



Srinagar Added in World Craft City List

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Srinagar has recently been added to the **World Craft Cities** list by the **World Crafts Council (WCC)**, recognizing its rich craft traditions making it the fourth such city from India.

- **Jaipur, Malappuram, and Mysore** are other three Indian cities on the list included in a total of **60 cities worldwide**.
- **About Srinagar's Craft:**
 - Srinagar, with a history of about 1,500 years, was a key **Silk Route** hub for arts, crafts, and trade.
 - Notable crafts include **Paper-Machie, walnut wood carving, carpets, Sozni embroidery, and Pashmina** and **Kani shawls**.
 - The city is known globally for the '**Cashmere**' brand and **paisley motif**.
 - Crafts such as **Zanjan** and **Filigree** were introduced by **Iranian** artisans five centuries ago.
 - Srinagar's **carpet tradition** began in the late **14th century** with **Sufi Saint Sayyid Ali Hamdani**.
 - In **2021**, it was recognized as a [UNESCO Creative City](#) for crafts and folk arts.
- **World Craft City Programme (WCC):**
 - It was introduced in **2014** by the **World Crafts Council AISBL (WCC-International)** to honour the crucial contributions of local authorities, craftspeople, and communities to global craft development.
 - The WCC-International was founded in 1964 and [Smt Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay](#), being one of the founding members, attended the 1st WCC General Assembly.
 - Smt Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay founded the Craft Council of India in 1964 to protect and enhance India's craft heritage.
- 7 crafts from Kashmir - **Kani Shawl, Pashmina, Sozni, Paper-Machie, Walnut Wood Carving, Khatamband,** and **Hand Knotted Carpets**, have received [Geographical Indication \(GI\)](#) certification.

Read More: [Srinagar: UNESCO Creative Cities Network](#)

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