

Is news18.com legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

news18.com

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

news18.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 2026-08-11 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Established Indian news portal homepage/section with large editorial content, advertising and shopping/affiliate deals; no signs of credential harvesting or financial investment solicitations.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- 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	27 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR1	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

News18 is an established Indian news and media portal presenting breaking news, India and international coverage, business, sports, entertainment, technology, lifestyle, regional-language content, live television, video, games, and shopping or affiliate deals. Its apparent business model is advertising-supported editorial publishing supplemented by sponsored content, brand partnerships, and commerce referrals.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage presents a coherent editorial news service rather than a financial-investment or credential-harvesting operation; testing identified no login form, sensitive form, hidden form, wallet connection, clipboard activity, or suspicious external submission. External reputation checks returned no malicious or suspicious detections, no phishing indication, and no confirmed blacklist signal. The site's substantial editorial structure, multilingual coverage, and broad topical navigation are consistent with its stated media purpose, although the real-world operator identity remains independently unverified and the on-site presentation should not be treated as proof of ownership.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies the service as “News18: Breaking News, Latest News, News Headlines Today, India & World News” and provides extensive editorial categories, live television, videos, and regional editions.
- Behavioral testing recorded 0 external XHR requests, 0 non-whitelisted external posts, 0 hidden forms, 0 password-external forms, 0 wallet-connect runs, and 0 clipboard-write events.
- External reputation checks recorded 0 malicious detections, 0 suspicious detections, and no confirmed blacklist or phishing result.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The available pages frame the website as a media publisher, not as a provider of regulated financial products. The homepage footer links to About Us, Disclaimer, Contact Us, Complaint Redressal, Privacy Policy, Cookie Policy, and related corporate or network pages, which provides a meaningful public-facing disclosure structure. No financial-services license claim or registration number is presented in the supplied content; this is a transparency item to clarify only if a prospective interaction involves a regulated service, payment, or commercial offer. The domain and infrastructure signals are consistent with an established online publication, while independent verification of the operating legal entity remains incomplete.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage footer links to “About Us,” “Disclaimer,” “Contact Us,” “Complaint Redressal,” “Privacy Policy,” and “Cookie Policy.”
- The domain was registered in 1999 and is approximately 27.36 years old.
- Serving infrastructure is identified as AS20940, operated by AKAMAI-ASN1 - Akamai International B.V., NL.
- The site's TLS certificate is issued by YR1, uses Domain Validation (DV), and is valid through 2026-10-08.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions associated with an advertised offer, independently confirm the relevant merchant or legal entity through an official corporate or regulatory registry, review the applicable terms, privacy, refund, and payment-protection provisions, and confirm official contact channels through an independent route. For ordinary news consumption, the principal verification task is limited to ensuring that any linked commercial destination is the intended merchant and that its terms match the transaction being considered.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage includes advertising, sponsored-content, affiliate-commerce, and brand-partnership pathways that may lead to separate commercial terms.
- The homepage provides links to “Disclaimer,” “Privacy Policy,” “Cookie Policy,” “Contact Us,” and “Complaint Redressal,” which are the appropriate pages for checking engagement and escalation terms.
- The homepage offers “Check Credit Score,” “Savings And Investments,” “IPO,” “Banking Finance,” and related informational sections; any associated financial service should be assessed under the identity and licensing of the actual provider.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate, low-risk news website. The high-trust posture is supported by strong site maturity, coherent editorial behavior, clean external reputation, and the absence of observed scam or impersonation indicators, while the operator's real-world identity remains unverified.

Infrastructure Integrity

The website is protected by an Akamai CDN/WAF layer, and all observed addresses were CDN edge servers rather than an identified origin server. This separation reduces direct origin exposure and is a mitigating infrastructure characteristic, but it is not by itself proof of legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Routine browsing and ordinary content use are proportionate to the assessed posture; credentials or payments should be preceded by ordinary independent checks of the relevant merchant identity, transaction terms, and payment protections.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-11 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 news18.com.

- The request stayed on news18.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 2031-04-07. CLEAR
- It is hosted on AKAMAI-ASN1, from a server in NL. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	PDR Ltd. d/b/a PublicDomainRegistry.com
Hosting	AKAMAI-ASN1 - Akamai International B.V., NL
Country	NL
Server IP	2001:2030:22::210:ab29
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	YR1
SSL expiry	2026-10-08
Domain age	27.36 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2031-04-07
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 news18.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.

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