

Press Note

A) Drugs Control Administration of Telangana conducted raids on clinics operated by **quacks and unauthorized practitioners**, seizing illegally stocked drugs worth **Rs. 3.45 lakhs** intended for sale at various locations across the State, including::

- a) Mahabubnagar Town, Mahabubnagar District
- b) Banjara Hills, Hyderabad
- c) Gungal Village, Yacharam Mandal, Ranga Reddy District
- d) Korutla Town, Jagtial District
- e) Jewla (b) Village, Tanoor Mandal, Nirmal District
- f) Sathanarayanapuram Village, Cherla Mandal, Bhadrachalam District

B) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana raided a medical shop located at **Jawahar Nagar, Kapra, Medchal-Malkajgiri District**, which was **operating illegally without a drug license**. During the raid, DCA seized stocks worth **Rs. 30,000** from the premises.

C) In separate events, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized **Ferisyn-XT Tablets (Ferrous Ascorbate & Folic Acid Tablets)** in Pedapalli and **Fesozinc Tablets (Haematinic with Zinc and Vitamins Tablets)** in Mancherla, which were falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

A) Seizures Conducted at Clinics of Quacks/Unauthorized Practitioners

The details are as follows:

Based on credible information, on 26th and 27th September, officials from the Drugs Control Administration raided the premises of quacks/unauthorized practitioners who were 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/ Unauthorized Practitioner	Address of the premises	Varieties of medicines found stocked
1	Khadar Pasha	H. No. 6-1-89/4/E, Ganesh Nagar, Mahabubnagar Town, Mahabubnagar District	53 varieties and 2 varieties of Physician's Samples, and 1 Expired Drug.
2	Arun Kumar Das	Balaji Doctor Clinic, D. No 8-2-613/90, Uday Nagar, Road No. 11, Banjara Hills	50 varieties
3	Bathula Laxmaiah	D.No. 7-65/A547, Gungal Village, Yacharam Mandal, Ranga Reddy District	24 varieties and 20 varieties of Physician's Samples
4	A. Srikanth	D. No: 1-1-923, Korutla Town, Jagtial District	40 varieties
5	Bakkolla Ramaswamy Goud	D. No. 3-134, Jewla (b) Village, Tanoor Mandal, Nirmal District	21 varieties
6	Janagam Satheesh	D. No. 2-107/1, Sathyanarayanapuram	29 varieties

DCA officials detected several **'antibiotics'** viz. Cefadroxil, Cefixime, Cefpodoxime, Amoxicillin, Ampicillin, Cloxacillin, Ofloxacin etc. 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'** viz. Hydrocortisone Injections, Dexamethasone Injections etc. at clinics of a quack. 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. 3.45 lakhs**, during the raids.

Smt. Sk. Rabiya, Drugs Inspector, Mahabubnagar, Smt. Ch. Swapna, Drugs Inspector, Jubilee Hills, Smt. P. Sravanthi Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Maheshwaram, Sri. V. Upender, Drugs Inspector, Jagtial, Sri. M. Shyam Sunder, Drugs Inspector, Nirmal, Sri. Ch. Sampath Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Bhadradri-Kothagudem, Smt. A. Rashmi, Drugs Inspector, Wanaparthy, Ms. J. Sowjanya, Drugs Inspector, Yousufguda, Sri. V. Ravikumar, Drugs Inspector, Balapur, Smt. R. Srilatha, Drugs Inspector, Nizamabad Rural 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.

B) Raid Conducted at Unlicensed Medical Shop in Jawahar Nagar, Kapra, 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. 11-6/1, Malkaram, Church Colony, Jawahar Nagar Village, Kapra Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District on 26th September, 2024. Danthuri Shiva kumar was running a medical shop 'Sri Vigneswara Medical and General Stores' at the said premises illegally without a drug licence.

During the raid, DCA officers detected unauthorized stocking of huge quantity of medicines for sale. **36 varieties** of medicines including antibiotics, steroids, anti-ulcer drugs, analgesics, etc. are found stocked for sale at the premises.

DCA officials seized the stock of total worth **Rs. 30,000** during the raid.

Sri. T. Shiva Teja, Drugs Inspector, Kapra, Sri. E. Thirupathi, Drugs Inspector, Quthbullapur, Sri. K. Murali Krishna, Drugs Inspector, Malkajgiri are among the officers who carried out the raid.

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C) Seizure of drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'

The details are as follows:

During the raids carried out on 26th and 27th September, DCA officials detected drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

Drugs Control Administration officials in **Peddapalli** have detected the product **Ferisyn-XT Tablets (Ferrous Ascorbate & Folic Acid Tablets)** circulating in the market. The product was found to be manufactured by Stallion Enterprises, 209-L, Sector-3, HSIIDC, Karnal-132001, Haryana and marketed by Syndicate Medicare Pvt. Ltd. as a food product/nutraceutical.

Drugs Control Administration officials in **Bhupalpally** have detected the product **Fesozinc Tablets (Haematinic with Zinc and Vitamins Tablets)** circulating in the market. The product was found to be manufactured by Pregio Pharma Pvt. Ltd., Puducherry and marketed by Rapid Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Chennai as a food product/nutraceutical.

The said products were falsely manufactured under a 'food license (FSSAI license)' and falsely claimed to be food products/nutraceuticals. According to the label composition of these products, they are classified as drugs under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

The products must be manufactured only under a 'drug license' issued under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, adhering strictly to the 'Good Manufacturing Practices' (GMP) outlined in Schedule-M of the Drugs Rules.

Additionally, it must meet the quality standards prescribed in the 'Indian Pharmacopoeia' (IP) as mandated.

Sri. M. Srinivasulu, Assistant Director, Karimnagar, Sri. P. Shravan Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Pedapalli, and Smt. T. Chandana, Drugs Inspector, Mancheri are among the officers who carried out the raids.

The drugs that are falsely manufactured and sold under a food license are not produced in accordance with 'Good Manufacturing Practices' (GMPs) and often fail to meet the quality standards prescribed in the Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP). Such products pose serious risks to patients' health and may have severe implications.

Photographs of the products falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'



Manufacturing and selling 'drugs' without a valid 'drug license' is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with imprisonment for up to five years.

The public may report any suspected manufacturing activity related to drugs, including narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, in residential,

commercial, or industrial areas, as well as any other 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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