

## FAST FORWARD: VISION FOR A BETTER BENGALURU IN 2016

**GOWTHAMAN RANGANATHAN,  
LAWYER AND LGBT RIGHTS  
ACTIVIST**

"I would like to see the city embrace people across gender expressions, sexuality, classes and castes. As Bengaluru expands, vulnerable groups are being pushed farther and farther out of it, which puts them at risk of crime and losing out on their livelihood. Sex workers and transgenders should not be thrown out on the streets; it's important that we integrate them into the city. Development should be for everybody and not just a select few."



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The New Year is generally marked with hopes of a new beginning. Last year, the city witnessed a slew of issues — from civic issues like bad roads, to alarming environment issues like the toxic froth on Bellandur Lake. As we step into a new year, those who raised their voices and brought attention to a range of issues share their vision for Bengaluru in 2016.

**HARINI NAGENDRA, AUTHOR AND  
PROFESSOR OF SUSTAINABILITY**

"We need to protect nature for urban resilience, but the nature that is protected has to be a place for the community to access. Nature, in the Indian context, is a very used resource and the concept of it being viewed only as a thing of beauty is a Western concept. I don't think that nature can be protected in India like that. It should be used and protected."



Raveesh Ravindran



**BRINDA ADIGE, WOMEN AND CHILD RIGHTS  
ACTIVIST**

"There has to be effective coordination between all the mechanisms, departments and civil society. As individuals, we need to take responsibility for our actions. I would like women to become more vocal and break the silence around violence because the system uses that as a weapon against them. When this silence is broken, stereotyping and patriarchal attitudes will change, and in time, violence will reduce."

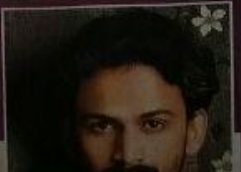


**BAADAL NANJUNDA SWAMY, ARTIST**

"The city is riddled with potholes and they are the biggest civic issue that we are facing today. Several hundreds of people suffer injuries and falls due to them every single day, but since there aren't that many deaths, the issue doesn't get reported. Each one of us is suffering because of these potholes, so the authorities have to be stricter with their implementation and fill them immediately."



Guruprasad's first romantic film  
stars Dhananjaya and Sangeetha Bhat



## It's tougher to play the

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I don't feel excited when I say things like, 'I am busy with projects and have my dates full till 2018. I'd rather be excited and motivated about going and shooting for the film I have on the present day and be grateful that it is work that excites me,' says Sudeep, who enters the new year with quite a few projects in the pipeline, be it the recently-launched *Kali*, alongside Shivarajkumar, the *OMG! Oh My God* remake along with Upenendra, director Prakash's next and cinematographer-director Krishna's next, among others.

The actor, who is currently shooting for KS Ravikumar's Kannada-Tamil bilingual film, says he is fortunate to work with a director like him. "I feel happy to be working in a film team that is so positive and is being headed by a director who has made films with some of the biggest stalwarts of our times. This is a very exciting project. The thing is, a

team can choose to entertain film or one, depending on work towards it. I'm that this team is filled with people and it's a shoot for the film of a day," says Sudeep, who looks at 2015 as a year professionally.

"I'm glad that I worked by the fans in what *Ranna* did well and only I had *Bigg Boss* professionally. I've a year. The last year taught me to take things come, as nothing can. For instance, at the end of the year, I look at my

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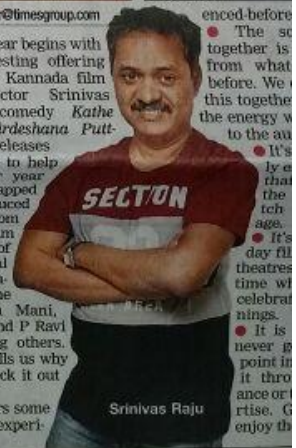
## A perfect entertainer celebrate your New



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The New Year begins with an interesting offering from the Kannada film industry. Director Srinivas Raju's horror-comedy *Kathe Chitrakathe Nirdeshana Puttanna*, which releases today, promises to help you start your year with thrills wrapped with fun. Produced by Apple Blossom Creation, this film stars the king of comedy, Komal Kumar, who teams up with the likes of Priya Mani, Sadhu Kokila and P Ravi Shankar, among others. Srinivas Raju tells us why you need to check it out this weekend...

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## Boom boom, Bollywood's itching for a clash this year



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well-known fact that dates like Republic Day, Eid, Diwali, Independence Day and Christmas weekends are also

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