

## UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)

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### Why in News?

*Lucknow has been officially nominated for inclusion in the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) as a City of Gastronomy, a title currently held by only one other Indian city, Hyderabad.*

### UNESCO Creative Cities Network

- **Created in** - 2004.
- **Aim** - To promote cooperation among cities that have identified **creativity as a strategic factor** for sustainable urban development.
- To promote UNESCO's goals of cultural diversity and strengthen resilience to threats such as climate change, rising inequality, and rapid urbanisation.
- **Focus on Creativity** - The network emphasizes the role of creativity and cultural industries in urban development, promoting collaboration and knowledge sharing among member cities.
- **Creative Fields** - Architecture, Crafts and Folk Art, Design, Film, Gastronomy, Literature, and Music.
- **Sustainable Development** - UCCN aims to support the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, particularly through local implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- Currently, there are **almost 300 cities** from around 90 countries in the network.
- **Indian Cities in the UCCN** - Kozhikode (Literature) and Gwalior (Music) feature in this list.
- Earlier, Jaipur (Crafts and Folk Arts), Varanasi (Music), Chennai (Music), Mumbai (Film), Hyderabad (Gastronomy), and Srinagar (Crafts and Folk Arts) have also held the spot.

### Reference

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