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Tribal Fashion and Fashion Design: Anthropological Insights

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ABSTRACT The present short communication is documented on the concept of tribal fashion, fashion design and technology. Tribal fashion is sometimes known as ethnic fashion design. However, from an anthropological context, these terms are not considered synonymous. There are several significant differences between tribal fashion and ethnic fashion. Ethnic fashion encompasses a broad area of design associated with various resident communities or populations, whereas tribal fashion specifically considers the people of definite communities who are socially and culturally different from others. The present article seeks to understand and elucidate the distinctions among the tribal fashion, fashion technology and ethnic fashion. In the contemporary era, modern fashion design has shown increasing interest in creating the garments with a flavour of ethnic composition, and it is evident that many of the ethnic design components are fundamentally derived from traditional tribal fashion practices.