

"In the beginning, there were two nations.

One was a vast, mighty and magnificent empire, brilliantly organized and culturally unified, which dominated a massive swath of the earth. The other was an undeveloped, semi feudal realm, riven by religious factionalism and barely able to feed its illiterate, diseased and stinking masses.

The first nation was India. The second was England."

Alex von Tunzelmann

My daily interactions are cast with the post-colonial veil that everybody sees India through. I was surprised and quite frankly disappointed with the way my country is viewed and the almost ridiculous questions I get asked about being Indian. One of the most majestic countries in the world that is known to be inhabited around 250,000 years ago is just reduced to the aftermath of our colonial rule.

I wanted to create a collection that showed what we once were, what we went through and how we live today. The colours I've chosen are particularly bright; sometimes almost too loud which I have taken directly from the vibrance and diversity my country offers. I wanted to showcase the colours at its best; which is why I decided to use them at full saturation; this shows richness and depth but also leaves you with a sensation of heaviness.

A mix of fabrics are in play with each look; keeping the same monotone but with different textures and weights. There are some that are pleated, some that are embroidered, the canvas and denims juxtapose the lightest linens and hemps while cotton plays a significant role in the collection. This is an ode to our textile prowess and also shows the waste that India bears as the post-colonial garment manufacturer for the world.

The silhouettes are dynamic with a pattern making emphasis on creating 3D wearable volumes. Layering is another aspect of the collection that adds to the weight that the concept has on me. The characteristic British trench and the traditional Indian sari were inspirations for silhouette and draping references while the more geometric shapes were taken straight out of the Indian architectural landscape or what remains of it.

"India shaped my mind, anchored my identity, influenced my beliefs, and made me who I am. ... India matters to me.















































































































































