

Bizarre
Children's book returned to Maine library 46 yrs late



Former Maine resident Diana Edwards returned a children's book, *Bunches and Bunches of Bunnies*, to the Camden Public Library - 46 years overdue. The library, which no longer charges late fees, plans to use it for story time.

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A season of many firsts for this first lady

Refer: Nov 7, 2025 edition
A season of many firsts for this first lady: Within hours of Zohran Mamdani's historic win as Mayor of New York, British media had found...

The media follows Rama everywhere, yet she stays calm and simple. She doesn't chase fame or drama; she believes in doing real work that matters. She's a true Gen Z First Lady - modern, honest, and unafraid to be herself. While others talk about her looks, she's busy making a difference.
- Maninder Singh Johar, Greater Faridabad

No sooner has a man won a mighty position, we start dissecting his wife's choice of fashion and rummage through her wardrobe. What if Rama was a hijab-clad

young woman, equally talented or more? What if she chooses *salwar kameez* instead of sporting NYC styles? Will you still bring Princess Diana in the picture? Ironically, this practice of gawking and judging First Lady fashion is prevalent in the US. Duwaji and Mamdani found each other on a dating app and took public transport because before winning the NYC mayoral election, they were civilians, and even rich people do take public transport in NYC. We should leave Rama alone.
- Paromita Ganguly

Rama isn't trying to become the First Lady - she is simply continuing to be herself. And perhaps that's the quiet revolution: the partner who doesn't inherit a script, but writes her own. Not ornamental. Not symbolic. Just intentional. It echoes Michelle Obama, who once said that influence is quieter than applause.
- Debashish Roy, Bengaluru

The body of work we never get to see

Refer: Nov 3, 2025 edition
The body of work we never get to see: In our cinema that carries the fragrance of our soil, played out in dark theatres as we sit wide-eyed...

Injuries while shooting are nothing new and special. It happens all the time, and to all the actors. I appreciate the resilience of SRK but I must point out that nothing much has been written about injuries to other actors, except probably Mr Bachchan's near fatal accident while shooting for *Coolie*. SRK, now being a senior citizen, must choose his films keeping his health in mind.
- S Sengupta, New Delhi

The entry of the hero indeed marks a sacred moment - an intersection of imagination, conviction, and purpose. In the case of

SRK, this holds profoundly true. He embodies emotional richness over material opulence, proving that pity has no place in his journey. SRK's art inspires value-based engagement, reminding us that authenticity and emotional connection, not excess or sympathy, define true success and fulfillment. - MM Goeel, Dwarka

Reading of SRK's injuries during shooting of his films was heart wrenching. Nevertheless, he is paid extremely high fees for his role, carries heavy life and health insurance, and receives treatment in the best hospitals in the world. The industry also depends on thousands of stunt men who routinely perform high-risk stunts in exchange for meagre pay, minimal insurance and inadequate treatment. Some end up dying unsung leaving a life of poverty for their survivors. What a contrast! This is akin to a war in which the glory of victory goes to the commanders while hundreds of nameless soldiers make the ultimate sacrifice of their lives to facilitate victory.
- Pushpendra Jain

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BEST OF DELHI NCR



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As winter nears, the focus naturally shifts indoors. The chill in the air makes us seek comfort in spaces that feel warm, welcoming, and relaxed. In Delhi NCR, where residents love adding seasonal touches to their homes, the

cooler months bring a renewed enthusiasm for décor. While heavy drapes, textured rugs, and soft throws help bring that cosy feeling, lighting is what truly ties everything together. It doesn't just brighten a room, but also makes even the simplest spaces feel inviting. Lighting has a way of transforming a

home, especially during winter when daylight hours are shorter. The gentle glow of a table lamp or the golden hue from a pendant light can turn cold corners into cosy retreats. "Lighting in the home is often thought of as purely functional, something that helps us navigate spaces or perform tasks. But these

Light it right

With shorter days and longer evenings, it's the perfect time to let lighting take centre stage in your winter décor



everyday fixtures can take on a new role, subtly transforming the mood and creating a sense of occasion," says Sajal Lamba, co-founder and director of a luxury furniture brand. "The key is to think beyond illumination and focus on the experience, how shadows, reflections, and pools of light guide movement, create intimacy, and evoke emotion. Even a simple functional lamp, when placed thoughtfully, can make a room feel inviting and alive," Lamba adds.

Creating the right atmosphere is all about layering light. A mix of ambient, task, and accent lighting helps make a space feel balanced and comfortable. Ceiling lights or wall sconces offer the main glow, while table and floor lamps bring in warmth at eye level. "We should view lighting as an integral part of the choreography of our daily lives at home. It should support activity but also enhance moments, subtly shaping interactions without overwhelming them," Lamba notes. Anubha Laroiya Aneja, founder of an interior design brand, believes lighting has the power to set the tone of a home. "Lighting transcends its functional purpose and

GLOW GUIDE

Layer the light: Combine ambient, task, and accent lighting to add depth and warmth instead of relying on a single overhead source

Go warm: Choose bulbs with soft yellow or amber tones to create a cosy, welcoming glow

Highlight corners: Use floor or table lamps to brighten dark nooks and make small spaces feel inviting

Play with texture: Pair lights with fabric shades, metallic finishes, or frosted glass for a softer, diffused effect

Add a glow outdoors: String fairy lights or place lanterns on balconies and terraces for a gentle evening sparkle



becomes the invisible thread that weaves together memory, mood, and magic. It's not merely about brightness; it's about creating an atmosphere," Aneja says. "Layered lighting adds dimension to spaces: ambient lighting offers a welcoming canvas, task lighting provides focus where needed, and accent lighting brings drama and depth," Aneja adds. During winter, softer light sources help counter the season's natural chill. Swap bright white

bulbs for warmer tones like amber or soft yellow to make a room feel cosier. Place floor lamps near seating areas, add bedside lamps for gentle evening light, or use wall sconces to highlight textured walls or artwork. Indoors, warm table lamps and flickering candles pair beautifully with modern chandeliers or wall sconces to create intimacy. Outdoors, balconies and terraces come alive with strings of fairy lights or lanterns, turning cold eve-

nings into glowing get-togethers. Modern lighting has also become more mindful. Sustainability and efficiency are now as important as aesthetics. LEDs, dimmable fixtures, and solar-powered lights are easy options for energy-conscious homes. The choice of tone can also shape mood, warm whites bring comfort, soft ambers create relaxation, and cool whites refresh and brighten darker corners. By blending tradition with innovation and embracing sustainable choices, we allow light to become a storyteller, a soul, and a sanctuary. Let your lighting do more than illuminate, let it craft memory and embody the heart of your home.

So, whether it's a reading lamp in the corner, or soft lights framing a hallway, each element contributes to an atmosphere of ease and connection. Raghunandan Saraf, CEO and founder of a furniture brand, echoes this sentiment. Saraf concludes, "As daylight grows shorter, make the most of natural light and soft, warm textures to create a cosy, inviting space. Incorporate fabrics, jute, leather, and wood to bring depth, comfort, and colour into your winter décor."

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