

CORE ITEM UPDATE • INDIA

Core Item Update: Women's suits and kurtas 2026–28

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Overview

Kurta sets are the backbone of Indian womenswear. Fit-and-flare Anarkalis hold steady at their peak, embroidered co-ord sets are rising fast, and festive kaftan kurtas grow through 2027. Angrakha wrap kurtas are the emerging shape to watch.

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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.

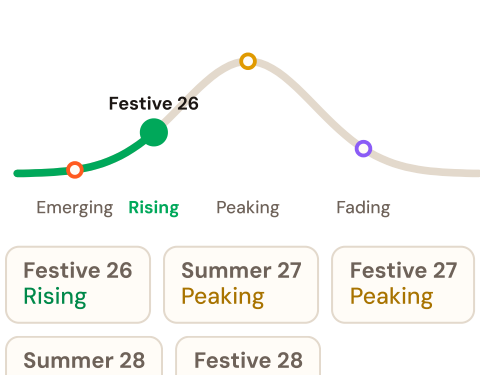


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Embroidered kurta co-ord sets

Matching kurta and trousers with coordinated embroidery. Growth is building. Commit to it in your next range.

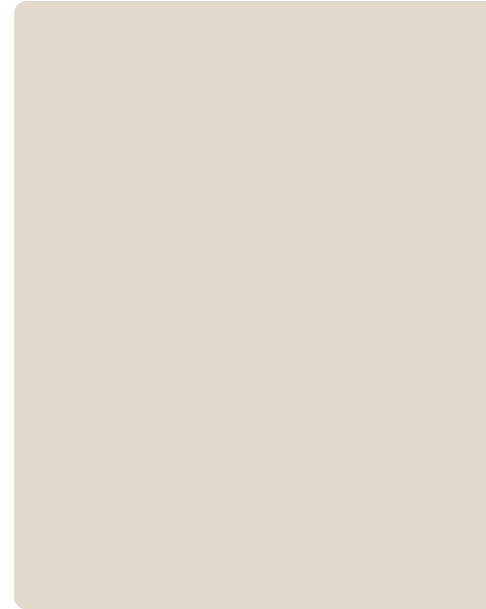
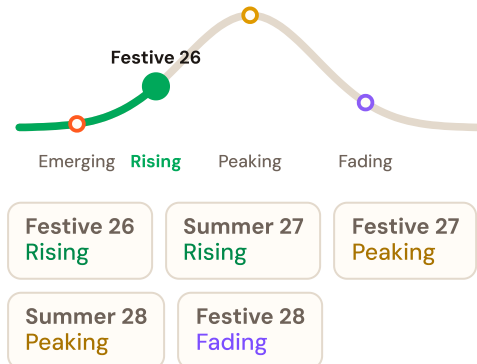


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Festive kaftan kurtas

Kaftans with Indian prints and embroidery, worn to festive events. Growth is building. Commit to it in your next range.

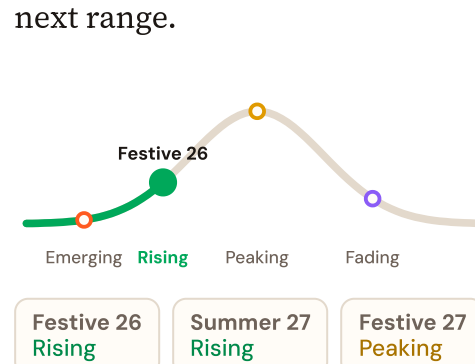


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Kalidar-cut kurtas

Kurtas built from many flared panels (kalis) for swing without heavy gathers; seen in Max Fashion Festive 2026. Growth is building. Commit to it in your next range.



TEST

EMERGING

Angrakha wrap kurtas

Overlapping wrap fronts tied at the side. Early signal. Trial in small drops and premium lines.



Peaking

Fading

Summer 28
Peaking

Festive 28
Peaking



MAINTAIN

PEAKING

Fit-and-flare Anarkalis

Flattering, comfortable Anarkalis that suit most occasions. At its height. Keep in core ranges without over-buying.



Festive 26
Peaking

Summer 27
Peaking

Festive 27
Peaking

Summer 28
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Festive 28
Peaking



MAINTAIN

PEAKING

Straight kurtas with palazzos

Straight-cut suits with wide palazzos for comfort. At its height. Keep in core ranges without over-buying.



Festive 26
Peaking

Summer 27
Peaking

Festive 27
Fading

Summer 28

Festive 28

How to update your women's suits and kurtas range

- Keep Anarkalis in core ranges in jewel tones.
- Invest in embroidered kurta co-ords with placement work at the neckline.
- Test angrakha wraps with ties instead of buttons.
- Reduce straight kurtas with palazzos after Summer 27.

See every women's suits and kurtas 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).