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Italian luxury fashion brand Prada recently acknowledged being inspired by 'traditional Indian handcrafted footwear, with a centuries-old heritage', for its sandals featured in the recent Men's Spring/Summer 2026 collection, after being slammed for failing to acknowledge the resemblance to India's GI-tagged Kolhapuri chappals.

About Kolhapuri Chappals

- Kolhapuri Chappals are named after the city of **Kolhapur in Maharashtra**, where they originated.
- They are **handmade leather sandals** with a **Geographical Indication (GI) tag**.
- They are renowned for their **intricate, handcrafted designs**.
- They have been **produced** in the Kolhapur region of India **since the 13th century**.
- Handcrafted with leather, Kolhapuri usually have **open-toed, T-strap designs**.
- The **original Kolhapuri** is **made from 100% leather**. This leather can be **from cow, buffalo, or even goat**.

- These handmade leather footwear are then **tanned using vegetable dyes, giving them a soft feel free of any allergens.**
- The traditional Kolhapuris **do not have many different color options** and can be seen only in **shades of tan and deep brown.** Similarly, they had **three finishes: oil, natural, or polish.**
- Traditional artisans can take up to **six weeks to make a pair** of chappals.
- Their robust construction makes them **suitable for various terrains and weather conditions.**
- The **leather** used in Kolhapuri chappals **molds to the shape of your feet over time, providing a custom fit** that enhances comfort.
- With proper care, they can **serve you for many years,** making them a sustainable and cost-effective choice in the long run.

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