

Collective Newsroom Accessibility Conformance Report WCAG Edition

(Based on VPAT® Version 2.5Rev)

Name of Product/Version:

Collective Newsroom Private Limited's Website

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Product Description:

The Collective Newsroom website is a public-facing digital platform that provides information about Collective Newsroom Pvt. Ltd., an independent, content-production company serving audiences across India. The website communicates the company's vision, mission, organizational information, updates, careers opportunities and contact details amongst other things.

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Notes:

BarrierBreak performed an accessibility audit for the Collective Newsroom website on desktop and mobile for conformance with WCAG 2.2 guidelines at Level A and AA

Evaluation Methods Used:

A sample set of 14 Webpages of the Collective Newsroom website was identified to perform the audit.

The Webpages were evaluated using:

- Windows 11 / Google Chrome / JAWS 2025
- Windows 11 / Mozilla Firefox / NVDA 2025
- Mac 26 / Safari / VoiceOver
- iOS / Safari / VoiceOver
- Android / Google Chrome / TalkBack

Accessibility testers performed the audit using:

- Automated tools
 - A11yInspect
 - Color contrast checker
- Keyboard-only interaction
- Screen readers
- Screen magnifier
- Speech recognition

Accessibility testers performed the test keeping WCAG 2.2 guidelines in mind. A set of 2 random pages were tested using ZoomText and Dragon Naturally Speaking each.

The results reflect the accessibility of a 14 set of Collective Newsroom Webpages. The following pages were evaluated:

- Homepage
- Updates
- Who we are
- What we do
- Collaboration - Knowledge sharing
- Our People
- News & events
- Awards
- Careers
- Training & Development
- Contact us
- Privacy
- Gallery
- View all images

Applicable Standards/Guidelines

This report covers the degree of conformance for the following accessibility standard/guidelines:

Standard/Guideline	Included In Report
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0	Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (No)
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1	Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (No)
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2	Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (No)

Terms

The terms used in the Conformance Level information are defined as follows:

- **Supports:** The functionality of the product has at least one method that meets the criterion without known defects or meets with equivalent facilitation.
- **Partially Supports:** Some functionality of the product does not meet the criterion.
- **Does Not Support:** The majority of product functionality does not meet the criterion.
- **Not Applicable:** The criterion is not relevant to the product.
- **Not Evaluated:** The product has not been evaluated against the criterion. This can only be used in WCAG Level AAA criteria.

WCAG 2.2 Report

Note: When reporting on conformance with the WCAG 2.2 Success Criteria, they are scoped for full pages, complete processes, and accessibility-supported ways of using technology as documented in the [WCAG 2.0 Conformance Requirements](#).

Table 1: Success Criteria, Level A

Notes: Applicable for a sample set of 14 pages from Collective Newsroom Website

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.1.1 Non-text Content (Level A)	Supports	Informative and functional images have accurate textual descriptions.
1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Not Applicable	Prerecorded audio-only and video only content is not present.
1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Not Applicable	Prerecorded audio-only and video only content is not present.
1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded) (Level A)	Not Applicable	Prerecorded audio-only and video only content is not present.
1.3.1 Info and Relationships (Level A)	Supports	Information, structure, and relationship are programmatically defined using HTML headings and lists.
1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence (Level A)	Supports	Information is present in a correct sequence through code to ensure that it can be accessed logically by assistive technologies such as screen readers.
1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics (Level A)	Supports	Important instructions to access the content are not presented using sensory characteristics, such as size, shape, sound, and so on.
1.4.1 Use of Color (Level A)	Supports	Color is not used as the only visual means of conveying information, indicating an action, prompting a response, or distinguishing a visual element.
1.4.2 Audio Control (Level A)	Not Applicable	Audio content that plays automatically is not present.
2.1.1 Keyboard (Level A)	Supports	Interactive elements are keyboard operable.
2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap (Level A)	Supports	User's keyboard focus does not get trapped while interacting with the web page functionality and are able to easily navigate between different interactive elements.
2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Character key shortcuts are not defined for interactive elements.

