## Public Relations Office Jamia Millia Islamia

Press Release

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## JMI and Embassy of Venezuela jointly organise dramatized play reading in Spanish language

The Centre for Spanish and Latin American Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), in collaboration with the Embassy of Venezuela in India, organized a dramatized play reading in Spanish language on September 22, 2022 in the CIT Conference Hall of the university. Students of the BA (Hons) and PhD in Spanish and Latin American Studies of the Centre performed on the play *Apacuana and Cuaricurian* of the famous Venezuelan playwright Cesar Rengifo (1915-1980)

The play, written in the form of a dramatic poem, is about the indigenous resistance of the Mariche tribe against the Spanish conquest in the valley of Caracas in 1569.

Despite the torrential rains, the hall was full, with faculty and students of Spanish from Delhi University, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Amity University also attending the event.

The Chief Guest Her Excellency Coromoto Godoy Calderon, the Ambassador of Venezuela to India congratulated the students for having presented very successfully an important work of one of the most celebrated writers and artists of Venezuela. She ended her speech quoting the famous lines of a Latin American song which say:

I love the students because they are yeast for the bread which comes from the oven with all its flavour...

The Ambassador gifted all participants, actors and backstage production in charge and volunteers a set of books in Spanish.

Special Guest, Prof. Indrani Mukherjee, Chairperson of the Centre for Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, and Latin American Studies, JNU, in her address emphasized on the role of culture in Foreign Language learning and appreciated the initiative the Centre had taken.

Prof. Sonya Surabhi Gupta, Honorary Director of the Centre, thanked Mr. Alfredo Caldera for having directed the Play Reading and underlined the team effort that the students had put in. Dr. Noorin Khan thanked the JMI administration, particularly Vice-Chancellor Prof. Najma Akhtar for her encouragement and support for the event.

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Centre for Spanish and Latin American Studies Jamia Millia Islamia in collaboration with The Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela presents **APACUANA Y CUARICURIÁN** by César Rengifo



A dramatized play reading in Spanish

Chief Guest: H.E. Coromoto Godoy Ambassador of Venezuela Special Guest: Prof. Indrani Mukherjee Chairperson, CSPILAS, JNU

Venue: CIT-FTK, JMI

Thursday, September 22,2022 3:00 pm

Livestreaming on youtube: https://youtube.com/c/NaddyVlogs

**ALL ARE WELCOME**