Telugupost

Section 1: Eligibility to be a verified signatory

This section aims to assess if an Applicant meets the eligibility criteria for becoming a verified signatory to the MCA Code of Principles.

1.1 The Applicant is legally registered in India

It should include the type of organization (company, LLP, partnership, trust, society, or sole proprietorship) and the registration number.
If your organization is a distinct unit or team within a larger organization, provide registration details of the parent company.

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TeluguPost is a digital-only media outlet published by Truth Serum Media Private Limited, a legally registered company in India. Information about the organization's legal status is clearly stated on the "About Us" page of the TeluguPost website. Truth Serum Media Private Limited was incorporated on September 30, 2021, with the Registrar of Companies Hyderabad, under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs in India. The Corporate Identification Number is U22210TG2021PTC155468.

The fact checking unit of Telugupost is independent and separate from the news section. For more details, including the certificate of legal status, visit the "About Us" page at

https://www.telugupost.com/about-us

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

1.2 The Applicant's fact-checking activities have a substantial and demonstrable focus on India

Please share a list of articles, fact-checks, any study or research, or a project that demonstrates the applicant's focus on India.
Kindly note:
The assessor will also assess compliance through a review of random fact checks published over the previous year.

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TeluguPost plays a vital role in addressing misinformation across key areas of public concern, such as politics, climate change, cybersecurity, and health, with a specific focus on issues relevant to India.

Here are some links:
https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/stray-wild-bucks-in-visakhapatnam-streets-1573448

https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/viral-video-showing-a-man-making-a-coconut-fly-is-an-awareness-programme-but-not-a-magic-trick-1572367

https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/minister-seethakkas-comments-on-cm-revanth-reddy-were-taken-out-of-context-to-sound-as-if-she-was-humiliating-him-1571213

https://www.telugupost.com/explainers/new-scam-alert-wedding-invitation-on-whatsapp-one-click-away-to-scam-1558330

https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/stray-wild-bucks-in-visakhapatnam-streets-1573448

https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/brs-mlc-kavitha-did-not-accuse-her-brother-ktr-of-being-the-villain-in-her-life-1572565

https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/video-claiming-elephants-leaving-habitat-at-hcu-is-from-sri-lanka-1573782

https://www.telugupost.com/editors-choice/explainer-what-is-air-pollution-in-delhi-how-is-it-measured-1558824

https://www.telugupost.com/Explainers/cyber-fraud-impersonate-president-murmu-on-social-media-target-ranchi-resident-1561724

https://www.telugupost.com/explainers/cybercriminals-exploit-ramadans-generosity-with-ai-driven-scams-fake-donations-and-crypto-frauds-1571587

https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/as-india-weighs-its-options-to-attack-pakistan-old-video-of-italian-pm-giorgia-meloni-being-shared-with-misleading-claim-1576072

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

1.3 The Applicant's fact-checking has been published either in English/Hindi and/or in one of the 22 languages listed in Schedule VIII of the Constitution of India, in the course of the twelve months prior to the date of application

The applicant must have published an average of at least six fact-checks a month over the course of the 12 months prior to the date of application, and at least 75 fact-checks in the twelve months prior to the date of application.
If the applicant is working primarily in an under-represented language, in which no existing founding member of the MCA has been conducting regular fact checks, then the applicant must have published an average of at least 3 fact-checks per month over the course of the twelve months prior to the date of application or at least 75 fact-checks in the 24 months prior to the date of application.

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We listed the languages in which we publish our fact checks on this link below:
https://www.telugupost.com/fact-check-methodology

Link to Fact checks of all languages:

https://www.telugupost.com/all-fact-check

Link to English Fact checks:

https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck

Link to Telugu Fact checks:

https://www.telugupost.com/factcheck

Link to Kannada Fact checks:

https://www.telugupost.com/kannada-factcheck

Link to Urdu Fact checks:

https://www.telugupost.com/urdu-factcheck

Link to Odia Fact Checks:

https://www.telugupost.com/Odia-FactCheck

Link to Tamil Fact Checks:

https://www.telugupost.com/Tamil-FactCheck

Link to Malayalam Fact checks:

https://www.telugupost.com/Malayalam-FactCheck

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

1.4 At least 75% of the Applicant's fact checks must relate to issues that could have an impact on the welfare or well-being of individuals, the general public, or society, or have a public interest element

The assessor will assess compliance through a random review of the fact checks published over the previous three months. No additional information required.

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Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

1.5 The Applicant's editorial output must not be under the control of the state, any political party, or a politician

The assessor will assess compliance through a random review of the fact checks published over the previous three months. No additional information required.

