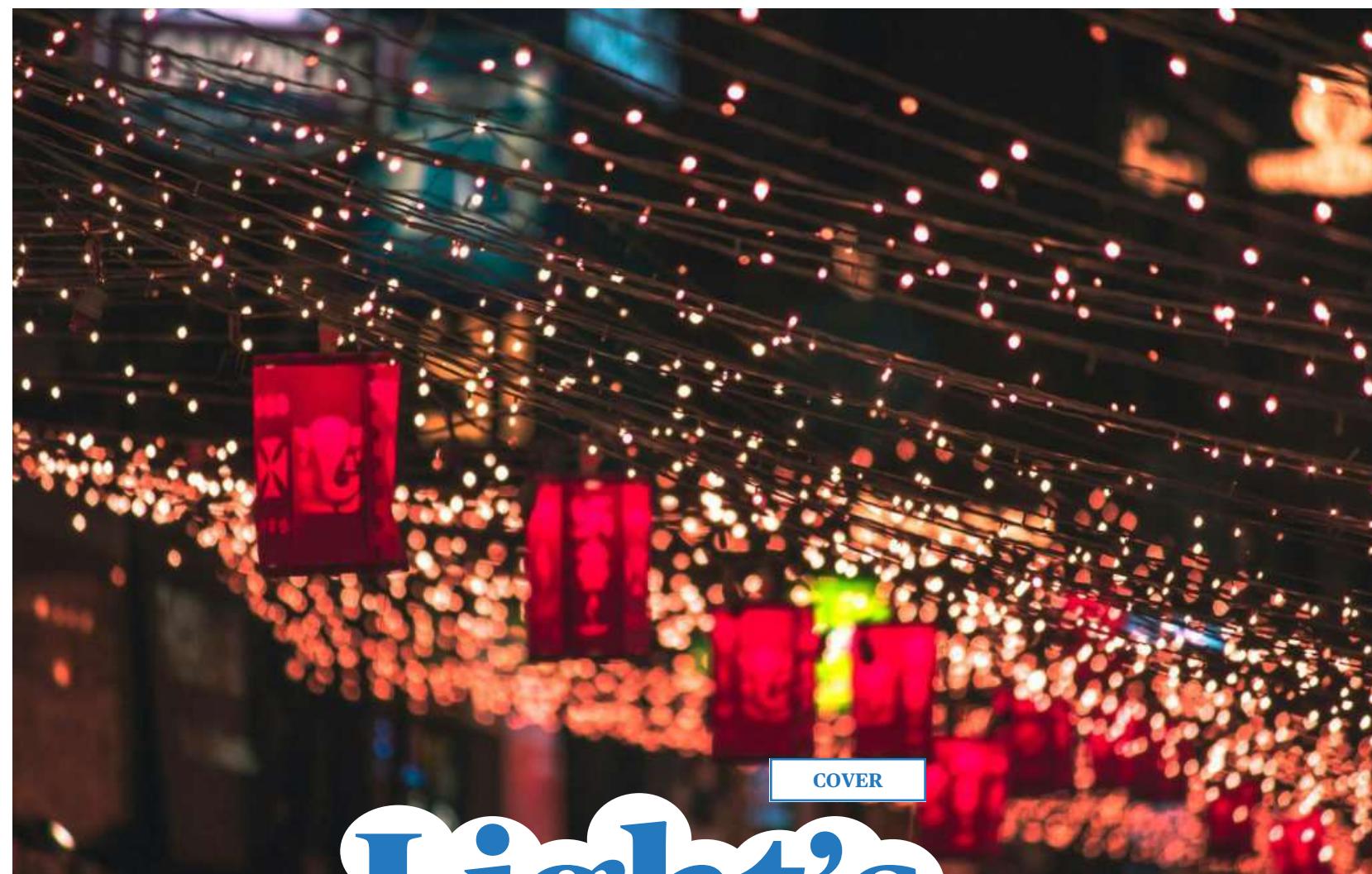


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Light's quiet poetry

A selection of lamps and fixtures from India's homegrown studios for Diwali

Lavanya Chopra

Between the night sky, painted with a constellation of colours, and homes that shine bright, Diwali announces itself in full force. From the humble diya to the most elaborate piece of craft, each object forms the backdrop against which our celebrations unfold. This festive season celebrates a curation of lighting from Indian studios that pays homage to function, memory, and beauty.

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Priyam Doshi,
ROHAN JOSHI, ISHA SHAH



Name Place Animal Thing: Mumbai

Priyam Doshi's 'fun'-ctional approach enables Name Place Animal Thing, his practice founded in 2020, to create experimental pieces that carry innate joy. "Our inspiration comes from the world around us: its people, landscapes, animals, and the countless forms that fill our everyday lives," says the principal designer.

His material-based dexterity shines with the Mushroom Floor Lamps – ingeniously combining a mild steel endoskeleton with hand-stitched fabric layered by

craftswomen. Drawing cues from nature, the lamps emit a warm glow and are available in 62-inch and 42-inch selections.

