

## Srinagar Recognised as 'World Craft City'

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Recently, Srinagar has become the fourth Indian city to be recognised as a 'World Crafts City' by the World Craft Council (WCC).

- Jaipur, Malappuram and Mysore are the other three Indian cities that have earlier been recognised as World Craft Cities.
- In 2021, Srinagar city was designated a **creative city** as part of the <u>UNESCO Creative City</u> <u>Network (UCCN)</u> for crafts and folk arts.
- Papier-maché, walnut wood carving, carpets, Sozni embroidery and Pashmina and Kani shawls are some of the crafts from Srinagar.
- WCC-World Craft City Programme:
- It was launched in 2014 by the World Crafts Council AISBL (WCC-International) to recognise the pivotal role local authorities, craftspeople, and communities play in crafts development across the world.
- The WCC-International was founded in 1964 and <u>Smt Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay</u>, being one of the founding members, attended the 1<sup>st</sup> WCC General Assembly.
  - Smt Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay founded the Craft Council of India in 1964 to protect and enhance India's craft heritage.

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