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Dear Readers,

Greetings and a warm welcome to the hottest issue of the year – The Denim Special. We are truly overwhelmed by the huge support and participation in this issue. First of all, I thank and congratulate all the contributors, participants and the entire team for bringing out this mammoth issue. I am extremely pleased to share the work of so many committed and thoughtful people.

From a utility dress during the Great Gold Rush to evolving into a symbol of youth rebellion, denims are easily one of the most ubiquitous pieces of clothing, and have ruled the world of fashion for more than a century. After all, could there be anything more comfortable than slipping into your pair of comfy used jeans, molded perfectly to your body shape?

Standing at ₹17,661 crores in 2015, the denim industry in India is already substantial. But the game has just begun. It is, from now on, expected to grow at a CAGR of 15.4 percent and reach ₹36,110 crores by 2020. And although, it is the men's segment that dominates the sector, growing fashion consciousness, influence of media and western culture, and growing free choice have bolstered the growth curve of the women's segment too. Industry sentinels expect it to exhibit a CAGR of 18.5 percent.

As our research associates and industry experts have mapped the market and trends, it is evident that jeans, as a category, have undergone a massive evolution from their straight fit indigo hued avatar. Today, the industry is stockpiled with options to spoil a customer with unfathomable choices from a plethora of fits, cuts, styles, fabrics, colours, washes, effects, value-adds, and of course, brand names. The evolution has been so massive that brands are now compelled to shift their focus from the traditional blue template to concentrate on more contemporary manifestations. We try to map some of these. We also take a look at the positive contributions of brands like H&M and Archroma towards a more environmentally responsible future along with studying the opportunities in emerging categories like kids' denim.

In addition, we take a look at what's the latest at top denim brands. In our Fashion Creation section, we study prospects of denim fabrics in India and feature the leading denim fabric companies, while WGSN shares its thoughts on sustainability. And in the Sportswear International section, this time we present the top men's wear trends, key items, and colours and materials for Fall/Winter 2016-17.

I hope you like the issue. Happy reading!!

Amitabh Taneja

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variety of fashion brands have taken a quantum leap in shopping malls across all the subcategories including apparel, footwear, bags and accessories. Fashion retailers have not only expanded in metros but have also moved into tier - II and tier - III cities as organised retail spaces started mushrooming up in smaller towns.

Owing to changing market dynamics and growing popularity of online retailing, fashion retailers have become more adept and flexible in their business models. More and more retailers are adopting multi-channel retailing, so as to provide a seamless shopping experience.

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Today, denim is not just a bold fashion statement but a wardrobe staple for many women across India. No wonder, the Indian women's denim market is witnessing tremendous growth in volumes as well as in sales. Images BoF analyses the various trends in vogue in women's denim.

Bv Namita Bhagat

The Key To Chic

TRENDS IN WOMEN'S DENIM

rom a symbol of nonconformist, young women's rebellion in 1960's, denim has traversed a long way and how! Today, denim is not just a bold fashion statement but a wardrobe essential for women across age groups all over the world. And the scenario in India is no different. With time, denim has evolved in every way—styles, fabrics & fits, products, occasions and more. These days, women have plenty of options in denim wear, including jeans, jackets, coats, shirts, skirts, shorts, capris, tunics and even dresses. Besides apparel, denim has also made inroads into women's other fashion accessories and footwear.

What's interesting to note is how the women consumers in India have developed over the last few years. The self-assured women of today won't just pick any denim or jeans; they are fashion-savvy and brand-aware, and also know a thing or two about washes, styles and fits. The rising demand and awareness has made denim brands and manufacturers to work harder to meet their expectations and win over them.

Rahul Gupta, Vice President, Jealous 21, notes, "While buying denim, women prioritise on its fit fashion, and innovation." Echoes Sameer Patel, Chairman, Deal Jeans, "For women, the most important criteria for denim is its fit and they take this factor too seriously in making a selection of the denim product."

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