



TREND REPORT

HIGHLIGHTS FROM INDIAN FASHION WEEK 2021

The FDCI X Lakme Fashion Week saw the coming together of two huge conglomerates of Indian fashion industry to present the country's first ever 'Phygital' fashion show. The season-free fashion week saw a number of designers old and new showcasing headline making collections for 6 days. By **Sruthi Ravinder**



WHILE THE GENERAL MOOD WAS RELAXED YET POISED, THERE WAS ALSO ENOUGH ROOM FOR GLAMOUR AND SHINE. WE SCOUTED THROUGH ALL THE SHOWS FROM SIX DAYS TO BOOKMARK THE BIGGEST TRENDS YOU CAN TRY THIS SEASON!

Payal Singhal



INDIAN ATHLESUIRE

Joining the post pandemic trend of athlesuire are a number of Indian designers with fun and comfy street wear inspired work wear. With a touch of Indianness in print, flare, silhouettes complete with capes, Indian athlesuire was one of the biggest highlights of FDCI X Lakme fashion week. A pair of new harem hybrid joggers from Payal Singhal might be just what your denim filled wardrobe needs for a breezy fit in summer.

Bodice brought back tennis shoes paired with breathable shirts, sporty skirts, straight cut pants or frocks.



Masaba's relaxed coordinates will make do perfectly for airports and brunches.



DARE TO MIDRIFF

Sexiest trend of the season are the array of midriff blouses that the runways at the Fashion Week witnessed. This risqué summer trend accentuates waists and hips with fitting crop tops, bralets or midriff exposing bodysuits. Looks to bookmark to try the trend: Arpita Mehta's summer coordinates, lehenga blouse from Geisha designs and Manish Malhotra, Pankaj Nidhi's tulle tops, Blonie Atelier's tech embracing bralets and crop tops from Bodice.

OTT BRIDE

The runway had several options for the dramatic bride-to-be. From Manish Malhotra's silver and gold extravagance, Suneeth Varma's whimsy ruffles and heavy sequins, to Gauri and Nainika's floral explosion OTT gowns, the 'more is more' aesthetic is continuing its stance in wedding fashion this year.





SARI FOR BRUNCH

The runway witnessed varied versions of casual of casual and chic sarees, something you can adorn for brunch or even to work and not keep aside for ethnic days. With quirky prints, whimsy standout blouses these drapes are anything but conventional. Sanjukta-Dutta's Shukoolaa made the case for a jacket over saree, Varun-Chakkilam tulle sarees brought in minimalism to a maximalist trend, Payal singhal's saree was teamed with sports bra and a fanny pack.

Brownie points for the biodegradable sarees from **Coccon** and handloom sarees from The Fusion Edit by **Taneira**.

KALEIDOSCOPE OF PRINT

Pankaj Nidhi collection played with geometric prints and a number of designers including Arpita Mehta and Masaba made breezy variations of printed coordinates. Make the best of the kaleidoscopic trend this season and don't shy away from clashing your florals with polka or stripes!



Payal Pratap's collection married wild florals with stripes and checks, and **Nidhi Yasha** had pants with two different prints in each leg.

