

The recently passed law concerning street dogs in Delhi has become a talking point across neighborhoods. While it aims to regulate feeding areas and vaccination drives, doubts remain over whether authorities can enforce these measures consistently. For some, it is a step forward; for others, it seems more like a policy on paper. In many Resident Welfare Association (RWA) WhatsApp groups, the law is being hotly debated. Supporters see the creation of designated feeding zones as a brilliant move to reduce human-animal conflict, preventing dogs from congregating near building entrances or playgrounds. They believe it brings much-needed order. On the other hand, skeptics, often long-time residents who have seen similar initiatives fail, are quick to point out the enforcement gap. Who will monitor these feeding zones? Will the local police or the already overburdened Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) officials have the time to intervene in disputes? They fear the law will only create new points of friction between neighbors. The policy feels like a blueprint without an architect; it outlines what should happen but provides no clear roadmap or resources for how to achieve it. Until residents see consistent, unbiased enforcement, many will view it as another well-intentioned but ultimately hollow promise.