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Press Note

In a major breakthrough against **Spurious Drugs**, a joint operation carried out by the **SOT Police, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana and Pet Basheerabad Police** busted a manufacturing unit in Doolapally, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, which was producing Spurious/Counterfeit drugs of reputed pharma companies Abbott and Cadila as a clandestine activity.

The joint operation led to the busting of a spurious drug manufacturing unit (unlicensed premises) located in Doolapally, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, that was found manufacturing counterfeit versions of Eptoin Tablets (Phenytoin Tablets IP 100 mg) of Abbott and Vasograin Tablets (Ergotamine, Caffeine, Paracetamol, and Prochlorperazine Tablets (1 mg + 100 mg + 250 mg + 2.5 mg) of Cadila Pharmaceuticals and selling them.

Officials seized spurious drug stocks worth **23 lakhs**, along with labels, packing materials, and equipment used to manufacture spurious drugs.

The details are as follows:

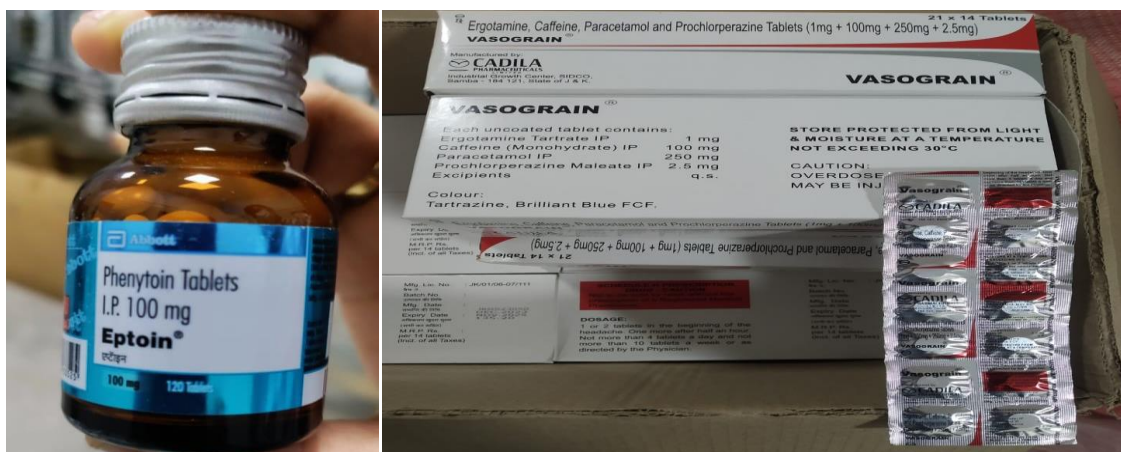
On 3rd July, acting on intelligence gathered, a joint operation was conducted by the SOT Police, Balanagar, the Drugs Control Administration of Telangana, and the Pet Basheerabad Police regarding the manufacturing of spurious drugs as a clandestine activity at an unlicensed manufacturing facility in Doolapally Village, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.

A raid was carried out at an unlicensed premises located at Shed No. 20-17/A/1, Door No. 1-20-6, near St. Martin's Engineering College, Burma Augaiah Nagar, Doolapally, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.

During the raid, officials detected stocks of the following **spurious/counterfeit drugs** manufactured at the said premises:

- Eptoin Tablets (Phenytoin Tablets IP 100 mg), Batch No. EPB23012, Mfg. Dt. May-2023 Exp. Dt. Apr-2026 falsely claimed to be manufactured by Abbott Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. Village Bhatauli Khurd, P.O.Baddi, 173 205, Dist. Solan, Himachal Pradesh, India.
- Vasograin Tablets (Ergotamine, Caffeine, Paracetamol and Prochlorperazine Tablets 1mg+100mg+250mg+2.5mg), Batch No. JKG523050, Mfg. Dt. Dec-2023 Exp. Dt. Nov-2025 falsely claimed to be manufactured by Cadila Pharmaceuticals Ltd. Industrial Growth Center, SIDCO, Samba-184 121, Jammu and Kashmir.

Photographs of Spurious/Counterfeit Tablets detected during the raid



Officials detected various production equipment, including a tablet compression machine, coating pan, tablet packing machines, blender, mixing vessels, dryers, miller, etc., at the said unlicensed premises. They also found various raw materials used to manufacture tablets, such as maize starch, talc, microcrystalline cellulose, titanium dioxide, and magnesium stearate, at the premises.





The manufacturing of spurious drugs was being carried out by **Girneni Gopal Rao**, who belongs to Madhura Nagar Colony, Nizampet, Bachupally.

Upon interrogation, Girneni Gopal Rao revealed that he had procured the fake labels (pre-printed aluminum foils and other packing materials) of reputed companies from **Nihal of Delhi**.

Girneni Gopal Rao also had **counterfeit labels**, including aluminum foils and cartons, of products such as Acitrom Tablets (Nicoumalone Tablets), Stemetil MD 5mg (Prochlorperazine Maleate Mouth Dissolving Tablets) of Abbott Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. and BRO-ZEDEX Syrup (Terbutaline Sulphate, Bromhexine HCl, Guaiphenesin & Menthol Syrup) of Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd.

Girneni Gopal Rao has been manufacturing counterfeit versions of reputed brands of pharmaceutical companies as a clandestine activity. **B. Ramakrishna**, an assistant/operator, assisted Girneni Gopal Rao in the manufacturing of spurious drugs.

