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'Dhoti is not just for politicians and peasants'

Most men think that it's tricky to drape a dhoti and it looks clumsy. The fact is that it is very easy to wear. Men gladly wore dhoti teamed with a practical shirt till the 60s. But sadly, dhoti is either associated with peasants or politicians now. This mental association is completely destroying it. Lightweight and breezy, a dhoti is the most comfortable attire for a man to wear. Remember, people went to battles wearing dhotis? It will be great if we go back to wearing dhoti. It's a very eco friendly garment, and it's very Indian. Every nation wears its own clothing. The Japanese and Chinese can afford to ape the westerners because they are at a higher altitude, but we can't do that. The western pantsuit or denims is not at all conducive to the Indian weather.



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One of the most stylish men in the country, Jawhar Sircar, CEO, Prasar Bharti, teams a his dhoti with a kurta and kantha work shawl

Apart from making a style statement, wearing dhotis will also immensely help weavers who put in such hard labour.