

LONG WALKER SHOES



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(High-Comfort Walking Footwear Manufacturing & Retail Venture)

1. Introduction

Long Walker Shoes is proposed as a comfort-focused footwear manufacturing MSME to be established in Uttarakhand. The enterprise will design, manufacture, brand, and market high-comfort walking shoes tailored for long walking hours, daily commuting, hilly terrains, tourism movement, and professional use.

The project responds to three major structural gaps:

1. Affordable ergonomic footwear is limited in the Indian mid-market segment.
2. Uttarakhand does not have a strong indigenous footwear manufacturing brand.
3. The state's terrain and tourism economy demand specialized walking footwear.

By establishing a semi-automatic manufacturing unit integrated with retail and online sales channels, the project aims to generate direct employment for 15–25 individuals initially, while building a scalable regional footwear brand over time.

2. Industry Growth Drivers

Table: Industry Growth Drivers

Driver	Industry Impact	Uttarakhand Relevance
Health Awareness	Demand for ergonomic footwear	Walking culture in cities
Tourism	High seasonal sales	Pilgrimage & trekking
Urbanization	Daily-use footwear demand	Growing cities
E-commerce	Direct market access	Remote hill areas
Income Growth	Branded affordability demand	Expanding middle class



The above table highlights the structural demand drivers shaping the footwear market.

Health awareness has led consumers to prioritize comfort and orthopedic support over purely aesthetic footwear. This directly increases demand for cushioned walking shoes. In urban centers like Dehradun, morning walk culture and gym adoption have grown significantly.

Tourism plays a critical role in Uttarakhand. With continuous footfall in destinations like Rishikesh and Mussoorie, demand for anti-slip, shock-absorbing footwear spikes seasonally.

Urbanization increases daily commuting distances, leading to predictable annual footwear replacement cycles. E-commerce enables direct delivery even to hill districts where retail penetration is limited. Rising middle-income households further fuel demand for affordable yet branded footwear a key positioning area for LONG WALKER Shoes.

3. Product Categories

Table: Product Categories

Product	Features	Target Segment
Daily Walkers	EVA sole, breathable mesh	Students
Trek Walkers	Anti-slip rubber, shock absorption	Tourists
Formal Comfort	Soft padded insole	Professionals
Senior Comfort	Orthopedic cushioning	Elderly
All-Weather	Water-resistant upper	Hill residents

This product table demonstrates market segmentation and product differentiation strategy.

Daily Walkers are lightweight and cost-efficient models targeting students and office commuters. Trek Walkers are engineered specifically for rough terrains common in Uttarakhand's hilly districts.

Formal Comfort shoes combine professional aesthetics with ergonomic padding — serving government employees and private-sector professionals in cities like Haridwar and Haldwani.

Senior Comfort models focus on orthopedic cushioning, targeting the growing elderly population. All-Weather shoes are particularly relevant due to Uttarakhand's monsoon and winter climate, where moisture-resistant footwear becomes essential for safety.



4. Manufacturing Process

Operational Flowchart



Each stage in the operational flow adds value and determines final product quality.

Raw material procurement ensures availability of EVA sheets, rubber soles, and breathable fabrics. Design and pattern development ensure ergonomic alignment and size grading accuracy.

Upper cutting and stitching determine the shoe's structural durability. Sole cutting and shaping impact cushioning and grip. The lasting stage forms the final shoe structure around molds to ensure proper foot alignment.

Heat press bonding secures upper and sole attachment — critical for durability in hilly terrain conditions. Final finishing and quality testing eliminate defects. Branding and packaging prepare the product for market dispatch.

This sequential workflow ensures efficiency, minimal wastage, and standardized quality output.



5. Process–Output–Quality Linkage

Table: Process–Output–Quality Linkage

Stage	Output	Quality Control
Cutting	Size-accurate components	Measurement check
Stitching	Upper structure	Stitch tension test
Sole shaping	Cushion base	Flex test
Bonding	Assembled shoe	Adhesion strength
Finishing	Market-ready product	Visual & stress test

This table illustrates how each production stage contributes to final product integrity.

Cutting precision ensures standardized sizing. Stitching strength determines long-term durability. Sole flexibility tests confirm comfort and shock absorption.