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Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

1.6 The Applicant must, fully and fairly, disclose if it receives funds from local or foreign state or political sources

If the organization receives funding from local or foreign state or political sources, kindly provide a URL of the page on your website where a statement makes this information publicly available.

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We do not receive funds from any local or foreign state or political sources. Our funding details are updated on our website, which can be found in the below links.

https://www.telugupost.com/about-us

https://www.telugupost.com/pdf_upload/finacial-provisional-2024web-1638134.pdf

Our funding details are given on about us page. We are funded by investments from promoters, adverstiment revenues from Meta, Youtube and Google adsense, private advertisements, projects by IFCN, GNI and IPSMF.

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

Section 2: Non-partisanship and fairness

This section aims to understand how an Applicant ensures impartiality in their fact-checking operation.

2.1 The Applicant fact-checks use the same high standards of evidence and judgement for equivalent claims, regardless of who made the claim

Please share links to 10 fact checks published over the past year that you believe demonstrate your non-partisanship.
Please briefly explain how the fact checks selected show that you use the same high standards of evidence for equivalent claims, follow the same essential process for every fact check, and let the evidence dictate your conclusion.
Please provide a link to a page where the applicant shares its SOP for fact-checking equivalent claims, regardless of who made the claim.

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Telugupost selects claims for fact-checking based on virality, source credibility, and potential for harm (violence, physical danger). Claims are received via social media (Facebook, Twitter, Sharechat, Instagram), email, and WhatsApp tipline. Selection is bias-free.

Fact-checked claims are primarily viral content in areas like Politics, Health, Science, Climate, and Government Schemes. Telugupost monitors social media, examines memes/images, and reviews news, speeches, and press releases.

Verification involves systematic use of authentic sources and tools. Methods include reverse image searches (Google, Yandex), video analysis tools (Invid), consulting local authorities and police for official data, and referencing authentic news articles. Contacting individuals related to claims and consulting experts are also employed when necessary. Multiple tools and methods are used per claim.

Fact checks are published as articles detailing the claim, verification process, and sources in simple language. Authoritative sources (news websites, image sites, official documents) are cited. Data may be presented in tables/charts. Conclusions are withheld if information is inadequate. All fact checks are sub-edited.

Telugupost follows high standards while debunking misinformation and publishing fact checks. Here are some of our fact checks.

https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/edited-video-falsely-claims-rahul-gandhi-fell-asleep-in-parliament-1560150

https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/the-viral-video-of-modi-advocating-ballot-paper-based-voting-

system-in-edited-1559502

https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/self-balancing-e-scooters-acquired-by-surat-police-are-made-in-india-1573166

https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/brs-mlc-kavitha-did-not-accuse-her-brother-ktr-of-being-the-villain-in-her-life-1572565

https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/video-of-muslim-shopkeeper-adding-his-spit-to-fresh-juice-is-a-prank-by-palestine-actor-1571916

https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/ecis-list-showing-ramkamal-das-as-the-father-of-43-sons-in-up-is-correct-das-is-the-guru-of-his-disciples-1571221

https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/minister-seethakkas-comments-on-cm-revanth-reddy-were-taken-out-of-context-to-sound-as-if-she-was-humiliating-him-1571213

https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/video-of-aimim-leader-making-15-minute-remark-is-partly-false-it-is-not-recent-and-not-made-in-hyd-1569760

https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/india-was-not-declared-as-largest-source-of-terrorism-in-asia-1569191

https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/yamuna-aarti-was-inaugurated-during-the-aap-rule-in-2024-itself-the-claim-that-bjp-initiated-the-practice-is-misleading-1568279

https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/samajwadi-mp-awadesh-pradesh-did-not-cry-as-his-son-lost-the-milkipur-mla-seat-it-is-an-old-video-1567610

https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/up-cm-yogi-adityanath-did-not-advise-salman-khan-to-apologise-to-gangster-lawrence-bishnoi-1557976

The methodology is detailed below SoP link.

https://www.telugupost.com/fact-check-methodology

Assessor´s verdict: **COMPLIANT**

2.2 The Applicant does not unduly concentrate its fact-checking on any one side

Please provide a link to a page on your website where the following is explained:
How you select claims to check,
How you establish the importance and reach of a claim, and,
How you ensure that your fact-checking is not concentrated on any one side.

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TeluguPost meticulously documents the steps involved, from selecting claims to our verification procedures. We maintain transparency and high standards while researching and also publishing the fact checks.

Telugupost verifies it systematically using authentic sources and tools. We use tools like Google reverse image search, Yandex reverse image search for images, and also tools like invid to break a video into frames and search using the reverse image search.

