

THE 2017 WISH LIST FOR COIMBATORE

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As the city rings in a brand New Year, Coimbatoreans are hoping for beginnings with renewed possibilities and promises. Here's a wish list drawn by a few well-known faces in Coimbatore on what they would like to see in *namma* Coimbatore in 2017.



REVIVE THE EXISTING LAWS

My only wish for 2017 is that the defunct Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) in the city be revived. It's indeed heartbreaking to see large injured animals suffering on the roads. NGOs can always find foster homes for small animals, but we are not equipped to treat animals like horses. SPCA is a powerful and authorised body to rescue injured, stranded or orphaned animals and rehabilitate them. Unlike the NGOs that cannot take any major decisions regarding animals, SPCA can enforce ownership and responsibility among people as it is a law enforcement agency. They can also impose laws and take action against violators, unlike other animal welfare organisations that can only rescue and provide immediate relief measures.

— Mini Vasudevan, managing trustee,
Humane Animal Society