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At least 10 different forms of craftsmanship survive in the Valley, including Pashmina and Kani shawls. (File Photo)

Srinagar has become the fourth Indian city to be recognised as a 'World Craft City' by the World Craft Council (WCC), three years after it was designated as part of the UNESCO Creative City Network (UCCN) for crafts and folk arts.

“Heartiest congratulations to Srinagar for being recognised as a World Craft City by the World Crafts council,” J&K’s L-G [Manoj Sinha](#) posted on X. “This prestigious honour celebrates the rich heritage, craftsmanship and vibrant culture of our beloved Srinagar.”

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“We have been an international craft destination for a long time..., but our craft industry has been on the back burner for the last three decades,” Director of Handicrafts and Handlooms Mahmood Ahmad Shah told [The Indian Express](#). “After this, we can again promote Srinagar as a craft destination,” he said.

In April this year, a three-member independent panel of craft specialists of the World Craft Council visited Srinagar.

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As of now, at least 10 different forms of craftsmanship survive in Srinagar and its suburbs, including papier-mâché, walnut wood carving, carpets, Sozni embroidery and Pashmina and Kani shawls.

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