We are also in constant contact with local authorities, and police officials and refer to the official data to get the first-hand story of the circumstances. We also take only authentic news articles as sources while researching the information.

Contacting the persons related to the claim and also consulting reputed experts is also done whenever needed. More than one tool and method will be used while assessing the claims.

This detailed methodology is readily available for review at:

https://www.telugupost.com/fact-check-methodology

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

2.3 The Applicant discloses on its website and/or in the fact check any reasonable conflict of interest, other relevant interests, or bias, including that of the experts or organisations cited in the fact check

Please provide a link to a page where this policy is outlined on the applicant's website.
Please provide an example, if one exists, of how such a case was handled.

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Telugupost is committed to accuracy. Readers can report discrepancies or suggest corrections to fact checks by emailing telugupostfactcheck@gmail.com, including the article title and proposed changes. Telugupost addresses factual errors, broken links, and challenges to conclusions based on presented evidence. Valid corrections are investigated and updated within 48 hours of receipt. The full corrections policy is detailed on the Telugupost website.

Nonpartisan policy section can be found on this link:

https://www.telugupost.com/fact-check-methodology

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

2.4 The Applicant is not affiliated with nor declares or shows support for any political party, any politician or political candidate, nor does it advocate for or against any policy positions on any issues save for transparency and accuracy in public debate

Please provide the URL of the page on your website where you declare that you are not affiliated or support any political party or politician.

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Nonpartisan policy section can be found on this link:

https://www.telugupost.com/fact-check-methodology

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

2.5 The Applicant sets out its policy on non-partisanship for staff on its website/in internal documents. Other than for the sake of transparency and accuracy, its employees and consultants are prohibited from making any partisan statements or being involved in advocacy or policy debates on issues that may reasonably leave the audience with questions about its biases

Please provide a link to a page where this policy is outlined on the applicant's website.

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Our non-partisan policy can be found on the below link. All the employees of Telugupost shall give a declaration/undertaking regarding no political affiliations. We monitor them for any violations.

https://www.telugupost.com/fact-check-methodology

Social media policy and editorial policies of the company are to be adhered strictly by the employees.

https://www.telugupost.com/editorial-staff

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

2.6 The Applicant discloses any ownership or stake in its organization held by sitting members of parliament, assembly, local governments; office bearers or spokespersons of political parties; or those directly or indirectly associated with political parties

Please provide a link to a page where this policy is outlined on the applicant's website.

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TeluguPost (Truth Serum Media Private Limited) maintains strict editorial independence. There are no ownership stakes or shares held by lawmakers, government entities, or individuals affiliated with any political party. This policy extends to funding, as TeluguPost does not receive financial support from any political sources, either domestic or foreign. More details can be found in the link below.

https://www.telugupost.com/fact-check-methodology

https://www.telugupost.com/editorial-staff

https://www.telugupost.com/about-us

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

2.7 The Applicant does not employ anyone who holds a salaried and/or prominent position in a political party, government, state, or public company under the direct or indirect control of a political party, government, or the state

Please provide the URL of the page on your website where this policy is outlined on the applicant's website.
Please provide an updated list of the currently employed individuals under applicant's fact-checking operation.

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As a part of the company's policy, the employees of Truth Serum Media Private Limited are made to sign an undertaking which clearly states that the employees are not directly or indirectly involved in any political activity. Our Fact Checks do not contain opinions of any sort, but simply state facts. We also ensure that anyone being recruited into the fact-checking team does not have any affiliation with political parties and advocacy organizations.

The employees are mandated to abide by the company's code of conduct and policies. They need to avoid public demonstration of any political views and on any social media or public platforms. They should not engage in any online or offline campaign or be the members of any organisation/ network. The employees are prohibited from contesting or accepting any appointment or association of whatsoever nature with any public office.

More details can be found in the link below.

https://www.telugupost.com/fact-check-methodology

https://www.telugupost.com/fact-check-team

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

2.8 The Applicant only advocates for issues that are relevant to the mission of fact-checking, strengthening democracy, and improving general transparency and accountability of various organs of the state, and are compatible with the reputation for independence and impartiality

Please provide a link to a page where this policy is outlined on the applicant's website.

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We advocate only issues related to fact checking and promote independence and impartiality in Journalism and Factchecking.

https://www.telugupost.com/fact-check-methodology

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

Section 3: Transparency of sources

This section aims to understand how the Applicant ensures that their readers can independently verify the findings mentioned in a fact check themselves.

