

India Halts Downloads of TikTok Video App, Citing Harm to Children | The New York Times

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MUMBAI, India — TikTok, the Chinese video app whose growth has been as viral as one of its lip-synched dance clips, has encountered a roadblock in India.

Google and Apple removed TikTok from their app stores in India late Tuesday after the country's Supreme Court refused to block a lower court order halting new downloads. The lower court, based in Tamil Nadu State, is hearing a petition seeking a ban on the app, on the grounds that it spreads pornography and threatens the well-being of children.

TikTok, which has 120 million users in India and more than half a billion worldwide, has been [particularly popular with children and young adults](#) because its tools make it easy to record, share and watch short videos.

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