Adhesion strength testing ensures that soles do not detach under stress, particularly important for trekking footwear. Final inspection removes cosmetic and structural defects, protecting brand credibility.

Table: Infrastructure Requirements

Component	Requirement
Production Hall	2,000 sq. ft.
Raw Material Storage	500 sq. ft.
Finished Goods Storage	500 sq. ft.
Office & Admin	300 sq. ft.
Utilities & Testing	200 sq. ft.



The infrastructure plan ensures workflow efficiency and safety compliance.

The production hall houses cutting, stitching, and assembly units. Separate raw material storage prevents contamination and mismanagement. Finished goods storage ensures inventory readiness.

Administrative space supports order processing and vendor coordination. Utility and testing areas house quality inspection equipment. Industrial areas in Rudrapur or Haridwar offer logistical advantages.

6. Machinery Requirement

Table: Machinery Requirement

Machine	Function
Sole Cutting Machine	Shapes sole
Stitching Machines	Upper assembly
Lasting Machine	Shoe shaping
Heat Press	Bonding
Finishing Equipment	Polishing
Testing Tools	Durability testing

Machinery selection balances cost efficiency and quality output.

Sole cutting machines ensure uniform thickness. Stitching machines determine durability. Lasting machines define ergonomic shape. Heat presses secure long-term adhesion.

Testing tools ensure durability compliance before dispatch. Semi-automatic systems minimize capital investment while maintaining productivity.



7. Manpower Plan

Table: Manpower Plan

Role	Number
Supervisor	1
Cutting Operators	2
Stitching Operators	6–8
Assembly Workers	4–5
Quality Inspector	1
Sales/Admin	2

The manpower structure reflects operational needs and employment generation objectives.

Stitching operators form the largest workforce component due to labor-intensive upper assembly. Quality inspectors maintain product standards. Sales and admin staff ensure order management and distribution coordination.

This workforce plan supports scalable growth while generating local employment.

8. Project Cost Structure

Table: Project Cost

Cost Head	Amount (INR Lakhs)
Land & Shed	8–10
Machinery	15–18
Utilities	3–4
Marketing	2–3
Working Capital	8–10



Cost Head	Amount (INR Lakhs)
Total	36–45

Machinery constitutes the largest investment as it determines production capacity. Working capital ensures smooth operations during initial months.

Marketing allocation supports brand establishment. The total project cost remains within MSME financing capacity, making it bankable and feasible.

9. Means of Finance

Table: Financing Pattern

Source	Percentage
Promoter	25–30%
Bank Loan	60–65%
Subsidy	10–15%

Promoter contribution indicates commitment and improves lender confidence. Bank loans finance fixed assets and working capital. Government subsidies reduce effective capital burden and improve profitability margins.

10. Revenue Model

Table: Revenue Streams

Channel	Margin
Retail Outlet	High
Online Sales	High
Distributor Network	Medium



Channel	Margin
Institutional Sales	Stable
Trekking Tie-ups	Seasonal High

Retail and online sales generate higher margins due to direct pricing control. Distributor networks ensure geographic expansion. Institutional contracts create predictable revenue streams.

Seasonal trekking tie-ups generate peak sales during tourism seasons.

11. Financial Projections (5-Year Detailed Analysis)

The financial viability of LONG WALKER Shoes has been assessed using conservative production capacity assumptions, gradual market penetration, and realistic cost escalation. The projections assume:

- Installed production capacity: 60 pairs/day
- Annual operational days: 300
- Initial capacity utilization: 60% (Year 1)
- Full stabilization by Year 3
- Average selling price: ₹1,500 per pair
- Average production cost per pair: ₹1,050
- Gross contribution per pair: ₹450

The projections consider raw material inflation at 5% annually and revenue growth based on increasing market penetration across Uttarakhand and nearby North Indian markets.

12. Projected Production & Revenue (5 Years)

Table: Production & Revenue Forecast

Year	Capacity Utilization	Pairs Sold	Revenue (₹ Lakhs)
Year 1	60%	10,800	162
Year 2	70%	12,600	189



Year	Capacity Utilization	Pairs Sold	Revenue (₹ Lakhs)
Year 3	80%	14,400	216
Year 4	90%	16,200	243
Year 5	100%	18,000	270

In Year 1, operations begin conservatively at 60% utilization to allow stabilization of supply chains, workforce training, and brand positioning in cities like Dehradun and Haridwar.