3.1 The Applicant identifies the source of all significant evidence used in its fact checks and provides relevant links where the source is available online

The assessor will assess compliance through a random review of the fact checks published over the previous three months.
No additional information required.
Kindly note:
The Applicant must identify the source of all significant evidence used in its fact-checks and provide relevant links where the source is available online, such that its readers can replicate their work if they wish.
In cases where identifying the source would compromise the source's personal security, the Applicant should provide as much detail as possible and as is compatible with the source's safety.

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3.2 The Applicant uses the best available primary, not secondary, source of evidence

The assessor will assess compliance through a random review of the fact checks published over the previous three months.
No additional information required.
Kindly note:
Where suitable primary sources are not available, the applicant explains the use of a secondary source.

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3.3 The Applicant checks all key elements of claims against more than one named source of evidence, except where the one source is the only source relevant and available on the topic

The assessor will assess compliance through a random review of the fact checks published over the previous three months.
No additional information required.

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Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

3.4 The Applicant always identifies and discloses its relevant interests, including any commercial relations, and that of its sources, in the fact checks, where the reader might reasonably conclude those interests could influence the accuracy of the evidence provided

The assessor will assess compliance through a random review of the fact checks published over the previous three months.
No additional information required.

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Section 4: Transparency of funding and organisation

4.1 The Applicant is an independent organization

Please provide the link to a page on your website detailing each source of funding that accounts for 7.5% or more of total revenue for the previous financial year.
This page must also set out the legal form in which the organization is registered (such as a non-profit, company etc) and the applicable details of its directors, and role of shareholders with 7.5% or more holding in the company.

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Our funding details are updated on our website, which can be found in the below link

https://www.telugupost.com/about-us

https://www.telugupost.com/pdf_upload/finacial-provisional-2024web-1638134.pdf

Legal Form:

https://drive.google.com/viewerng/viewer?url=https://www.telugupost.com/pdf_upload/certificate-of-incorporation-1406126-1211zon-1448375.pdf

Details of Directors and shareholders are available on the 'About us' page.

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

4.2 The Applicant is a dedicated fact-checking section or unit in an organization

Please share a link to a place on your website where the Applicant declares that there is no editorial interference by the parent organisation on the fact checks being carried out.

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Telugupost Factcheck is a separate and Independent fact-checking unit of Truth Serum media Private limited. Though it is a division of the parent company, there is no editorial interference by the parent organization in the fact-checking process. Telugupost is a verified signatory of the International Fact-Checking Network (IFCN) Code of Principles for Fact-Checkers.

More details can be found in the link below.

https://www.telugupost.com/fact-check-methodology

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

4.3 The Applicant discloses the names of persons or entities holding over 10% of the shares/stakes in it

Please share a link to a place on your website where the Applicant provides the names of persons and entities that hold more than 10% shares in it. This applies for both independent fact-checking organisations as well as fact-checking operations that are part of a bigger parent company.

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Telugupost discloses the names of the persons holding the shares. Here are the names:

Mr. Karnati Nikhil Reddy -50.00%

Ms. Dondeti Divya Sai Tejaswini -10.00%

Mr. Bonthu Veera Reddy-40.00%

More details can be found in the link below. https://www.telugupost.com/about-us

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

4.4 The Applicant provides information about who runs its editorial operations and how

Please share a link to a place on your website where the Applicant provides the following information:
An organizational structure
By whom editorial control is exercised
Clarify how is editorial control exercised
The professional biography of all those who, according to the organizational structure, play a significant part in its editorial output.

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Telugupost has separate and independent Teams for News and Fact Checking.

Telugupost Editorial team is headed by Srinivasa Ravi Batchali (Editor) and Fact check team is headed by Satya Priya BN (Editor-Factcheck). The biographies and other details are furnished on our website.

Here are the links to the pages that show all the necessary details of the teams and the editorial process.

https://www.telugupost.com/fact-check-team

https://www.telugupost.com/editorial-staff

Our editorial guidelines are outlined on this below link:

https://www.telugupost.com/editorial-staff

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

4.5 The Applicant provides an easy means on its website and/or via social media for users to communicate with its editorial and fact-checking team

Please share a link to where on your website and/or social media where you encourage users to communicate with your editorial team. This includes all interactive channels such as tiplines, chatbots, social media handles, email addresses etc.

