world's largest economies and accounts for two-thirds of our population. The Govt of India held its Presidency for 2023. C20 brings the voices of the world's civil society organisations (CSOs) and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to the G20 Heads of State. It is their work that undertakes at a grassroots level the suffering of our most vulnerable people and the destruction of our natural world.

Amma's vision of a world family rooted in compassion and dharma shone through the entire C20 journey. Although the global community faced grim challenges coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic, there were also reasons for optimism and confidence.

The C20 Policy Pack was released at the Summit in Jaipur, Rajasthan.

Malkhanpur, Uttar Pradesh was one of 27 Indian villages we visited to listen to the people and bring their concerns to the G20 leaders.

- The Civil 20 Policy Pack was founded upon India's ancient traditions of selfless service and inclusive community participation

- Civil 20 India reached out to the highest number of people in C20's history

- Events included participants that ranged from government ministers to volunteers in remote rural areas

- 1,300+ meetings both in-person and online

- 6,000 CSOs and NGOs from 154 countries

- Compassion-driven community discussions in 27 villages across India

- Outreach to more than 45 lakh people through mass campaigns

- Overall, 12,000+ events in India, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Kenya, Korea, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, and the US

- Amma initiated a ₹50 crore project to support the welfare of malnourished pregnant women and people with disabilities


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"Let us all proceed, with one mind and one goal, to work selflessly for the world's welfare. May our acts become a noble ideal for those who will come after us. May the tree of our life be firmly rooted in the soil of love. May our good actions be its leaves. May our kind words be its flowers. May peace be its fruits. May this world grow and prosper as one family, united in love. May the ethos of vasudhaiva kutumbakam—the world is one family—awaken, be put into practice and bear fruit in everyone. May we realise a world where there is endless peace and harmony. May Divine Grace bless us all."
Amma, Honourable Chair, Civil 20 India 2023

Compassion - The Need of the Hour

C20 Symposium in Chicago

As part of its international reach, Civil 20 India held a one-day symposium at our centre in Chicago, Illinois. Swami Amritaswarupananda Puri, Amma's most Senior Disciple and C20 Troika Member, led the discussions with a focus upon the crucial need for compassion in today's world. Swamiji said countries bear the dual responsibility of protecting borders while promoting unity. Upholding dharma means taking only what we need and giving back to society and nature.
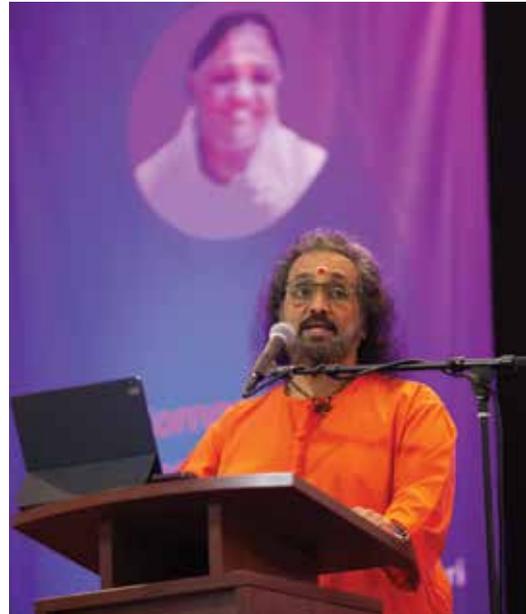
Community discussions in Nairobi, Kenya.

Human formation of the C20 logo in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Civil 20 Amrita Working Groups

It was clear that the C20 team with all its 16 Working Groups had undertaken their work with utmost sincerity, love, and dedication. Each and every one worked day-in and day-out to explore, gather the necessary information, research, polish, and fine tune proposed solutions that begin at the grassroots level of our world. We led five of these Working Groups.

Sustainable & Resilient Communities: Climate, Environment, & Net Zero Targets

Integrated Holistic Health

Education & Digital Transformation

Gender Equality & Women's Empowerment

Technology, Security & Transparency

"AMMA STANDS HERE IN FRONT OF US—GOD'S LOVE IN A HUMAN BODY."

- Dr. Jane Goodall
Renowned Primatologist and UN Messenger of Peace

1. Amma at Summit to Protect Child Dignity, Abu Dhabi

2. Receiving Gandhi-King Award for Non-Violence, Geneva

3. United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, Shanghai

4. Joint Declaration of Religious Leaders Against Modern Slavery, Vatican

5. Receiving Doctorate of Humane Letters from SUNY, Buffalo, New York

Amma's Honours & International Addresses

Over the past 30 years, Amma's voice has become much sought after for its words of peace and wisdom, and every year Amma is invited to address international gatherings—from the Parliament of the World's Religions to events of various UN agencies to government and academic-sponsored functions. At these events, Amma goes to the heart of the most pressing problems our world is facing, presenting clear analysis and concrete solutions. In acknowledgement of her wisdom and life of selfless service, prestigious organisations have offered Amma international recognition, and she has received many awards and honours.

Honours Bestowed

2025 Vivekananda International Relations Peace Award, Amritapuri

2023 Chair of the Civil 20 Engagement Group, India's G20 Presidency

2023 World Leader for Peace and Security Award, Boston Global Forum

2019 Doctorate of Humane Letters from the University of Mysore, Mysuru

2018 Largest Financial Contribution to Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Campaign), New Delhi

2017 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, Kerala

2015 Fashion4Development Medal of Honor, New York

2014 Kavithilakam Pandit Karuppan Award, Kerala

2010 Doctorate of Humane Letters from SUNY, Buffalo, New York

2007 Prix Cinéma Vérité, Paris

2006 James Parks Morton Interfaith Award, New York

2006 Philosopher Saint Sri Jnaneswara World Peace Prize, Pune

2005 Mahavir Mahatma Award, London

2005 Centenary Legendary Award of the International Rotarians, Kerala

2002 Gandhi-King Award for Non-Violence, Geneva

1998 Care & Share International Humanitarian of the Year Award, Chicago

1993 Hindu Renaissance Award, Hinduism Today

International Addresses

2023 Civil 20 Summit, G20 India, Jaipur

2023 World Hindu Congress, Bangkok

2018 Interfaith Summit to Protect Children Online, Abu Dhabi

2015 Summit of Conscience for the Climate, Paris (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, California

2013 100 Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Swami Vivekananda, New Delhi

2012 United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, Shanghai

2009 Inauguration of Vivekananda International Foundation, New Delhi

2008 Summit of the Global Peace Initiative of Women, Jaipur

2007 Cinéma Vérité Film Festival, Paris

2006 James Parks Morton Interfaith Awards, New York

2004 Parliament of the World's Religions, Barcelona

2002 Global Peace Initiative of Women Religious & Spiritual Leaders, United Nations, Geneva

2000 Millennium Peace Summit, United Nations, New York

1995 International Celebrations at the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations, New York

1993 Parliament of the World's Religions 100th Anniversary, Chicago

"Everyone in the world should be able to sleep without fear, at least for one night. Everyone should be able to eat to his fill, at least for one day. There should be at least one day when hospitals see no one admitted due to violence. By doing selfless service for at least one day, everyone should help those in need. It is Amma's prayer that at least this small dream be realised."

— **Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi, Amma**

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