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SAMARTHAN 2026: A Soulful Evening of Giving and Hope

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On March 14, 2026, MOHAN Foundation hosted SAMARTHAN 2026 – A Soulful Sufi Night at Craft Village, Chhatarpur, New Delhi. More than a cultural gathering, the evening brought together music, community, and purpose to raise support for Anudaan—the Foundation's initiative to make life-saving organ transplants accessible for underprivileged children. Set in the vibrant space of Craft Village, the event reflected a thoughtful coming together of art and advocacy.

At the heart was a deeply moving performance by Kashif Nizami, a distinguished Sufi artist rooted in Indian and South Asian music traditions. Inspired by the legendary Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, his music blended classical depth with emotional intensity. His set elevated the evening beyond entertainment, creating a reflective experience that resonated with the spirit of giving.

The evening opened with a welcome by Ms. Pallavi Kumar, Executive Director, MOHAN Foundation, Delhi-NCR, followed by opening remarks from Dr. Sunil Shroff, Managing Trustee. Their addresses underscored the urgency of supporting children needing transplants and highlighted Anudaan's role in bridging financial barriers that delay or deny critical care.

A defining moment of the evening was the felicitation of organ donor families and Anudaan recipient families. These powerful, lived experiences featured families turning profound loss into life-giving organ donations, alongside children transformed by timely transplants.

These stories formed the emotional core of SAMARTHAN 2026, reflecting courage, resilience, and generosity amid adversity. They reminded all that organ donation is a deeply human act connecting lives across circumstances and geographies.

The evening also recognized individuals who have strengthened access to transplantation through their work and advocacy. Dr. Anurag Shrimal, Director of HPB Surgery and Liver Transplant at Gleneagles Hospitals, Mumbai, was recognized for making paediatric transplants more accessible via Anudaan. His leadership ensures financial constraints do not become barriers to life-saving care.

Dr. Anurag Gupta, Senior Consultant in Neurosurgery at Max Healthcare, and Surgeon Captain (Dr.) Malvinder Singh Sahi, anaesthesiologist and ex-serviceman, were felicitated for marathon fundraising for children awaiting transplants—extending commitment into community engagement.







Kashif Nizami along with his team presenting a captivating qawwali performance

Kashif Nizami's performance reached a powerful crescendo, leaving the audience deeply moved. His music fostered shared reflection, gratitude, and inspiration, reinforcing the idea that giving is both an act of compassion and a deeply personal choice.

The event brought together approximately 250 attendees: NCR transplant doctors, supporters, and guests. Beyond participation, what stood out was the collective energy in the room—a sense of shared purpose and renewed commitment.

Audience feedback echoed the evening's impact. Many described it as moving, meaningful, and thoughtfully curated. The stories of donor families and recipients impressed many and inspired them to engage more deeply with the cause.

The success of SAMARTHAN 2026 was also made possible through the support of partners including Craft Village, United Way of Delhi, ALVL Foundation, HRBL, JBM Group, Manipal Hospitals, Samridhi Samiti, Apala, and Kaizzen. Their contributions underscore the importance of collaboration in advancing complex social causes such as organ donation and transplantation.

SAMARTHAN 2026 was more than an event—a reminder of the power of awareness combined with empathy and action. It united diverse voices—families, clinicians, supporters, and artists—into a shared narrative of hope and giving.

Through Anudaan, the MOHAN Foundation continues to work towards making transplants accessible and equitable, ensuring that no child is denied a second chance at life due to financial constraints. The evening was a celebration of accomplishments as well as a call to continue developing a more inclusive and compassionate healthcare ecosystem.

As the audience left, there was a quiet but powerful takeaway: that each act of giving, no matter how small, contributes to a larger movement. And in that collective effort lies the possibility of transforming lives.

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