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Telugupost provides easy means on the website as well as our social media handles to communicate with the editorial and fact checking team. Here are the links.

https://www.telugupost.com/contact-us

Email Id - telugupostfactcheck@gmail.com

Whatsapp Tipline - +91 88856 88701

https://www.telugupost.com/fact-check-methodology

Youtube- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_ONtYv7i9E&list=PLIbPG0wwufQomKJVPf50SO32KRSpZ0neV

https://www.instagram.com/telugupostfactcheck/

Bluesky- https://bsky.app/profile/tpfactcheck.bsky.social

Telugupost also shares the tipline number and also the email id on the home page and also after every fact check. Here are the links.

https://www.telugupost.com/all-fact-check

Any Editorial related complaints can be reported using this form.

https://www.telugupost.com/grievance-redressal

Fact check related concerns can be raised using this link:

https://www.telugupost.com/fact-check-methodology

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

Section 5: Transparency of methodology

5.1 The Applicant's fact-checking methodology is available on its website

Please provide a link to the statement on your website that explains the methodology you use to:
Select fact-checks
Research fact-checks
Write fact-checks
Publish fact-checks
Includes definitions of any/all rating systems used

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The team at Telugupost follows a detailed methodology that also involves explaining every step followed in the fact check published. The methodology is detailed on

https://www.telugupost.com/fact-check-methodology

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

5.2 The Applicant selects claims to fact-check based on their reach and importance

The Assessors will review the methodology to make sure it is complete.
Kindly note:
In its methodology, the Applicant explains how it selects claims to check, how this explains its reach and importance; and where possible explains the reason for choosing the claim to check.
No additional information required.

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Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

5.3 The Applicant provides evidence that supports and undermines a claim, irrespective of who made the claim

Assessors will review the methodology to make sure it is complete. No additional information required.
Kindly note:
The Applicant provides all the relevant evidence in a fact check that appears to support the claim, as well as relevant evidence that appears to undermine it.
The Applicant assesses the merits of the evidence found using the same applicable high standards, regardless of who made the claim.

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5.4 The Applicant makes a demonstrable effort to contact the person/organization making the

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The assessor will assess compliance through a random review of fact checks published over the previous three months. No additional information required.

Kindly note:

If the proponent of the claim fails to reply in a timely manner, this should not impede the fact check.

If the proponent adds caveats to the claim, it is free to continue with checking the original claim.

If it determines that reaching out to the proponent of a claim may endanger their online/offline safety in any manner, it may not reach out.

If the claim is already in the public domain through social media etc., the Applicant is not under obligation to reach out.

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5.5 The Applicant encourages readers to send in claims to fact check

Please provide a link or links to channels where the public can submit claims for verification while making it clear what readers can legitimately expect will be fact-checked and what isn't fact-checkable.

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https://www.telugupost.com/grievance-redressal

Fact check related concerns can be raise using information published here

https://www.telugupost.com/fact-check-methodology

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

5.6 The Applicant quotes experts after establishing their credibility

The assessor will assess compliance through a random review of the fact checks published over the previous three months. No additional information required.

Kindly note:

Assessors will look for professional work experience, educational qualification etc. of the quoted experts in fact-checks or mentions peculiar circumstances that will qualify him/her to stand as specially qualified.

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5.7 The Applicant ensures each investigation undergoes at least one round of editing before publication, by someone other than the author

Assessors will review the methodology to make sure it is complete. No additional information required.

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5.8 The Applicant presents findings in precise, factual, and non-emotive language while taking care not to overstate conclusions

The assessor will assess compliance through a random review of the fact checks published over the previous three months.
No additional information required.
Kindly note:
This means the opinion of authors/fact-checkers in the article should never be included.

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Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

Section 6: Open and honest corrections policyy

6.1 The Applicant has a corrections or complaints policy that is easily and prominently visible and accessible on its website

Please provide the link to a page on your website detailing the process for:
Identifying and publishing corrections
Readers to register complaints
Kindly note:
The policy sets out a clear definition of what it does and does not cover
How major mistakes, especially those requiring revised conclusions of a fact check, are handled
Communicates that some complaints may justify no response
The applicant adheres to the corrections policy scrupulously

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At Telugu post, we put all efforts to provide you with accurate data/information. However, if you find a discrepancy in data/information or wish to suggest corrections to any Fact-Check, please write to us at telugupostfactcheck@gmail.com. with the article title in the subject line and the details of the proposed correction. We assure you that we will look into the same & update with a correction wherever necessary within 48 hours of the receipt of a correction email.

The following are covered in the policy and will be addressed within the given timelines. Factual Errors: Any factual error in data, claim, source or any other content in the story can be reported. Broken Links: Any broken link to a claim, source or any other broken hyperlink can be reported.
Conclusion: If you believe that the rating used in the fact-check is not supported by the evidence presented in the story.

Telugupost's corrections policy outlined here on this link
https://www.telugupost.com/fact-check-methodology

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

6.2 Where credible evidence is provided demonstrating that the Applicant has made a mistake worthy of correction, it makes the correction openly and transparently, seeking to ensure as far as possible that readers of the original see the correction and the corrected version

Please provide a short statement on how the Applicant's corrections policy was adhered to over the previous year. Kindly include evidence of two examples of the responses provided by the Applicant to a correction request over the previous year. Where no correction request has been made in the previous year, you must state this in your application, which will be publicly available in the assessment if your application is successful.