By Year 3, brand awareness and distributor networks expand to markets such as Haldwani and Rudrapur, increasing utilization to 80%. By Year 5, the unit reaches full capacity with strong institutional and trekking agency tie-ups.

12.1 5-Year Cash Flow Statement

Table: Projected Cash Flow (₹ Lakhs)

Year	Revenue	Operating Cost	EBITDA	Loan EMI	Net Cash Flow
Y1	162	125	37	10	27
Y2	189	145	44	10	34
Y3	216	162	54	10	44
Y4	243	178	65	10	55
Y5	270	195	75	10	65

The cash flow shows steady growth due to:

- Increasing capacity utilization
- Improved brand recognition
- Stable raw material sourcing

Operating costs include raw materials, wages, utilities, marketing, and administrative expenses. Loan EMI is assumed based on a ₹25–28 lakh term loan over 5–7 years.



The positive and increasing net cash flow demonstrates strong repayment capability and operational sustainability.

12.2 Break-Even Analysis (BEP)

Break-even analysis determines the production level at which total revenue equals total cost.

Assumptions:

- Fixed Costs (Annual): ₹45 Lakhs
- Contribution per Pair: ₹450

Break-Even Formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Break-Even Quantity} &= \text{Fixed Cost} / \text{Contribution per unit} \\ &= 45,00,000 / 450 \\ &= 10,000 \text{ pairs annually} \end{aligned}$$

Table: Break-Even Analysis

Parameter	Value
Fixed Cost	₹45 Lakhs
Contribution per pair	₹450
Break-Even Volume	10,000 pairs
Break-Even Revenue	₹150 Lakhs

The business needs to sell approximately 10,000 pairs annually to cover all fixed and variable costs. Given that Year 1 projected sales are 10,800 pairs, the project reaches break-even within the first operational year, indicating strong feasibility.

This early break-even significantly reduces financial risk.

12.3 Return on Investment (ROI)

ROI measures profitability relative to total project investment.

Formula:

$$\text{ROI} = (\text{Average Annual Net Profit} / \text{Total Investment}) \times 100$$



Assuming average net annual profit (Years 2–5 average): ₹49 Lakhs

Total Investment: ₹40 Lakhs (approx.)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ROI} &= (49 / 40) \times 100 \\ &= 122.5\% \end{aligned}$$

An ROI of above 100% over five years indicates that the project recovers its capital investment and generates substantial surplus returns. This makes the venture highly attractive for promoters and investors.

12.4 Internal Rate of Return (IRR)

IRR represents the discount rate at which Net Present Value (NPV) becomes zero.

Based on projected cash flows:

Estimated IRR: 32% – 36%

Explanation of IRR

An IRR above 25% is considered strong for MSME manufacturing ventures. A projected IRR above 30% indicates:

- Strong capital efficiency
- Attractive investment proposition
- Financial resilience

Banks and financial institutions view IRR above 20% as financially robust.

12.5 Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR)

DSCR measures ability to repay loan obligations.

Formula:

$\text{DSCR} = \text{Net Operating Income} / \text{Debt Obligations}$

Average DSCR over 5 years ≈ 2.8

Explanation

A DSCR above 1.5 is considered safe. A DSCR of 2.8 indicates strong repayment capacity and low default risk, enhancing bankability.



13. Financial Sustainability Assessment

The financial indicators collectively demonstrate:

- Early break-even achievement
- Strong positive cash flow from Year 1
- High ROI and IRR
- Strong DSCR ratio

This confirms that LONG WALKER Shoes is not only operationally feasible but also financially sustainable.

14. Long-Term Financial Outlook

By Year 5:

- Revenue crosses ₹2.7 Crores
- Net margins stabilize around 20–22%
- Brand value increases
- Possibility of scaling to ₹5+ Crore turnover with automation

Future expansion into women-specific lines, trekking premium variants, and export-grade shoes can further improve margins and IRR.

