

Press Release

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a medical shop located at Nizampet, Bachupally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, which was operating illegally without a drug license. During the raid, DCA seized a substantial quantity of medicines from the premises.

B) In separate events, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana conducted raids on clinics operated by quacks and seized illegally stocked drugs intended for sale at two separate locations, including:

- 1) Nagaram, Keesara Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District
- 2) Gachibowli, Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District

C) In separate events, the Drugs Control Administration of Telangana seized certain Ayurvedic medicines due to misleading advertisements:

- 1) Ashwagandha Churnam, claimed to treat '**Diabetes**'.
- 2) Shape Up Breast Cream, claimed to aid in '**breast enhancement and firming**'.
- 3) AyurDia Diabetic Capsules, claimed to treat '**Diabetes**'.

D) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized overpriced antifungal medicine 'ALOZOLE-100 Capsules**' (Itraconazole Capsules 100 mg) at Patancheru, Sangareddy District – The MRP indicated is very high compared to the Ceiling Price fixed for the product by the Central Government.**

A) Raid Conducted at Unlicensed Medical Shop in Nizampet, Bachupally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, acting on credible information regarding the illegal sale of medicines, raided a shop located at D.No. 1-76, 1-113 and 114 P, Shop No.2, Ground Floor, Sai Nilayam, Beside Gram Panchayath Office, Nizampet, Bachupally Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist. on 30th March, 2024. This shop is associated with Bhavani Family Clinic.

Koduru Uma is running a medical shop at the said premises illegally without a drug licence.

During the raid, DCA officers detected unauthorized stocking of huge quantity of medicines for sale. 21 varieties of medicines including antibiotics, steroids, anti-hypertensive drugs, analgesics, anti-ulcer drugs, cough syrups, anti-diabetic drugs etc. are found stocked for sale at the premises.

DCA officials seized the stock of total worth **Rs. 20,000/-** during the raid.

Sri. G. Sreenivas, Assistant Director, Medchal, Smt. M. Sree Bindu, Drugs Inspector, Bachupally and Smt. M. Hemalatha, Drugs Inspector, Gandimaisamma are among the officers who carried out the raid.

DCA officers lifted the samples for analysis. Further investigation shall be carried out and action shall be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

B) Raids conducted at quacks' clinics in two separate locations:

The details are as follows:

On March 30th, 2024, based on credible information, officials from the Drugs Control Administration raided the premises of quacks who were claiming

themselves as 'Rural Medical Practitioners' and practicing medicine without proper qualifications at their clinics.

During the raids at the following premises, substantial quantities of medicines **stocked for sale without a drug license** were found.

Sl. No.	Name of the Quack	Name of the Clinic	Address of the premises	Varieties of medicines found stocked
1.	P. Dharma Reddy	Spandana Clinic	Plot No. 1392, Shop No: 3, Siddique Nagar, Gachibowli, Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District.	28 varieties
2.	Gajji Sudhakar	Sri Venkateswara Clinic & Diagnostics	D No. 8-278/6, New Laxmi Nagar, Modi Building, Nagaram, Keesara Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.	18 varieties

Medicines, including antibiotics, steroids, analgesics, cough syrups, anti-ulcer drugs, antidiabetics, antihypertensives, etc., were found stocked at the premises.

DCA officials detected several higher generation **'antibiotics'** at the clinics during the raids. Indiscriminate sale of antibiotics, by unqualified persons may have disastrous consequences on the health of rural public, including emergence of **'Antimicrobial Resistance'**.

Officials found '**steroids**' at the clinics of quacks. Misusing steroids can have serious health consequences, including immune system suppression, hormonal imbalances, muscle and bone weakness, cardiovascular problems, and psychological effects. The indiscriminate use of steroids poses significant risks to public health.

DCA officials seized the stocks, worth a total of **Rs. 18,000/-**, during the special raids.

Sri. B. Praveen, Drugs Inspector, Shameerpet, Smt. A. Shylaja Rani, Drugs Inspector, Serilingampally, and Smt. D. Swetha Bindu, Drugs Inspector, Gandipet are among the officers who carried out the raids.

