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Kochi: The [State University of New York](#) will confer Hindu spiritual leader Amritanandamayi Devi with an honorary doctorate degree in humane letters in recognition of her wide-ranging humanitarian contributions on May 25.

The honour, the first for an Indian, would be bestowed on her at a special convocation at the university at New York, Vice Provost for all International programmes Steve Dunnet and Chairman of the university's computer science department Dr Bharat Jayaraman said in a video conference here.

In the university's 164-year history, only two other world leaders, including Tibetan spiritual head the Dalai Lama have been bestowed this award, the University's highest, Dunnet said.

The State University is one of the largest university systems in the US with 64 campuses.

Describing Amma, as she is called by her followers, as a distinguished humanitarian, the university announcement said Amritanandamayi Devi "is esteemed internationally for her tireless efforts on behalf of global peace for her commitment to education and for the far reaching impact of her charitable organisations in relieving poverty and human suffering in India and around the world.

Pro Chancellor Abhyaamrita Chaitanaya and Vice chancellor Dr G Venkata Rnagan of Amrita Vishwa Vidya Peetam university, told reporters here that the [math](#) was among the first to respond in the devastating Haiti earthquake which claimed several lives.

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


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