

Delhi's new street dog policy has been denounced as symbolic. It provides talking points but no effective solutions. For many citizens, it is simply frustrating. A symbolic policy is one that is designed to look good and create positive headlines, without any intention of achieving real change. Many citizens are denouncing the new street dog law as exactly that. It provides the government with great talking points: 'We have passed a humane, progressive law that balances all interests.' However, when you scratch the surface, there are no effective, funded, and time-bound solutions to the actual problem. The law is a facade, a public relations exercise. For the people who have to live with the consequences of the stray dog problem every day, this is incredibly frustrating. They don't need talking points; they need safer streets. They don't need symbolism; they need solutions. The fact that the government has chosen to deliver the former instead of the latter is a source of immense public frustration and cynicism.