"Our Mushroom Floor Lamp brings a soft charm to any room – alluring when lit at night, effortlessly beautiful by day. It makes for a playful yet elegant addition to festive, thematic settings. As a child, Diwali evenings were alive with flickering diyas and soft shadows. Those intimate moments inspire us to craft lamps that bring a sense of wonder to modern spaces," Doshi highlights.

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**FIG Living:
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Sibling duo Varun Sharma and Sushant Sharma have nurtured FIG Living's presence to become synonymous with the Indian D2C landscape since 2024, best known for its teeming inventory of minimal lighting.

"We work with natural materials like linen, paper, rattan, and mango wood. Our designs use handcrafted techniques that highlight the material's natural beauty rather than hide it," says Sushant. The Oblong-2 is a classic example, reminiscent of gauzy paper lanterns that dot festive streetscapes. "We have created this using fibre-based paper and linen rendered in signature origami pleating," Varun highlights.

Varun Sharma and Sushant Sharma. FIG LIVING

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Length Breadth Height: Pune

Luv Rohra believes that every product at the five-year-old brand, Length Breadth Height, is created as a collectible. "Rooted in a sculptural and minimalist aesthetic, the studio's work blurs the line between object and art – creating pieces that are functional yet emotionally resonant," says Rohra.

The Terra Wall Sconces are a tribute to the sun, clay, and earth. Handcrafted in ceramic, it combines earthy tones with contrasting hues: from matte black and ochre to blush and marble-inspired greys.

Rohra reminisces, "The festive collections we create often carry that memory."

Luv Rohra. PRATHAMESH REDDY, RAVI MISTRY

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Swetha Vegesana.
INTENT MADE

marquetry, hold centuries of skill and meaning. We bring them into forms that speak to the present," expresses Vegesana.

The Tilak Wall Sconce draws on ancient symbolism, inspired by the third eye, which is representative of intuition and inner vision. Crafted from reclaimed teak wood, the piece serves as both a wall light and a flower vase.

"Every Diwali, there is a stillness before a lamp is lit. Light is a form of energy in our design philosophy," Vegesana avers.

Intent Made: Hyderabad

For Swetha Vegesana, lighting design stems from a meditative origin. With her brainchild, Intent Made, born in 2020, the founder relies strongly on tradition to inform contemporary creations. "The techniques we use, like carving or



Olie: Bengaluru

Anyone familiar with Amrita Nambiar's multidisciplinary design practice since 2019 will attest to one thing – the bespoke pieces at Olie draw you into their surreal world. The studio's recent collection, 'Flowers for Your Soul', transforms grief into beauty.

The Tamara Floor Light from the collection reimagines the ecosystem of a lily pond. A burgundy, hand-dyed fabric flower blooms at the end of a curving stalk. Diaphanous petals reveal a glittering papier-mâché core, an ingenious material chanced upon by experimenting with discarded sticker paper.

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Lladro's inventive take on Lord Ganesha invites us to connect with spirituality and the beauty of its many forms. 'Lord Ganesha - Eternal Light', in matte white porcelain, and with a golden lustre, showcases the deity and adds personality to the space. The decorative piece symbolises wisdom, intelligence, and new beginnings. Available: Phoenix Market City, Velachery

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The Purple Turtles

Specialising in unique Indian modern furniture, lighting, and decorative items, this year's festive décor highlight – the Neria Pillar T-light Lantern – is handcrafted in rich brass. These towering pieces feature intricate jaali patterns. The cutouts cast geometric shadows, filling the space with a warm, golden radiance. It can add beauty to a cosy corner, highlight an entryway, or line a festive walkway. Available: Amethyst, Chennai



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Beruru
At Beruru, 'Festive Hurricane' sets the place aglow. Crafted with iron and glass in a powder-coated finish, it creates an inviting ambience that complements both a traditional and contemporary décor. It lends a timeless charm to any setting: from garden pathways to indoor corners. Available: Amethyst, Royapettah

Compiled by K.S. Swati.

FIVE YEAR FOCUS

A weekly round-up of indicative property prices in one area of Chennai that shows how the value of real estate has moved over the last five years.

THIS WEEK: MYLAPORE

Realty Rates

Segment	2020 (INR per sqft)	2025
Luxury Apartments	21,000	25,000
Premium Apartments	18,000	21,000
Budget Apartments	16,000	NA

Source: JLL

Construction Material Costs

Material	This Week	Material	This Week
CEMENT		BLUE METAL	
CEMENT PER 50 KG BAG (BULK-300 BAGS)	₹350/-	12 mm	₹65/- per cft
		20 mm	₹65/- per cft
CEMENT PER 50 KG BAG (RETAIL)	₹320/-	40 mm	₹65/- per cft
STEEL		BITUMEN AT I.O.C. (bulk)	
TMT 8 mm & 32 mm	₹58,000/-	Grade 80/100 (VG 10) MT	₹51,112/-
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		MEN	Per day ₹850/-
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P. SAND	₹70/- per cft	PAINTER/ PLUMBER	Per day ₹1,000/-
M.SAND	₹60/- per cft	CARPENTER	Per day ₹1,000/-

Source : Builders Association of India (Southern Centre)
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