

CORE ITEM UPDATE • INDIA

Core Item Update: Lehengas 2026–28

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Overview

Lehengas are getting lighter and easier to wear across several functions. Cape lehengas and light organza lead the rise; ombré skirts peak in Summer 27; fish-cut skirts are the emerging silhouette. Crop-top sets have peaked and begin to fade.

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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

Cape lehengas

Lehengas with a cape-style dupatta or overlay. Growth is building. Commit to it in your next range.



Festive 26 Rising	Summer 27 Peaking	Festive 27 Peaking
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Summer 28 Peaking	Festive 28 Fading
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INVEST

RISING

Ombré and dual-tone lehengas

Skirts shading from a deep base into a lighter hem. Growth is building. Commit to it in your next range.



Festive 26 Rising	Summer 27 Peaking	Festive 27 Fading
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Summer 28	Festive 28
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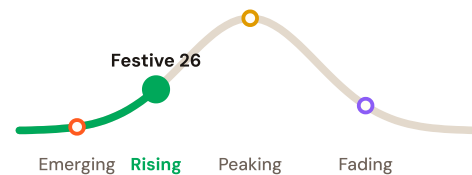


INVEST

RISING

Light organza lehengas

Airy organza lehengas for sangeet and day functions. Growth is building. Commit to it in your next range.



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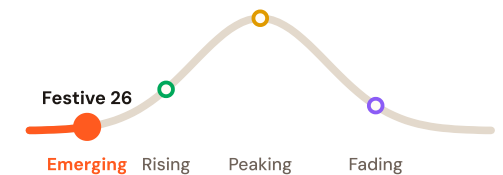


TEST

EMERGING

Fish-cut lehenga skirts

Fitted through the hip, flaring at the knee for a longer line. Early signal. Trial in small drops and premium lines.



Festive 26 Emerging	Summer 27 Rising	Festive 27 Rising
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Summer 28 Peaking	Festive 28 Peaking
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Fading

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MAINTAIN

PEAKING

Crop-top lehenga sets

Shorter blouses with high-waisted skirts. At its height. Keep in core ranges without over-buying.



Festive 26
Peaking

Summer 27
Peaking

Festive 27
Fading

Summer 28
Fading

Festive 28
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How to update your lehengas range

- Lead with cape and light organza lehengas for sangeet and day functions.
- Test fish-cut skirts in a small premium drop.
- Keep can-can light and add side zips and drawstrings for fit.
- Reduce crop-top sets from Festive 27.

See every lehengas 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).