DCA officers lifted the samples for analysis. Further investigation will be carried out, and action will be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

Wholesalers/Dealers who supply medicines to such unqualified persons/unlicensed entities, who are stocking and selling drugs without a drug license, are also punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, and stringent action shall be taken against such Wholesalers/Dealers. Wholesalers/Dealers shall mandatorily ensure that the recipient entities hold a valid drug license before supplying medicines to them.

The Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, issues drug licenses for the stocking and selling of medicines in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. **Stocking drugs for sale without a drug license is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with imprisonment for up to five years.**

C) Seizure of certain ayurvedic medicines for making misleading advertisements:

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, detected certain Ayurvedic medicines circulating in the market with misleading claims on their labels, specifically stating that they treat '**diabetes**' and aid in '**breast enhancement and firming**'. Such claims are in contravention of the **Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954**.

Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 prohibits advertisement of certain drugs for treatment of certain diseases and disorders. No person shall take part in publication of advertisement regarding the diseases/disorders indicated under Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

During the special drive conducted on 30th March to detect medicines moving in the market with misleading and objectionable advertisements:

DCA officials of **Patancheru Zone** detected '**Ashwagandha Churnam**', Manufactured and marketed by: Dwibhashi Bapanna Ayurvedic Nilayam Pvt. Ltd., Plot No. 83-B, Phase-2, Industrial Park, Cherlapally, Telangana. The label of the product bears a **misleading claim** stating that it '**reduces Blood Sugar levels**'. Stocks of the medicines were seized during the raid carried out at a medical shop in Ameenpur Village, Sangareddy District.

DCA officials of **Medchal Zone** detected '**Shape Up Breast Cream**', Manufactured by: Ayurgen Herbals, Prashanthnagar, Kukatpally, Telangana.

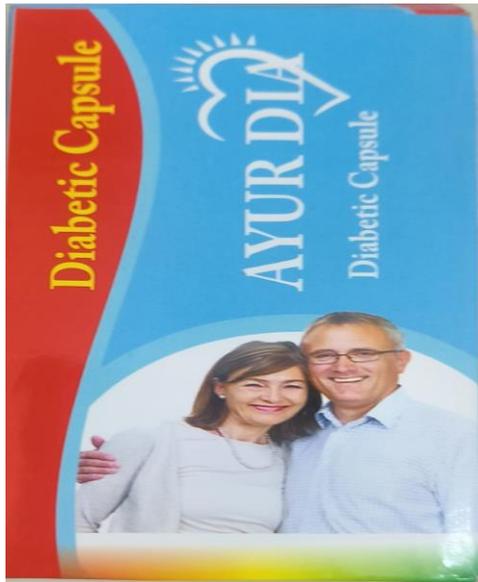
The label of the product bears a **misleading claim** stating that it aids in **'breast enhancement and firming'** and also detected **' AyurDia Diabetic Capsules'** Manufactured by: Ayurgen Herbals, Prashanthnagar, Kukatpally, Telangana. The label of the product bears a **misleading claim** stating that it treats **'diabetes'**. Stocks of the medicines were seized during the raid carried out at the manufacturing site of Ayurgen Herbals, located at Prashanthnagar, Kukatpally.

Advertising a medicine for the treatment of **'Diabetes'** and for altering the **'Forms and structure of the female bust'** is prohibited under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

Sri. P. Ramu, Assistant Director, Patancheru, Sri. G. Srikanth, Drugs Inspector, Bollaram and Sri. M. Varaprasad, Drugs Inspector, Pashamylaram are among the officers who carried out the raid at Ameenpur. Sri. G. Sreenivas, Assistant Director, Medchal, Smt. N. Sahaja, Drugs Inspector, Prashanthinagar are among the officers who carried out the raid at Prashanthinagar, Kukatpally.

Photographs of the products seized for making misleading advertisement





Further investigation shall be carried out and action shall be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

Persons who make misleading advertisements regarding drugs for treatment of certain diseases and disorders are punishable under Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954, with imprisonment which may extend to six months, or with fine, or with both.

D) Seizure of overpriced antifungal medicine 'ALOZOLE-100 Capsules' (Itraconazole Capsules 100 mg) at Patancheru, Sangareddy District:

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration officials seized 'ALOZOLE-100 Capsules' (Itraconazole Capsules 100 mg) on 30th March, 2024 at Patancheru, Sangareddy District.