15. Implementation Schedule (6–8 Months)

Activity	Month 1–2	Month 3–4	Month 5–6	Month 7–8
Registration & approvals	✓			
Machinery purchase		✓		
Installation & training			✓	
Trial production			✓	
Commercial launch				✓

Financial Conclusion

The 5-year financial analysis confirms that LONG WALKER Shoes is:



- Technically feasible
- Financially viable
- Bankable under MSME norms
- Capable of early break-even
- High-return investment opportunity

The combination of strong cash flows, attractive IRR, stable DSCR, and manageable project cost makes the venture suitable for bank finance, subsidy schemes, and institutional support in Uttarakhand.

16. Sustainability and Long-Term Vision

Environmental sustainability includes recyclable packaging and energy-efficient machinery. Social sustainability focuses on employment and skill training. Economic sustainability is ensured through diversified revenue streams and gradual automation.

Short-term strategy focuses on stabilization and brand recognition. Long-term strategy includes retail expansion, women-specific product lines, automation upgrades, and national market entry.

17. Conclusion

With all structural, operational, financial, sustainability, and market dimensions comprehensively elaborated, LONG WALKER Shoes emerges as a well-conceived and strategically structured MSME footwear manufacturing venture tailored specifically for Uttarakhand's economic and geographic landscape.

From a structural perspective, the project is built upon a clearly defined infrastructure layout, appropriate machinery selection, and systematic production planning. The proposed manufacturing setup is neither overcapitalized nor under-equipped; it balances efficiency with cost prudence. The plant layout ensures smooth workflow from raw material storage to cutting, stitching, lasting, finishing, and packaging. Such structured planning reduces operational bottlenecks, minimizes wastage, and enhances productivity. This confirms that the enterprise is technically implementable using locally available resources and skilled manpower without dependence on complex or high-risk technology.

Operationally, the project demonstrates clarity in process management, manpower deployment, and quality assurance mechanisms. Each stage of the footwear manufacturing cycle has been mapped with defined roles and output targets. Workforce requirements are realistic and aligned with MSME norms, enabling employment generation while maintaining cost efficiency. The integration of standard quality checks ensures durability, comfort, and safety—critical attributes for footwear suited to Uttarakhand's hilly terrain. This structured operational framework enhances reliability and ensures consistent product standards in the long run.

Financially, the venture reflects strong viability supported by projected revenue streams, manageable cost structures, and sustainable profit margins. The capital investment is moderate



and falls within accessible MSME funding frameworks. The cost structure balances fixed and variable components effectively, enabling early break-even achievement and healthy contribution margins. Long-term financial projections—including cash flow sustainability, Return on Investment (ROI), Internal Rate of Return (IRR), and Break-Even Analysis—demonstrate that the business is capable of generating consistent profits while meeting repayment obligations. Such financial robustness makes the project attractive to banks and institutional lenders.

From a market standpoint, the venture is regionally aligned with consumer needs in Uttarakhand. The state's hilly topography and walking-intensive lifestyle create sustained demand for durable, anti-slip, and comfort-oriented footwear. Urban centers and educational hubs generate regular consumer demand, while tourism-driven towns create seasonal spikes in sales. By identifying and segmenting markets—students, professionals, elderly consumers, tourists, and institutional buyers—the project ensures diversified and stable revenue channels. This segmentation reduces dependency risk and enhances long-term market sustainability.

Sustainability principles further strengthen the project's long-term relevance. The adoption of environmentally conscious practices such as efficient material utilization, recyclable packaging, and energy-conscious machinery supports ecological responsibility. Social sustainability is addressed through local employment generation, skill development opportunities, and potential inclusion of women workers in stitching and finishing operations. Economically, the business is designed to scale progressively without excessive financial strain, ensuring resilience against market fluctuations.

Importantly, the project incorporates scalability pathways. It is structured to begin at a manageable production capacity while leaving scope for automation upgrades, product diversification, expansion into neighboring markets, and development of premium or specialized product lines. This growth-oriented design transforms the venture from a small manufacturing unit into a potential regional brand over time.

In totality, LONG WALKER Shoes is not merely a footwear production initiative; it represents a carefully integrated business model that combines technical feasibility, operational discipline, financial prudence, environmental awareness, and regional market responsiveness. The systematic integration of manufacturing planning, demand segmentation, cost structuring, sustainability considerations, and expansion strategies positions the enterprise as a comprehensive, risk-mitigated, and bankable MSME venture capable of contributing meaningfully to Uttarakhand's industrial and employment landscape.



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