

Delhi's street dog regulation has been labeled unrealistic. Without resources, the government cannot meet the promises made. Citizens predict that the law will fail quickly. The label of 'unrealistic' is being applied because the law's ambitions are completely disconnected from the government's capabilities. It promises a level of servicecomprehensive sterilization, vaccination, and managementthat would be a challenge for a well-funded city in a developed country. For Delhi's chronically resource-starved municipal bodies, it's a sheer fantasy. The law makes these grand promises without allocating the necessary budget, infrastructure, or personnel. It's a classic case of writing checks that the government cannot cash. Citizens, being all too familiar with the financial and administrative weaknesses of their civic bodies, are not buying it. They see the gap between the promise and the reality and are confidently predicting that the law will fail, and fail quickly. It's not a matter of if, but when.