Hi

December has a way of making us slow down and take stock. It's also when we make plans for 2026 – filled with hope and those infamous New Year resolutions.

As you sort through the usual ones – family, career, fitness – here's one simple, meaningful resolution to add to your list: **kindness to animals.** And we've made it easier for you.

The recently launched initiative, the **India Karuna Collaborative**, brings together people and organisations to end animal suffering, mitigate climate change, and create a healthier world for all. We invite business leaders, organisations and influential voices across industries to **support the campaign by taking a simple yet powerful pledge:**

"I believe that animals are sentient beings and that human, animal, and planetary well-being are interconnected. When animals suffer, people and the planet suffer too. I pledge to do my best to reduce animal suffering."

Since September 2025, the campaign has already garnered the support of more than 35 organisations, 50 respected leaders and has eight prominent persons as Advisors.

Start 2026 on a **unique**, **compassionate,** and **powerful note**. Pledge your support – as a citizen or as an organisation. **Sign up here**

Launch of Animal Welfare Funding Circle

A group of impact-focused donors including India Animal Fund have come together to form the **India Animal Welfare Funding Circle**. The initiative provides **strategic funding to animal-focused nonprofits working to reduce animal suffering across India.**

The circle is keen to fund **policy, research, corporate engagement, dietary change, alternative proteins, and movement-building work.** Pilots that address protein deficiency, research that demonstrates the link between better welfare standards and better economic outcomes, education/awareness of a variety of stakeholders who hold huge influence (gym bros, health practitioners), developing coursework for university curriculum with links with ESG/sustainability, and creative ways to take the message of animal sentience far and wide -- all of these and more are of interest.

For more information, visit the **website**
RFP: **here**. Apply by 15th Jan 2026

Rethinking Our Relationship with Animals

When Ethics Don't Match Practice

We're proud to have supported Samayu's 'Animals and Religion' report, which explores this gap across five faith traditions and shows how beliefs often fail to translate into everyday action. The report highlights how culture and belief can shape better treatment for animals.

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Animal Agriculture and Social Justice Movements

What's the connection? It's deeper than you might think. Meaningful change is only possible when policy, regulation, and enforcement work in alignment.

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Rethinking Sustainability: It's on Our Plates

Ravi Venkatesan, Social Entrepreneur and Chairman of the Board of The Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet and Rituj Sahu, Program Director, Food Systems at Asia Research & Engagement explore how smarter protein systems and better animal welfare practices can help India meet its climate and ESG goals.

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Careers in Animal Welfare

Join the ecosystem of animal welfare in India

Cruelty to Animals Investigator, PETA. Apply here

India Animal Fund (IAF) drives the next frontier of social justice — ending animal suffering through scalable, evidence-based interventions.

Working with implementation partners across India, we enable CSR-aligned projects across Education, Health & Nutrition, and Capacity Building — sensitising children, enabling workplace meal transitions and employee well-being, addressing nutrition gaps, and upskilling farmers and enforcement officials.

We also advise donors on interventions in climate, food systems, welfare standards, and sustainability – all with a view to ending animal suffering at scale.

To explore how IAF can support your strategic giving, reach out to Rekha Raghunathan at rekha@indiaanimalfund.org

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