



# Srinagar: UNESCO Creative Cities Network

## Why in News

Recently, the [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization \(UNESCO\)](#) designated **Srinagar as a part of UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)**.

- After Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, Varanasi and Jaipur, **Srinagar is the sixth Indian city** to achieve this distinction.

## Key Points

### ▪ About:

- The **Srinagar city has been designated the creative city in the field of Crafts and Folk Arts** - only second city in India in this category **after Jaipur**.
- It will not only give global recognition to the Srinagar city but also help it **in international funding, tie-ups with craft universities** and pitching craft as a product.
- With this, the capital city of Jammu and Kashmir (Srinagar) **has entered the club of 295 creative cities network** across the world.
- Every year, UNESCO seeks applications for various cities across the globe for putting them under its UCCN project. The **applications in India are routed through the Ministry of Culture**.

### ▪ UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN):

- It was **created in 2004**.
- It **aims** to “promote cooperation among cities which recognize creativity as a strategic factor in their urban development”.
- **Sustainable Development Goal 11** aims for Sustainable Cities and Communities.
- The **network covers seven creative fields**: crafts and folk arts, media arts, film, design, gastronomy, literature and music.

### ▪ Indian Cities on UCCN:

- Srinagar - Crafts and Folk Arts (2021)
- Mumbai - Film (2019).
- Hyderabad - Gastronomy (2019).
- Chennai- Creative city of Music (2017).
- Jaipur- Crafts and Folk Arts (2015).
- Varanasi- Creative city of Music (2015).

## UNESCO

### ▪ About:

- It is a **specialized agency of the United Nations (UN)**. It seeks to build peace through international cooperation in Education, the Sciences and Culture.
- It was **founded in 1945 and is located in Paris, France**.

▪ **Major Initiatives of UNESCO:**

- [Man and Biosphere Programme](#)
- [World Heritage Programme](#)
- [Global Geopark Network](#)
- [Network of Creative Cities](#)
- [Atlas of World Languages in Danger](#)

▪ **Reports:**

- UNESCO Science Report
- Global Education Monitoring Report
- [State of the Education Report for India](#)

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