APPLICANT

Date: 06/05/2025

Text

Fact-check Corrections Policy At Telugu post, we put all efforts to provide you with accurate data/information. However, if the user find a discrepancy in data/information or wish to suggest corrections to any Fact-Check, they can write to us at telugupostfactcheck@gmail.com, with the article title in the subject line and the details of the proposed correction. We assure you that we will look into the same & update with a correction wherever necessary within 48 hours of the receipt of a correction email.

What is covered in this policy?

The following are covered in the policy and will be addressed within the given timelines. Factual Errors: Any factual error in data, claim, source or any other content in the story can be reported. Broken Links: Any broken link to a claim, source or any other broken hyperlink can be reported. Conclusion: If you believe that the rating used in the fact-check is not supported by the evidence presented in the story. What is not covered in this policy? Opinions or any other issues not listed above are not covered in this policy and hence we are not obliged to respond in such cases.

How is a correction made?

A correction is made prominently with an editor's note along with regrets for getting it wrong. In other cases where an update is made based on additional information, an update along with the date is included in the story.

Example of articles corrected:

1) Correction: The name of the country was mistakenly published as Columbia, now changed to Colombia Article link: https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/viral-video-of-a-man-helping-people-cross-a-flooded-road-with-a-cart-is-not-from-india-but-from-columbia-1489286 Updated date: 16th Aug 2023

2) Correction: The conclusion in the claim review section is updated as Misleading in the article. Article link: https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/video-showing-modis-effigy-garlanded-with-footwear-during-his-us-visit-is-not-recent-1482839

3) Correction: The conclusion in the claim review section is updated as Misleading in the article. Article link: https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/video-showing-kharge-hitting-back-at-a-gathering-for-modi-chants-is-misleading-1512582
Updated Date: 1st Jan 2024

4) Correction: The article mistakenly stated Thursday instead of January 13, 2023, which was updated on January 31, 2024. Article link: https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/fact-check-viral-video-showing-a-leopard-moving-in-the-night-is-from-bengaluru-university-but-not-bhubaneswar-1517906
Updated Date: 31st January 2024

5) Correction:The derogatory remarks made of the Telangana Congress leader Konda Surekha have been edited on

October 26th, 2024. Article link: https://www.telugupost.com/factcheck/there-is-no-truth-in-the-viral-posts-claiming-that-telangana-congress-leader-konda-surekha-is-no-more-1553485

Updated Date: 26th October 2024

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

6.3 The Applicant, existing verified signatories or those seeking renewal, sets out the complaints policy expressly. It informs its readers (either on its corrections/complaints page or on the webpage where it declares itself to be an MCA verified signatory) that if they believe the verified signatory is violating the MCA Code of Principles, they may raise a complaint with the Fact Checking Network (FCN) Board through the link provided on the verified signatory's website

Please provide the link to a page on your website detailing the process for readers to register complaints
If you are a verified signatory of the MCA, please provide the link to a page on your website that explains readers that they can raise a complaint with the FCN Board through the link provided on the verified signatory's website.

APPLICANT

Date: 06/05/2025

Telugupost's corrections policy outlined here on this link

https://www.telugupost.com/fact-check-methodology

Telugupost displays its membership in the Misinformation Combat Alliance (MCA) on the footer of every page of our website, where both the MCA logo and the IFCN signatory badge are prominently featured. This ensures that readers are aware of our commitment to the highest standards of fact-checking.

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

6.4 If the Applicant is the fact-checking unit of a media company, its parent company adopts and adheres to the same corrections policy as is being followed by the Applicant

Please provide a link to the parent media company's honest and open corrections policy and provide screenshots of corrections as evidence that it adheres to this.
If you are the parent company then you have already provided this information in previous points. No further evidence required.

APPLICANT

Date: 06/05/2025

The corrections policy is applicable to the entire organization. Telugupost's corrections policy outlined here on this link

https://www.telugupost.com/fact-check-methodology

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

Section 7: Intellectual property rights

7.1 The Applicant publishes all fact checks on its website, and does not keep the fact checks behind a paywall. The fact checks should be easily accessible in the public domain and without coste

The assessor will review a random selection of fact checks published over the previous year. No additional information required.

APPLICANT

Date: 06/05/2025

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

7.2 The Applicant observes & respects intellectual property laws, creative commons licences, copyrights when using, modifying, and/or merging any contente

Please provide the link to a page on your website that states the policy or guidelines regarding the use and respect of intellectual property rights.

