

Cipla celebrates 90 years with commemorative Amar Chitra Katha comic

Special edition released to mark nine decades of Caring for Life

Mumbai, February 9, 2026: Cipla Limited (BSE: 500087; NSE: CIPLA; and hereafter referred to as "Cipla") today announced the launch of an illustrated rendition of the Cipla Story. Marking 90 years of **Caring for Life**, Cipla has collaborated with iconic Indian comic book author and publisher Amar Chitra Katha to launch **The Cipla Story: A Legacy of Care**. The special edition comic nostalgically traces Cipla's journey across nine decades, presented in a storytelling-led format. The book will be accessible to readers on the Cipla website.

Narrated by Anil Sharma, a fictional retired Cipla employee, the comic traces the company's legacy through stories he shares with his grandchildren, Ria and Adi. Their conversations take readers back to 1935, when Dr. Khwaja Abdul Hamied founded Cipla, inspired by the belief in scientific self-reliance and self-sufficiency.

Through vivid illustrations, the comic traces Cipla's journey across defining moments, from supporting India's self-reliance in medicines to widening global access to HIV/AIDS treatment at a time when affordability was out of reach for many. It reflects the company's deep roots in respiratory care, its evolution into a global presence across 74 markets, and a philosophy of care that extends beyond medicine, including initiatives such as the Cipla Palliative Care & Training Centre. More than a chronicle of achievements, the book celebrates empathy, resilience, and the enduring purpose that continues to guide the organisation at 90 and beyond.

About Amar Chitra Katha

Amar Chitra Katha started, in 1967, with the vision of educating the children of India about their rich culture and history. The true gift of India to the world is the sheer abundance of our heritage, which is a treasure trove that never stops giving. At Amar Chitra Katha, all we aim to do is present this heritage, authentically. Our comics attempt to create a visual experience of many aspects of our heritage. We have a vast collection of biographies ranging from freedom fighters, philosophers and reformers to scientists, sportspersons and soldiers – anyone who has made India proud. We have recreated the stories behind ancient temples and fierce battles through our books. Our collections of folktales bring alive the traditions and cultures of the remotest corners of India. To make literature more accessible, we have adapted many Indian classics by writers like Kalidasa, Bhasa and Harsha, into the graphic format. Our regional language titles help us reach out to a wider audience. Today, Amar Chitra Katha is a cultural phenomenon, boasting more than 650 titles in 20+ languages that have sold over 300 million copies to date. With more than 3.2 million copies sold every year, Amar Chitra Katha is the undisputed leader in the children's publishing segment in India.

About Tinkle

Tinkle has been India's formative children's magazine for the last 45 years. That's four generations of children we have been reaching out regularly for almost four decades. Tinkle's unique brand tagline 'where learning meets fun' is the reason behind its strong and loyal following among readers of all ages in India, especially children. Every month, the dedicated editorial team at Tinkle put together brand-new digital magazines and a hard copy once in a month, full of comic stories, DIY projects and knowledge features on a variety of topics that inspire and inform young minds. We believe that Tinkle provides an all-round experience that encourages reading, improves language skills and general knowledge, and sparks curiosity within the child. Children love our classic characters— Suppandi, the hilarious simpleton; Shikari Shambu, with his adventures in the jungle; and Tantri the evil Mantri, among many others. Over the years, we have added a number of new characters to our roster as well—Defective Detectives, two city boys that see a conspiracy everywhere; Aadi and Nadia from the wonderful boarding school, NOIS; and WingStar, Tinkle's superhero from the Northeast. Our characters, both old and new, have now firmly entrenched themselves in India's pop cultural landscape with many celebrity fans as well.

About Cipla

Established in 1935, Cipla is a global pharmaceutical company focused on agile and sustainable growth, complex generics, and deepening portfolio in our home markets of India, South Africa, North America, and key regulated and emerging markets. Our strengths in the respiratory, anti-retroviral, urology, cardiology, anti-infective and CNS segments are well-known. Our 46 manufacturing sites around the world produce 50+ dosage forms and 1,500+ products using cutting-edge technology platforms to cater to our 80+ markets. Cipla is ranked 3rd largest in pharma in India (IQVIA MAT Dec '25), 2nd Largest in the pharma prescription market in South Africa (IQVIA MAT Nov '25), and 3rd largest by prescription in the US Gx (Repulses + MDI) products (IQVIA MAT Dec '25). For nine decades, making a difference to patients has inspired every aspect of Cipla's work. Our paradigm-changing offer of a triple anti-retroviral therapy in HIV/AIDS at less than a dollar a day in Africa in 2001 is widely acknowledged as having contributed to bringing inclusiveness, accessibility and affordability to the centre of the HIV movement. A responsible corporate citizen, Cipla's humanitarian approach to healthcare in pursuit of its purpose of 'Caring for Life' and deep-rooted community links wherever it is present make it a partner of choice to global health bodies, peers and all stakeholders. For more, please visit www.cipla.com, or click on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#).

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