The product Itraconazole Capsules 100 mg sold under brand name 'ALOZOLE-100 Capsules' is under price control as per Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 and the price of product shall be in accordance with the 'Ceiling Price' fixed by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), Government of India.

The product 'ALOZOLE-100 Capsules' (Itraconazole Capsules 100 mg) of B.No: C2312041 Mfg. Date: 12/2023, Exp. Dt.: 11/2025, Manufactured by: Gujarat Pharmaceuticals, Chikhodra, Gujarat, Marketed by: Alloes Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., Ahmedabad, **bears MRP as Rs. 200/- for 10 capsules i.e. Rs. 20/- per one capsule, on the label of the product** which is a violation of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013.

The Ceiling price fixed by the Central Government including Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for the product "Itraconazole Capsules 100 mg" is **Rs. 16.67 for one capsule (Ceiling Price)**.

Hence Maximum Retail Price (MRP) i.e. including GST 12 % should not be more than **Rs. 18.69 for one capsule** (MRP=Ceiling Price+GST)

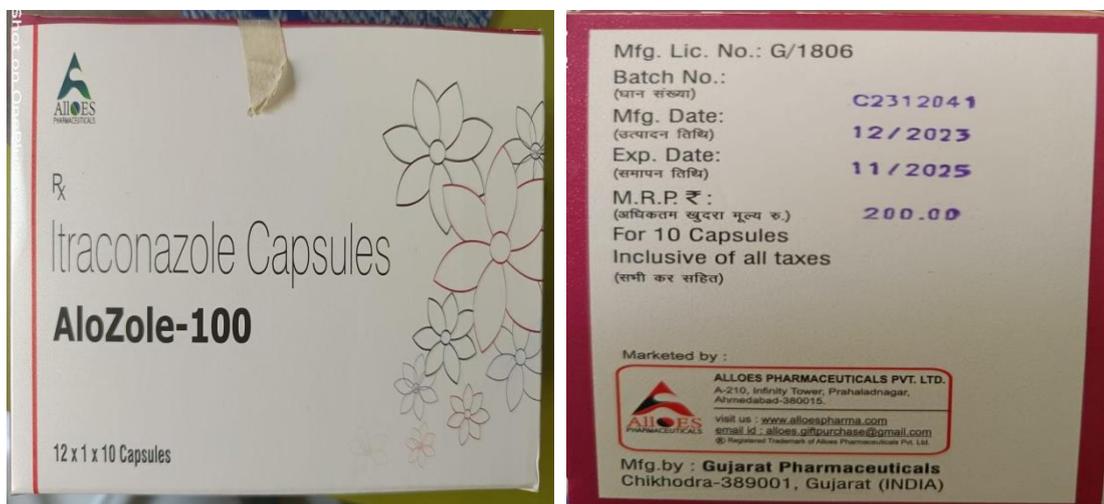
The firm overpriced the product. Firm charged **excess of Rs. 13.10 for 10 capsules** which is a violation of **Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013**.

Sri. M. Chandrasekhar, Drugs Inspector, Patancheru and Sri. N. Ravikiran Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Sangareddy are among the officers who carried out the raid.

Further investigation shall be carried out and action shall be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

The prices of Essential Medicines shall be in accordance with the Ceiling Prices fixed by the Central Government. Overpricing of essential medicines is a violation under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 and stringent action shall be taken as per the law against violators.

Photographs of the Product Seized for Price Violation



The public may report any complaints regarding illegal activities concerning medicines through the **Drugs Control Administration, Telangana**

Toll-Free Number 1800-599-6969, which is operational from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm on all working days.

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V.B. KAMALASAN REDDY, IPS

DIRECTOR GENERAL

**Photograph of Seizure carried out at an unlicensed medical shop in Nizampet,
Bachupally Mandal**



**Photograph of Seizure carried out at Nagaram, Keesara Mandal, Medchal-
Malkajgiri District**



**Photograph of Seizure carried out at Gachibowli , Serilingampally
Mandal, Ranga Reddy District**



Photograph of Seizure of Ayurvedic Medicine at Ameenpur for Misleading Advertisement



Photograph of Seizure of Ayurvedic Medicines at Prashanthinagar for Misleading Advertisements



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