APPLICANT

Date: 06/05/2025

We strictly adhere to intellectual property, Creative Commons, and copyright regulations when using, modifying, or combining content. Our detailed commitment to these principles can be found in the relevant sections of our website.

All details can be found in the link below.

https://www.telugupost.com/privacy-policy

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

Conversation:

Assessor

NEEDS MORE INFO

Date: 30/09/2025

The response seems to have been swapped with 7.3 as per FCN Board

Applicant

NEEDS MORE INFO

Date: 30/09/2025

We respect the intellectual property of other fact-checkers and initiatives, strictly adhering to licensing terms. We do not reuse or republish their content without clear attribution and, where applicable, prior notification to the original creators.

All details can be found in the link below.

https://www.telugupost.com/privacy-policy

7.3 The Applicant allows, where possible & applicable, the organization's content to be used for non-commercial purposes under a Creative Commons license with source attribution

Please provide the link(s) that has the Creative Commons license or a similar open licensing statement clearly displayed, either on content or on a visible part of the website along with clear guidelines for how to attribute their work.

APPLICANT

Date: 06/05/2025

We respect the intellectual property of other fact-checkers and initiatives, strictly adhering to licensing terms. We do not reuse or republish their content without clear attribution and, where applicable, prior notification to the original creators.

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Assessor´s verdict: **COMPLIANT**

Conversation:

Assessor

NEEDS MORE INFO

Date: 30/09/2025

The response seems to have been swapped with 7.2 as per FCN Board

Applicant

NEEDS MORE INFO

Date: 30/09/2025

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7.4 The Applicant respects the output of other fact checking institutions/initiatives and independent fact checkers, and does not republish or reuse any part thereof without obtaining explicit consent or crediting the source clearly; and where possible, does it only after notifying them, based on the license type of the content

Please provide the link to a page on your website that states the policy or guidelines on reusing fact-checks of other fact checking institutions/initiatives and independent fact checker/s.
Please provide examples, if any, where you collaborated with other fact-checking institutions/initiatives and independent fact-checkers for a fact-check, explaining your methodology.

APPLICANT

Date: 06/05/2025

The policy or guidelines on reusing fact-checks of other fact checking institutions/initiatives and independent fact checker/s can be found on this link.

https://www.telugupost.com/privacy-policy

We have collaborated with Deepfakes Analysis Unit to analyse and debunk Ai -generated media. Here are few links.

https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/submerged-vishnu-temple-visuals-claiming-from-mahabalipuram-are-ai-generated-1574510

https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/ai-generated-video-shared-as-original-footage-relating-to-the-destruction-of-green-cover-near-hcu-1573717

https://www.telugupost.com/ai-factcheck/infosys-and-reliance-industries-did-not-create-app-for-passive-income-it-is-ai-generated-1559226

We participated in Shakti Collective 1.0, a consortium of over 100 Indian fact-checkers and publishers. This collaboration focused on the early detection of online misinformation and deepfakes, and amplifying regional language fact-checks. As part of this, Newschecker partnered with DataLEADS and GNI specifically to combat election-related misinformation. Our verified fact checks were shared with mainstream outlets like News18, ETV Bharat, etc.

Here are some links:
https://www.news18.com/world/fact-check-post-suggesting-uks-contribution-to-climate-change-is-negligible-is-misleading-9215396.html

https://tamil.indianexpress.com/viral/fact-check-new-dargah-opened-in-tiruvannamalai-girivalam-path-viral-post-tamil-news-8699521

https://www.etvbharat.com/en/!bharat/fact-check-video-showing-commuters-jumping-over-exit-gates-at-delhi-metro-station-shared-with-misleading-claims-enn25021702006

https://telugu.abplive.com/fact-check/fake-cctv-footage-of-delhi-earthquake-goes-viral-fact-check-198167

Assessor´s verdict: **COMPLIANT**

7.5 The Applicant discloses all references and sources that have been used in the fact-check

Kindly provide your answer as a Yes/No
The assessor will review a random selection of fact checks published over the previous year. No additional information required.

APPLICANT

Date: 06/05/2025

YES

Assessor´s verdict: **COMPLIANT**

Section 8: Commitment to privacy and safety

8.1 The Applicant obscures the image and/or identity of subjects of a fact-check article when there is a reasonable concern for their safety, privacy, and dignity, including but not limited to, images/identity of children, victims of heinous crimes and sexual assault against women, and other vulnerable individuals

Please provide the link to a page on your website that states the policy regarding use of sensitive subjects such as children,

victims of crimes, and other vulnerable individuals.

