

Chennai's Leather Fashion Show 2026 Highlights Innovation and Style

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The **Leather Fashion Show 2026**, a marquee event held as part of the **India International Leather Fair (IILF) 2026**, brought a vibrant celebration of leather craftsmanship and contemporary design to Chennai earlier this month. Held at the ITC Grand Chola, the show served as a key platform spotlighting the evolving trends and strengths of India's leather industry on both domestic and global stages.

Organised under the banner of IILF — one of Asia's leading leather and footwear industry expos — the fashion show drew participation from a large number of designers and manufacturers showcasing seasonal innovations, textures, and silhouettes in leather fashion.

Showcase of Style and Craftsmanship

Directed by noted fashion director Bhaskaran Chandra Shekhar and choreographed by Jude Felix, the event featured **14 standout showpieces** modelled by more than **70 participants**, including youthful talents. The runway presentations juxtaposed classic leather silhouettes with forward-thinking designs that reflect global fashion influences adapted for Indian sensibilities.

From finely tailored leather garments and accessories to stylish footwear and bags, the pieces displayed at the show underscored not only aesthetic appeal but also technical quality. Many products aligned with sustainable and eco-friendly manufacturing practices — adhering to European Union norms and Leather Working Group (LWG) environmental protocols — a growing priority within the industry.

Industry and Global Participation

The Leather Fashion Show is a signature event within the broader **India International Leather Fair (IILF) 2026**, which runs through early February in Chennai's Trade Centre and attracts manufacturers, exporters, buyers, and industry experts from across the world. The fair highlights finished leather goods, fashion accessories, footwear, and allied products, making it one of the most comprehensive showcases of leather trade and design in the region.

Organisers note that the fashion show not only presents current trends but also fosters business linkages between Indian producers and international retail and design networks. With visitors coming from diverse markets, the platform offers opportunities for collaboration and expansion in global supply chains.

Looking Ahead for Leather Fashion

As consumer interest continues to evolve toward premium materials and craftsmanship, events like the Leather Fashion Show play a crucial role in setting the tone for seasonal trends and industry direction. By blending innovation with

tradition, the 2026 edition reinforced India's growing influence in leather fashion design and production — both as a manufacturing powerhouse and as a creative hub for contemporary fashion dialogues.

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