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PRESS RELEASE

Indian donation to Sisters of Charity Paz y Alegria, Mexico

Indian Women's Association of Mexico (IWAM) is a voluntary association formed by Indian women in Mexico City, including women of Indian origin, running as a non-profit organization, with the main objectives to promote India-Mexico relations through social and cultural interchanges between the peoples of India and Mexico, and to provide a platform for Indian women to reach out to the Mexican society by presenting the Indian culture and traditions in all their colours and vibrancy. An important element in this endeavour is philanthropy, which is integral to Indian character. Established under the aegis of the Embassy of India in Mexico City, IWAM is headed by the President Mrs. Alka Jain, wife of the Ambassador of India to Mexico.

Today, on the eve of Christmas, IWAM made a donation of \$ 50,000 to the Sisters of Charity Paz y Alegria in Mexico City, in a conscious effort to bringing joy to the many members of the institution coming from various sections of the Mexican society and inflicted by the vagaries of nature. Mrs. Alka Jain, the IWAM President accompanied by other members of IWAM, presented a cheque for the said amount to Sister Cyriac of the Sisters of Charity Paz y Alegria.

IWAM had organized, in early October, a Diwali Mela, at India House, to celebrate Diwali, the popular Indian festival of lights, attended by numerous Mexican, Indian and third country nationals, availing of the offerings of Indian cuisine and snacks, artefacts and other entertainment features integral with the celebration of Diwali. The amount presented to the Sisters of Charity Paz y Alegria was the charity collection made at the Diwali Mela.

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