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Amma - An embodiment of simplicity

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To say the least, I have great respect for the humanitarian work undertaken by Mata Amritanandamayi and her mutt. And thousands of people would vouch for that. At the same time, I am saddened by the orchestrated attempt to tarnish the image of the mutt from various quarters of the state. A section of the media is trying to spread canards about her, which is deplorable. I can underscore the fact that the mutt is one of the biggest organisations practising dharma and at the time of distress, especially during the devastating tsunami that hit Indian shores, she turned out to be the messiah for many. Irrespective of caste, creed and colour, Amma and her mutt were involved in rescue and rehabilitation services, which even surpassed the efforts of the Centre and state governments. It is with great pride I note that the helping hand of Amma had been extended to the deprived in the US, Japan and other countries. Her actions are not aimed at any kind of conversion. Many organisations that pump huge sums of money for conversion did little to change the lives of people.

Instead of highlighting the yeoman service rendered by Amma to the society, a section of media is contorting certain facts regarding the mutt. In the Satnam Singh incident, it is quite clear that the security personnel had detained him and handed him over to the police.

He was not attacked by anyone in the mutt or in police custody, but he was assaulted by someone in the hospital. But people with vested interest failed to recognise the truth and started propaganda against the mutt. I've known Amma for a long time.

When Amma thought of starting a hospital she consulted me as I was a contractor then. Amma took me to the proposed project site and she humbly accepted my suggestions. That's her true character. Amma used to elicit her devotees and public's opinion on any matter. That's simplicity for you. But some are not happy with Amma's humane nature and are trying to vilify her. They are highlighting trivial issues and making a snowball out of it.

Amma does not stand for conversion and that is for sure. Amma's credo is service to the humanity, irrespective of all boundaries. When thousands of people are following the words of wisdom of Amma, a miniscule is trying to smudge her. But Amma is infallible and her detractors would soon realise their mistakes.

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