

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
DRUGS CONTROL ADMINISTRATION- PROHIBITION & EXCISE

Press Note

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana carried out a **joint operation** along with **Prohibition & Excise Department** and busted a network involved in the illegal procurement, stocking, and sale of **Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances** in Hyderabad.

Huge stocks of **Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances** including **Fentanyl injections, Ketamine injections, Pentazocine injections, and Midazolam injections, etc.** were seized during the special operation at **GV Saluja Hospital, Rezimental Bazar, Secunderabad.**

Neha Bhagwath of Moulali, Malkajgiri, illegally procured Narcotic Drugs and stocked them at her residence, supplying them to various entities in the state that do not possess licenses to stock and sell Narcotic Drugs, potentially leading to their abuse. During the raids, huge stocks were also recovered from **Neha Bhagwath, including Morphine Injections, Morphine Tablets, Fentanyl Injections, Fentanyl Patches, Pentazocine Injections, etc.**

The details are as follows:

Based on credible information regarding illegal possession and sale of Narcotic drugs, officers from the Drugs Control Administration, Secunderabad

Zone along with officers from STF and DTF of Prohibition & Excise Department carried out a raid at **GV Saluja Hospital**, Rezimental Bazar, Secunderabad on 30th October, 2024.

During the raid, officials detected huge stocks of **Narcotic Drugs**, including Fentanyl Injections 100 mcg/2 ml, and **Psychotropic Substances**, such as Ketamine Hydrochloride Injections 50 mg/10 ml vial, Pentazocine Injections 30 mg/1 ml, Midazolam Injections 1mg/ml (10 mg vial), which were stocked illegally for sale at GV Saluja Hospital without an NDPS licence. **Rajender Singh Saluja** is the owner of GV Saluja Hospital.

Drugs seized during the raid at GV Saluja Hospital, Secunderabad

Sl. No.	Name of the Drug Seized	Quantity
1.	Fentanyl Injections 100 mcg/2 ml	98 ampoules
2.	Ketamine Hydrochloride Injections 50 mg/10 ml vial	20 vials
3.	Pentazocine Injections 30 mg/1 ml 2 ml ampoules	70 ampoules
4.	Midazolam Injections 1mg/ml (10 mg vial)	9 vials
5.	Succinyl Choline Injection (10 ml vial) (used as adjunct to general anesthesia)	12 vials

During the investigation, it was revealed that **Neha Bhagwath**, N/o. Nagpur, Maharashtra, W/o. Sushil Kumar, R/o. Moulali, illegally supplied the aforementioned Narcotic and Psychotropic Drugs to GV Saluja Hospital. Neha Bhagwath is a habitual offender with two previous cases filed against her under the NDPS Act and she was enlarged on bail in a NDPS Act case in the third week of September-2024.

Officers conducted a raid at the residence of **Neha Bhagwath** in MJ Colony, Moulali, Malkajgiri, and detected huge stocks of narcotic drugs,

including **Morphine Injections, Morphine Tablets, Fentanyl Citrate Injections,** and **Fentanyl Citrate Patches, Pentazocine Injections etc.** which were illegally procured and stocked for supply to various unlicensed entities in Hyderabad.

During the raids, huge stocks of Narcotic and Psychotropic Drugs were also recovered from Neha Bhagwath.

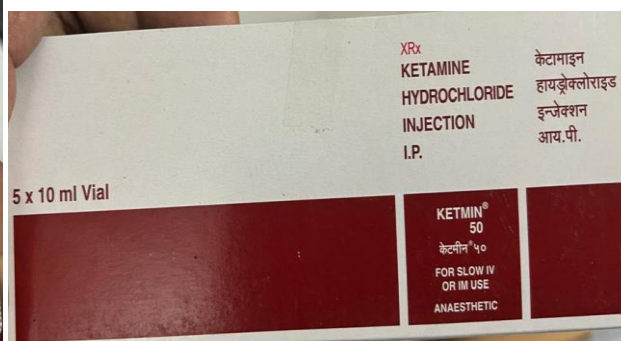
Drugs seized during the raid at the residence of Neha Bhagwath

