

SKIN PROTECTION & SUNCARE – INDIAN CONSUMER – 2020

To drive up the usage frequency of suncare, dial up education and reduce focus on sun protection imagery and communication.



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Report Content



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- What you need to know
- Mintel's perspective

Market context

- The impact of COVID-19 on skin protection and suncare
- Develop the USP of suncare beyond sun exposure
- Suncare faces attack from other categories carrying the UV claim
 - Graph 1: BPC launches with UV protection as the claim, Nov 2018-Oct 2020

What consumers want and why

- Consumers want: more clarity around the effects of sun exposure
- Consumers want: more than UV protection
- Consumers want: textures that meet their expectations of comfort

Opportunities

- Dial up education to make suncare a daily beauty must-have
- Build the need for skin protection from indoor pollution
- Reposition suncare as a daily beauty must-have by reducing focus on sun protection
- Defend turf against face colour cosmetics that carry SPF claims
- Enhance suncare by capitalising on glow
- UV protection is not enough – go beyond

Competitive landscape

- Take advantage of faltering brightening offers

Mintel predicts

- Slow but steady recovery

THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON SKIN PROTECTION & SUNCARE

- The outlook for the Indian beauty industry
- The outlook for the Indian skin protection and suncare industry
- The impact of COVID-19 on skin protection and suncare – SWOT analysis
- Beauty products have less share of wallet
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- Marketing mix
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- Sunscreen usage is limited under the sunblock umbrella
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- The category faces attack from the robust facial skincare category
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- The category faces attack from face colour cosmetics – proving to be a tough contender
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- Suncare can gain from faltering brightening offers

KEY DRIVERS

- New stay-at-home consumers threaten the underpenetrated category
- Dust: a perennial problem for Indian homes
- Value drivers dominate during COVID-19
 - Graph 7: categories consumers expect to spend more on over the next month, 15 Jun–6 Sep 2020
- Cater to the Indian need for healthy skin

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- The Black Lives Matter movement spurs diversity themes
- India is opening up to the inclusivity conversation
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- Capitalise on the need for pollution protection
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- Address the strong need for better suncare education

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 - Graph 11: barriers for not using or not intending to use suncare and skin protection products, Oct 2020
- Skin brightening remains the essence to skin protection
 - Graph 12: reasons for using suncare and skin protection products in the last six months, Oct 2020
- Consumers don't consider suncare a necessity in skincare routines
 - Graph 13: top 10 claims in suncare launches, Nov 2018–Oct 2020
- In need of relatable education campaigns to give better guidance
- Know suncare and skin protection product users vs non-users

Suncare users

- Increase usage with users of suncare and skin protection products who intend to use it
- Consumers currently do not know the difference between using regular cream with SPF versus sunscreen
 - Graph 14: suncare and skin protection product usage among women aged 25–34, Oct 2020
- Skincare benefits will entice existing active users
- Texture plays a pivotal role in usage
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 - Graph 16: suncare and skin protection products women have used in the last six months and intend on using in the future, by age, Oct 2020
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- The barrier to overcome: smell
- Powder formats serve as an attractive proposition
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- Address their biggest barrier: sticky texture
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MARKET APPLICATIONS

- Opportunities: key focus areas

Educate to drive up usage frequency

- Create engaging educational content to promote the need for everyday suncare
- Make suncare the 'protect' step in the skincare regime
- Case study: Supergoop! makes SPF a daily ritual
- Increase awareness around indoor aggressors
- Learn from South Korea in product repositioning
- Reposition suncare by using different nomenclature
- Case study: Ultra Violette's 'skinscreen' makes suncare a daily must-have
- Look beyond sun protection in communication

Blur with face colour cosmetics

- Develop more hybrid suncare/makeup concepts
- Leverage the familiarity of face colour formats
- Align with the tone-up trend in Asian makeup
- Ride on dewy or 'glow' makeup trends
- Appeal to all with a diverse range of shades
- Take inspiration from face colour cosmetic brands to communicate inclusivity

Offer more than just UV protection

- Include brightening ingredients
- Bolster suncare with additional skincare benefits
- Look to South Korea for multi-functional positioning
- Beauty-enhancing claims are on an upswing in South Korea
 - Graph 22: top five fastest-growing claims in new suncare launches, Mar 2016-Feb 2020
- Offer enhanced multi-protection benefits
- Explore other relatable dust protection innovations
- Use formats popularised by facial skincare as being non-greasy
- Lightweight textures have a clear path to win
- Take advantage of the growing fragrance-free claim
 - Graph 23: suncare launches with a fragrance-free claim, Nov 2017-Oct 2020

Who's innovating

- New textures and formats entering the market
- Loaded with benefits: Uniqaya Tinted Sunscreen

Global innovations

- Move suncare communication towards healthy skin
- Protect those spending more time indoors: blue light protection is a claim to watch

APPENDIX

- Abbreviations
- Consumer survey methodology

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