

**Embassy of India  
Mexico City**

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**Launch of The Torrent Young Scholar Award (TYSA)**

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The Pharmaceutical company, Torrent Pharma of the Torrent Group, the Mexican Psychiatry Association and Embassy of India launched the The Torrent Young Scholar Award (TYSA) on 07<sup>th</sup> November, 2023. TYSA is an academic support project that offers free virtual courses to undergraduate resident doctors of psychiatry in Mexico.

2. At an event organized at the Embassy of India in Mexico City, TYSA program was launched in the presence of Ambassador of India to Mexico Dr. Pankaj Sharma; Mr. Jorge Barreto Flores, General Director of Torrent Pharma Mexico; Dr. Jacqueline Cortés, President of the Mexican Psychiatric Association and Dr. Alejandro Molina, Director of the TYSA project and president-elect of the Psychiatric Association. Undergraduate medicine students in Psychiatry from different Universities of Mexico were also invited for the launch event.

3. Ambassador Pankaj Sharma stressed the importance of making mental health education programs available to people across the globe as the number of patients suffering from depression, mental health issues are increasing year by year, with more than half a million people committing suicide in both Mexico and India. Mr. Jorge Barreto Flores further explained that the TYSA program seeks to impact more than 400 residents across Mexico by providing psychiatry residents with the tools and knowledge that they need to successfully pass the National Council of Psychiatry exam. TYSA also has an advantage that depending on their place of residence and where they are studying, students will be able to receive academic support in order to be ready for their final exam to become doctors.

4. Dr. Jacqueline Cortés explained that the contents of the TYSA fully meet the standards of the APM (Mexican Psychiatric Association) and are therefore endorsed by the association. Dr. Alejandro Molina added that the four modules of the online pilot program will focus on depression, anxiety, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, which are the most common psychiatric disorders in our country.

5. TYSA program is an example of CSR project under the Public-private partnership for betterment of society. This unique initiative was endorsed by Mr. Julio Sanchez, former President of Mexican drug regulatory authority called as COFEPRIS, who called for similar initiatives by other pharmaceutical companies.

A few photographs taken at the event are hereby enclosed.





