

Rajasthani traditional headgear: Protection to sophistication

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■ **ABSTRACT** : Rajasthan is very popular in all over the world for its cultural diversity, tradition and antique handicraft. Rajasthani costumes show its own uniqueness, out of which headgear, traditional male costume is a great identification mark of belongingness from Rajasthan. This paper deals with the protection and utilization of turban and socio-cultural significance of headgear. The headgear used in Rajasthan to protect the head from extraordinary climatic condition as well as it plays an important role in identify culture, caste, religion and belongingness. It is the symbol of status. It was the most important part of nobleman's costume and their courtier. Most of the Rajasthani community are very much attached to this attire as their social and cultural heritage.

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