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2.2.1 Timing Adjustable (Level A)	Not Applicable	User session does not expire and an option to extend the time limit is not available.
2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide (Level A)	Supports	A mechanism is provided to pause the movement of the carousel.
2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold (Level A)	Not Applicable	Flickering and flashing content is not present.
2.4.1 Bypass Blocks (Level A)	Supports	Headings are defined on all pages to help users bypass repetitive elements and access the main content quickly.
2.4.2 Page Titled (Level A)	Supports	Descriptive titles are specified for all the pages.
2.4.3 Focus Order (Level A)	Supports	Keyboard users can navigate between different elements in a meaningful and sequential order.
2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context) (Level A)	Supports	Links have unique and descriptive text that helps users understand their destination target.
2.5.1 Pointer Gestures (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Not Applicable	Functionality dependent on multipoint or path-based gestures is not present.
2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Functionality of all the interactive elements is triggered on up-event.
2.5.3 Label in Name (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Accessible names of user interface controls match with their visual labels.
2.5.4 Motion Actuation (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Not Applicable	Functionality that requires device motion or user motion is not present.
3.1.1 Language of Page (Level A)	Supports	Primary language is defined programmatically.
3.2.1 On Focus (Level A)	Supports	When any component receives focus, it does not initiate a change of context.
3.2.2 On Input (Level A)	Supports	When user inputs any data it does not initiate a change of context.
3.2.6 Consistent Help (Level A 2.2 only)	Supports	Help mechanisms consistently display at the same place on multiple pages.
3.3.1 Error Identification (Level A)	Not Applicable	Form validation is not present.
3.3.2 Labels or Instructions (Level A)	Supports	Labels are programmatically defined for user interface controls.

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3.3.7 Redundant Entry (Level A 2.2 only)	Not Applicable	Form fields that require redundant entry are not present.
4.1.1 Parsing (Level A) WCAG 2.0 and 2.1 – Always answer ‘Supports’ WCAG 2.2 (obsolete and removed) - Does not apply	Supports	For WCAG 2.0 and 2.1, the September 2023 errata update indicates this criterion is always supported. See the WCAG 2.0 Editorial Errata and the WCAG 2.1 Editorial Errata .
4.1.2 Name, Role, Value (Level A)	Supports	Custom controls have name, role and value defined programmatically.

Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA

Notes: Applicable for a sample set of 14 pages from Collective Newsroom Website

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.2.4 Captions (Live) (Level AA)	Not Applicable	Live multimedia content is not present.
1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded) (Level AA)	Not Applicable	Prerecorded multimedia content is not present.
1.3.4 Orientation (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	All the pages support device orientation.
1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Not Applicable	Form fields that collect information about users are not present.
1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum) (Level AA)	Supports	Sufficient color contrast is used for displaying textual information.
1.4.4 Resize text (Level AA)	Supports	Text can be resized up to 200 percent without loss of content or functionality
1.4.5 Images of Text (Level AA)	Supports	Plain text is used to present all the information rather than images of text.
1.4.10 Reflow (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	When content is reflowed, all the content and functionality are available for low vision users.
1.4.11 Non-text Contrast (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	Sufficient color contrast is used to display all the informative and functional images as well as different states of user interface controls.
1.4.12 Text Spacing (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	When text spacing styles are applied, users can access the content and functionality with ease.
1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Not Applicable	Information displayed on hover or focus is not present.
2.4.5 Multiple Ways (Level AA)	Supports	Multiple ways are available for users to locate the required content.
2.4.6 Headings and Labels (Level AA)	Supports	All the heading text and form control labels are unique and descriptive.

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2.4.7 Focus Visible (Level AA)	Supports	On the pages, focus indicator is clearly visible for all the interactive elements.
2.4.11 Focus Not Obscured (Minimum) (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	When a user interface component receives keyboard focus, the component is not hidden due to author-created content.
2.5.7 Dragging Movements (Level AA 2.2 only)	Not Applicable	Functionality that uses a dragging movement for operation is not present.
2.5.8 Target Size (Minimum) (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	The target size for pointer inputs is sufficiently defined, which enables users to activate controls across the website without accidentally activating any adjacent control.
3.1.2 Language of Parts (Level AA)	Not Applicable	Content in the secondary language is not present.
3.2.3 Consistent Navigation (Level AA)	Supports	A consistent navigation mechanism is used across the pages.
3.2.4 Consistent Identification (Level AA)	Supports	Elements with identical functionality are identified consistently across the pages.
3.3.3 Error Suggestion (Level AA)	Supports	Error messages are descriptive.
3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data) (Level AA)	Not Applicable	Forms having legal commitments, financial transactions, and user-controllable data are not present.
3.3.8 Accessible Authentication (Minimum) (Level AA 2.2 only)	Not Applicable	Form fields that require accessible authentication are not present.
4.1.3 Status Messages (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Not Applicable	Status messages are not present.

Table 3: Success Criteria, Level AAA

Notes: Not Evaluated

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