Sl. No.	Name of the Drug Seized	Quantity
1.	FORTRAYS (Pentazocine Lactate) Injections 30 mg/1 ml	400 ampoules
2.	Rumorf (Morphine Sulphate) Injections 10 mg/ ml	200 ampoules
3.	Rufenyl (Fentanyl Citrate Injections) 10 ml	100 ampoules
4.	6iPZOCiN (Pentazocine Lactate) Injections 30 mg/1 ml	40 ampoules
5.	FenSpar (Fentanyl Citrate) Transdermal Patch 25 mcg/hr	60 patches
6.	RUMORF -10 (Morphine) Tablets 10 mg	40 tablets
7.	Rufenyl (Fentanyl) Transdermal Patch 25 mcg/hr	26 patches
8.	Rufenyl (Fentanyl) Transdermal Patch 50 mcg/hr	6 patches
9.	Thiosol (Thiopentone) Injection 500 mg (General Anesthetic)	1 vial
10.	Sangesic 5 (Buprenorphine) Transdermal Patch 5 mcg/hr	19 patches

The accused, Neha Bhagwath, confessed that she illegally procured the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances from **Dinesh of Pioneer Drug House,** located at H.No. 164, Plot No. 172, Shop No. 132, 1st Floor, Sridevirathan Complex, Aagyaramdevi Square, Subhash Road, Ganeshpet, Nagpur.

Officials seized the stocks of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances during the raid.

Photographs of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Drugs Seized



List of Accused: Apprehended:

- 1) Neha Bhagwath, supplier of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances
- 2) Patturi Gopinath, works at GV Saluja Hospital
- 3) Surender Singh Gusia, operation theatre technician at GV Saluja Hospital
- 4) B. Srinivas, pharmacist at GV Saluja Hospital

List of Accused: Absconding:

- 1) Rajender Singh Saluja, owner of GV Saluja Hospital
- 2) Dr. Amrutha Singh Saluja, W/o Rajender Singh Saluja and doctor at GV Saluja Hospital.
- 3) Dinesh, owner of Pioneer Drug House, H. No. 164, Plot No. 172, Shop No. 132, 1st Floor, Sridevirathan Complex, Aagyaramdevi Square, Subhash Road, Ganeshpet, Nagpur

Additional raids are being conducted at several Hospitals in Hyderabad where Neha Bhagwath had illegally supplied Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.

A case has been registered under the NDPS Act at Secunderabad Prohibition & Excise Station.

Officers Participated in the Raid:

Officers from Drugs Control Administration:

1. Sri. B. Govind Singh, Drugs Inspector, Secunderabad
2. Sri. G. Anil, Drugs Inspector, Malakpet

Officers from Prohibition and Excise Department:

1. Sri. Bhaskar, Addl. SP, STF
2. Sri. Tula Srinivas Rao, DSP, STF
3. Sri. K. Venkateswarlu, Inspector, STF
4. Sri. Jaganmohan Reddy, Prohibition & Excise Inspector,
Secunderabad
5. Sri. Shiva Krishna, ESI, STF

The Hospitals and Pharmacies attached to Hospitals shall hold an **NDPS licence** issued by the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, for the purchase of NDPS drugs and for issuing them to Doctors for the utilization of Narcotic Drugs during surgical procedures.

The illegal possession, purchase, and sale of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances are punishable under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

The abuse of Narcotic Drugs poses significant health risks, impacting individuals physically, mentally, and emotionally. Addiction is a prevalent consequence, characterized by a compulsive need to seek and use drugs despite adverse effects. Overdose, a potentially fatal outcome, occurs when the body is overwhelmed by the quantity of drugs consumed, leading to life-threatening consequences.

Addiction to Narcotic injections is highly dangerous, leading to physical dependence, tolerance, slow breathing, respiratory depression, and severe drowsiness. This addiction carries a high risk of coma and death due to respiratory depression and overdose.

Narcotic Drug abuse leads to serious health risks, including addiction, overdose, and various complications such as respiratory, cardiovascular problems and mental health disorders.

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