

Traditional costumes of women from Bohra community in Udaipur, Rajasthan

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■ **ABSTRACT :** Clothing is a representation of cultures and beliefs. They portray an identity and conform to a social group. The styles uphold varies from castes to tribes and religions. In Islam, women conceal their bodies and wear a 'hijab' or veil called 'burqa'. They believe that adherence to hijab is a manifestation for chastity and modesty. The burqa comes in various styles and varies from country to country. The one worn by the Bohras is completely different from the ones worn by the other Muslim communities as these are rather colourful than black. Besides covering oneself, they comparatively enjoy greater access to colours and designs.

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