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Kuwait Press Praises Amma For Her Impartial Love And Service To All



Press coverage of Amma's recent visit to Kuwait focused on her charitable activities-in particular, AIMS. The first day she was there, Tuesday the 29th of November, an ad in the Kuwait Times notified the public of Mother's programmes scheduled for two evenings at the Indian Embassy, saying, 'A rare opportunity to personally meet the founder and sole inspirer behind AIMS and a chain of social service activities throughout India and abroad.'

On Wednesday, a news article on the Local/Gulf page (p. 5) of the same English-language newspaper, accompanied by a photo of Amma and another of AIMS, wrote warmly of Amma:

'Mata Amritanandamayi Devi, who deservedly enjoyed the rare honour of addressing delegates of the Millennium Peace Summit at the United Nations recently, has come to the midst of the peace-loving people of Kuwait with the message of love and peace through a super-speciality charitable hospital-AIMS. Amma (Mother) as she is fondly addressed by her admirers, presents the services of the AIMS hospital to people from all sections of the society without any discrimination of caste, creed and colour. Its portals are open to all patients as she follows the philosophy to offer free medical care to the truly poor with no financial alternative, extend highly concessional rates to those of limited means, and modestly charge those who are in a position to pay.'

The Wednesday article continued its presentation of AIMS, and then turned to discuss Amma and the Math, citing Swami Amritaswarupananda's explanation that 'the organisation of Amma is secular and those who wish to serve society through social work can live together at the Mata Amritanandamayi Math without any discrimination. All religions are honoured and each one can practise his or her own religion while participating in the social work of the Math for humanity.' The article continued in this vein, quoting Swamiji as saying, 'Mother says one should live according to the tenets of one's religion,' and he pointed out that 'all religions preach love and peace, and definitely not hatred.'

The staff reporter then turned to describe the experience of actually meeting Mother: 'As she locks the visitor in a tight embrace and chants the sneha-shanti mantra (evocation of love and peace) into his ears in a low whisper, the visitor enjoys a kind of shanti or peace that passeth understanding.'

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