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Feb 6, 2007

CM defends sharing dais with Mata

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CHENNAI: Chief Minister M Karunanidhi, a self-confessed atheist, on Saturday defended his sharing the dais with spiritual leader Mata Amritanandamayi at a function in Nagapattinam on January 31.

Karunanidhi said *Amma*, as Mata Amritanandamayi is referred to by devotees, from a backward fishermen community, was rendering a lot of service to the poor and weaker sections of the society, like running hospitals and colleges.

Appreciating *Amma's* efforts in constructing 400 houses for the victims of tsunami in Nagapattinam, he said Amritanandamayi would hand over the keys of these houses at the function.

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