

Is firstpost.com legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

firstpost.com

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

firstpost.com appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-04 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Content-rich Firstpost news homepage featuring current-affairs headlines, analysis, opinion, videos, games, newsletter promotion, advertising, and links to legal policies and affiliated Network18 publications.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	24 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by DigiCert Global G3 TLS ECC SHA384 2020 CA1	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.
- The operator behind the site could not be independently connected to a real-world brand or person.

Full analysis

Overview

The website is an established, advertising-supported news and media portal that provides breaking news, analysis, opinion, video, and specialist coverage across Indian and international affairs, business, technology, sports, and lifestyle, while supporting audience retention through newsletters and sign-in functionality.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No identity contradictions, brand impersonation, phishing indicators, or confirmed malicious reputation signals were observed. The Firstpost branding, extensive editorial material, and stated Network18 affiliation are mutually consistent, while the long-established domain and substantial global traffic footprint reinforce the site's provenance. Interactive testing identified no hidden or externally submitted forms, suspicious scripts, cloaking, clipboard interference, or wallet-related behavior.

- The homepage presents a content-rich Firstpost news service with identifiable editorial sections, bylines, current-affairs reporting, videos, and affiliated Network18 publications.
- The domain was registered on 18 July 2002 and is approximately 24.06 years old; the registration identifies Network18 as the owner and PDR Ltd. d/b/a PublicDomainRegistry.com as registrar.
- External reputation checks recorded 0 malicious and 0 suspicious detections, no malicious safe-browsing finding, and no reported abuse associated with the observed hosting address.
- The domain holds a global traffic rank of 7,450, placing it within the top 10,000 sites in the supplied traffic dataset.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site operates as a general news publisher rather than a financial intermediary or regulated investment service, so the absence of a financial-services licence claim is consistent with its apparent business model. The homepage provides links to legal policies and identifies an affiliation with the broader Network18 media network. Its organization-validated transport certificate is issued specifically to Network18 Media & Investments Limited, supplying concrete technical corroboration of the presented institutional identity.

- The homepage describes news, analysis, opinion, video, newsletter, and advertising functions; it makes no offer of brokerage, custody, investment, or payment services.
- Legal-policy links and references to Network18 publications are visible from the homepage navigation and footer content.
- The site's TLS certificate is issued by DigiCert Global G3 TLS ECC SHA384 2020 CA1 with organization validation to Network18 Media & Investments Limited, valid until 7 February 2027.
- The homepage exposes no sensitive form, untrusted form destination, or on-page login form in the captured content.

What to Verify Next

Routine institutional due diligence may confirm that the accessed domain is spelled correctly, consult the linked privacy and terms materials for the intended account or newsletter use, and validate unusually consequential editorial claims against primary sources. Any commercial request purportedly made on behalf of the publisher should be confirmed through independently established corporate channels.

- The homepage includes sign-in and newsletter prompts, making the applicable privacy and account terms relevant to prospective registrants.
- The site publishes fast-moving reporting and opinion across politics, international affairs, business, health, and technology, where primary-source corroboration may be appropriate for consequential decisions.
- Advertising is present on the homepage, so third-party promotional material should be distinguished from Firstpost’s own editorial content.

Summary Verdict

Firstpost is a legitimate, established, and trustworthy news website. Its coherent institutional identity, mature operating history, strong audience presence, clean external reputation, substantive editorial footprint, and benign observed behavior support normal interaction, including account login and standard use.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is delivered through Akamai’s established CDN/WAF environment. All observed addresses were Akamai edge infrastructure, a normal protective arrangement that reduces direct exposure of the origin server; this mitigates infrastructure risk but is not treated as independent proof of legitimacy.

- The hosting infrastructure served the site from AS16625 (AKAMAI-AS — Akamai Technologies, Inc., US) through the observed Netherlands-based edge address.
- The infrastructure assessment identified one CDN edge address, Akamai protection, and no separate origin candidate.

Closing Assessment

Prospective users may interact with the site normally while applying standard account-security practices and ordinary source-validation procedures appropriate to a news publisher.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-04 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	25%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of firstpost.com.

- The request stayed on firstpost.com. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under PDR Ltd. d/b/a PublicDomainRegistry.com. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by akam.net, across 6 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-07-18. NOTED
- It is hosted on AKAMAI-AS, from a server in NL. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	PDR Ltd. d/b/a PublicDomainRegistry.com
Hosting	AKAMAI-AS - Akamai Technologies, Inc., US
Country	NL
Server IP	2.23.246.88
Name servers	A1-142.AKAM.NET, A11-67.AKAM.NET, A14-64.AKAM.NET, A28-65.AKAM.NET, A5-66.AKAM.NET, A8-67.AKAM.NET
SSL issuer	DigiCert Global G3 TLS ECC SHA384 2020 CA1
SSL expiry	2027-02-07
Domain age	24.1 years
Domain expiry	2027-07-18
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about firstpost.com at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.