Girneni Gopal Rao and **B. Ramakrishna**, who are the prime accused in the spurious drug manufacturing case, were apprehended by the team. During interrogation, Girneni Gopal Rao revealed that he manufactured counterfeit/spurious drugs of reputed companies such as Abbott Healthcare and Cadila Pharmaceuticals, and sold them to Nihal of Delhi.

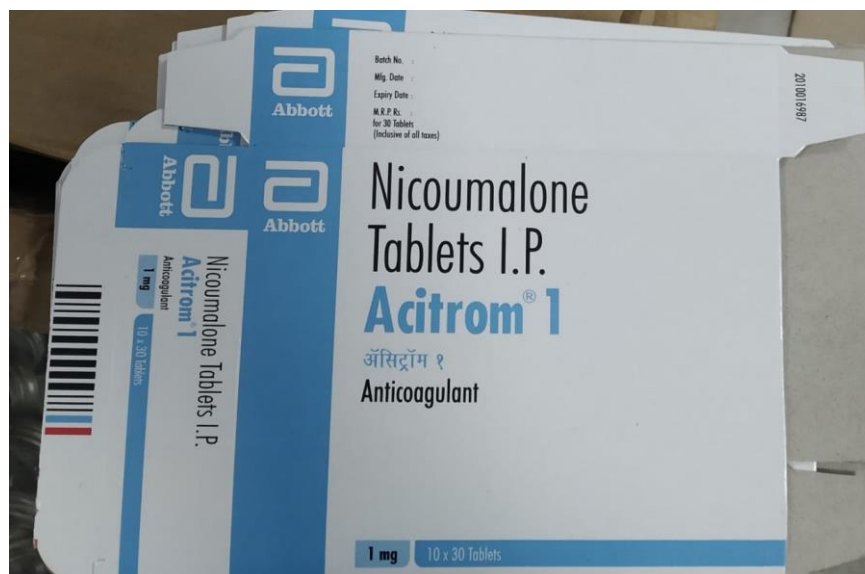
During the raid, officers seized spurious drug stocks worth **23 lakhs**, along with labels and packing materials.

- 43 shippers containing total quantity of 2.28 lakhs tablets of **counterfeit** Vasograin Tablets (Ergotamine, Caffeine, Paracetamol and Prochlorperazine Tablets 1mg+100mg+250mg+2.5mg), Batch No. JKG523050, Mfg. Dt. Dec-2023 Exp. Dt. Nov-2025 falsely claimed to be manufactured by Cadila Pharmaceuticals Ltd. Industrial Growth Center, SIDCO, Samba-184 121, Jammu and Kashmir
- 5640 tablets of **counterfeit** Eptoin Tablets (Phenytoin Tablets IP 100 mg), Batch No. EPB23012, Mfg. Dt. May-2023 Exp. Dt. Apr-2026 falsely claimed to be manufactured by Abbott Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. Village Bhatauli Khurd, P.O.Baddi, 173 205, Dist. Solan, Himachal Pradesh, India and printed foils of
- Printed foils of Eptoin 100mg (Phenytoin Tablets I.P 100mg), Stemetil MD 5mg (Prochlorperazine Maleate Mouth Dissolving Tablets), Printed foils and secondary cartons of Acitrom 1 mg (Nicoumalone Tablets I.P 1 mg.), Acitrom 2 mg (Nicoumalone Tablets I.P. 2 mg), Acitrom 3 mg (Nicoumalone Tablets I.P. 3 mg), and Acitrom 4 mg (Nicoumalone Tablets I.P. 4 mg), Falsely labelled

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- Labels of BRO-ZEDEX (Terbutaline Sulphate, Bromhexine HCl, Guaiphenesin & Menthol Syrup), Falsely labelled as manufactured by: Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, plot No. 57, Vill. Kunjhal, Barotiwala, Baddi, Dist. Solan, Himachal Pradesh, 174103.
- Metal Caps imprinted with Abbott logo and Stereos.

Labels of Spurious/Counterfeit Drugs Seized





A case has been registered against the offenders in **Crime No. 836/2024** under Sections 338, 336(2), 336(3), 318(4), 340(2), 277, 278 and 49 of the Bharateeya Nyaya Sanhita Act, 2023 at Pet Basheerabad Police Station.

Officers from Police Department viz. **SOT Medchal Zone** – Sri. R. Shyam Sunder Reddy, Inspector of Police, SOT, Sri. K. Rohit, Sub-inspector of Police, Sri. Ch. Dhanunjaya, Sub-inspector of Police, and Constables Sri. M. Sree Hari and Sri. Ch. Dasthappa; **Pet Basheerabad Police** – K. Vijayvardhan, Inspector of Police, Pet Basheerabad PS, Sri. P. Dharmesh, Sub-inspector of Police, Pet Basheerabad PS and

Officers from Drugs Control Administration viz. Assistant Director G. Srinivas, Drugs Inspectors Smt. M. Hemalatha, Smt. M. Sreebindu, Dr. B. Lakshmi Narayana, Sri. Ch. Karthik Siva Chaitanya, Sri. E. Thirupathi, Sri. K. Muralikrishna, Sri. B. Mounika, Sri. P. Ambedkar are among the officers who carried out the raid.

Further investigation will be carried out, and appropriate action will be taken as per the law against all the offenders involved.

Spurious drugs are a major threat to public health. Spurious drugs place the patient's health at grave risk.

Spurious drugs not only fail to cure the disease but over time, create disastrous consequences for the patient.

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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Photographs of the Raid





Photograph of Prime Accused Girneni Gopal Rao