

CORE ITEM UPDATE · INDIA

Core Item Update: Ethnic footwear 2026–28

Indian footwear is having a moment.

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Overview

Indian footwear is having a moment. GI-tagged Kolhapuris rise after Prada's Spring/Summer 2026 show, block-heel juttis bring comfort to long events, and embellished wedding juttis and mojaris remain steady sellers.

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INVEST

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TEST

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MAINTAIN

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REDUCE

Invest: rising now. Test: emerging. Maintain: at its peak. Reduce: fading.

The details

Each detail with its status for Festive 26, its trend curve and what it does next.

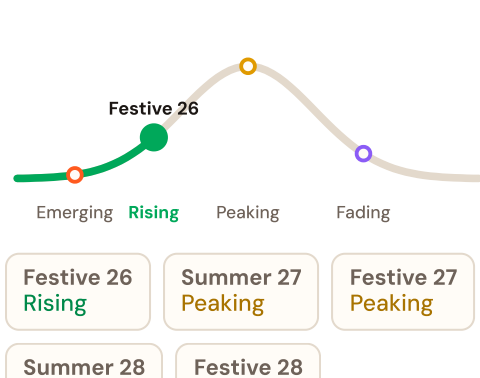


INVEST

RISING

Kolhapuri chappals

GI-tagged Kolhapuris, back in focus after Prada's Spring/Summer 2026 show. Growth is building. Commit to it in your next range.

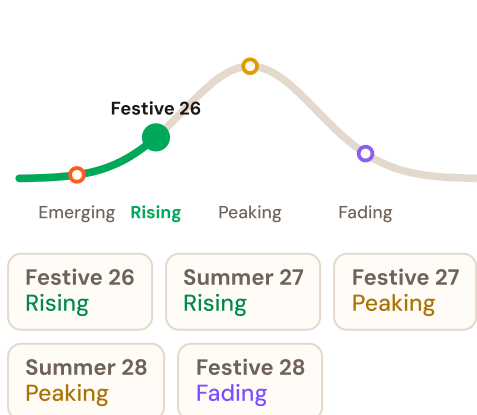


INVEST

RISING

Block-heel juttis

Juttis on a low block heel for comfort at long events. Growth is building. Commit to it in your next range.



INVEST

RISING

Mirror-work flats

Mirror embellishment moving onto shoes. Growth is building. Commit to it in your next range.



MAINTAIN

PEAKING

Embellished wedding juttis

Juttis with zari, beads and mirror work for weddings. At its height. Keep in core ranges without over-buying.



Peaking

Fading



MAINTAIN

PEAKING

Pointed juttis with bandhgalas

Pointed juttis as the correct shoe for bandhgalas. At its height. Keep in core ranges without over-buying.



Festive 26
Peaking

Summer 27
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Festive 27
Peaking

Summer 28

Festive 28



MAINTAIN

PEAKING

Mojaris with kurta sets

Classic mojaris for festive kurta looks. At its height. Keep in core ranges without over-buying.



Festive 26
Peaking

Summer 27
Peaking

Festive 27
Peaking

Summer 28
Peaking

Festive 28
Peaking

How to update your ethnic footwear range

- Source authentic GI-tagged Kolhapuris and credit the Kolhapur cluster.
- Add block-heel juttis for comfort at long functions.
- Keep embellished wedding juttis and mojaris as core festive pairings.
- Reduce mirror-work flats after Summer 27.

See every ethnic footwear detail with design notes and downloadable cards in the India Forecast 2026–28.

Statuses are Forecut's forecast for India: Festive 26 (Oct 2026 – Feb 2027), Summer 27 (Mar – Jul 2027), Festive 27 (Aug – Dec 2027), and long-range outlooks for Summer 28 (Mar – Jul 2028) and Festive 28 (Aug – Dec 2028). Sources: India trends summarise public coverage of Lakmé Fashion Week x FDCI 2026 (Harper's Bazaar India, Free Press Journal), Aza Fashions festive and ethnic trend guides, Lashkaraa colour and silhouette trends 2026, Pearl Academy Gen Z trend reports, Gully Labs, Global Indian (Prada SS26 Kolhapuri-inspired sandals) and Outlook Business (Gen Z and e-retail).