APPLICANT

Date: 06/05/2025

We prioritize user privacy and safety by implementing strict data protection measures. Personal information is collected and processed in compliance with applicable laws, ensuring transparency and security.

Content dealing with sensitive topics is handled with discretion and adherence to ethical standards. We strive to present such material responsibly, minimizing potential harm or distress to affected individuals.

https://www.telugupost.com/privacy-policy

Assessor´s verdict: **COMPLIANT**

Conversation:

Assessor

NEEDS MORE INFO

Date: 16/06/2025

These issues are specifically not covered comprehensively under the Privacy policy. There is only a short reference to 'children's issue'. Need more detailed information, specifically links to some stories where the policy was followed.

Applicant

NEEDS MORE INFO

Date: 18/06/2025

We are committed to ensuring that all fact-checks concerning children, crime victims, and other vulnerable individuals are **meticulously accurate, deeply respectful, and entirely free from sensationalism.** Please find the updated guidelines on this page: **https://www.telugupost.com/privacy-policy**

Our fact-checkers consistently ensure that minors' faces are obscured and their names and addresses are never unnecessarily disclosed. Below are a few examples in different languages:

https://www.telugupost.com/english-factcheck/viral-video-is-not-showing-drug-abuse-by-kids-of-andhra-pradesh-but-by-those-in-patna-1515104

https://www.telugupost.com/urdu-factcheck/viral-video-claims-madrasa-students-are-being-taught-about-terrorism-1556760

https://www.telugupost.com/Malayalam-FactCheck/nine-year-old-pregnant-muslim-girl-1564911

8.2 The Applicant is restrictive, respectful, and considerate when mentioning or identifying minors (as permitted under existing law) and makes all possible efforts to protect their privacy

Please provide the link to a page on your website that states the policy for mentioning or identifying minors and the efforts it would take to ensure and protect their privacy.

APPLICANT

Date: 06/05/2025

We take extra precautions when engaging with content related to minors. Any data collection or publication involving minors follows stringent ethical guidelines and parental consent requirements.

More details can be found in the link below.

https://www.telugupost.com/privacy-policy

Assessor´s verdict: **COMPLIANT**

Conversation:

Assessor **NEEDS MORE INFO**

Date: 15/06/2025

These issues are specifically not covered comprehensively under the Privacy policy. There is only a short reference to 'children's issue'. Need more detailed information, specifically links to some stories where the policy was followed.

Applicant **NEEDS MORE INFO**

Date: 18/06/2025

Fact-checking involving minors requires extreme caution, prioritizing their best interest, privacy, safety, and well-being. We obtain informed, documented consent from guardians and the minor (if old enough). Default anonymization is strict: no identifying details are published unless essential with full consent; faces are blurred, and pseudonyms are used. Our focus remains solely on the misinformation, avoiding sensationalism or blame towards the minor.

Please find the updated guidelines on this page: **https://www.telugupost.com/privacy-policy**

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https://www.telugupost.com/Malayalam-FactCheck/nine-year-old-pregnant-muslim-girl-1564911

8.3 The Applicant anonymises, or at least partially conceals, any personal information (such as telephone numbers, IDs or passports, bank account numbers, email addresses etc) that could allow the harassment of people, except in cases where it forms the crucial evidence of a fact-check, subject to applicable laws including the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023

Please provide the link to a page on your website that states the policy on handling personal information in their fact-checks. The policy should stress the importance of anonymization and seeking consent when necessary.

APPLICANT Date: 06/05/2025

Telugupost is committed to keeping your personal data private. We process any personal data we collect from you in accordance with the provisions of this Privacy Notice. Please read the following carefully to understand our practices regarding your personal data. This Notice may be amended or updated from time to time to reflect changes in our practices with respect to Processing of Personal Data, or changes in applicable laws
More details can be found in the link below.

https://www.telugupost.com/privacy-policy

Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

8.4 The Applicant has put in place measures that aim to address the risk of trauma or harassment experienced by staff as a result of its activities, from both internal and external actors, including but not limited to, providing training to prevent and identify symptoms.

Please provide the link to a page on your website that states the policy regarding harassment and trauma experienced by staff. The policy should include definitions, procedures for reporting and addressing incidents, and potential consequences for those involved.

APPLICANT

Date: 06/05/2025

At Telugupost, We maintain a zero-tolerance policy for harassment and workplace trauma. Employees are provided with a safe, inclusive, and supportive work environment. Any grievances related to harassment are addressed promptly through our internal redressal mechanism.

More details can be found in the link below.

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Assessor´s verdict: COMPLIANT

Conversation:

Assessor

COMPLIANT

Date: 18/06/2025

The queries with regards to more information has been provided and clarified.