

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
DRUGS CONTROL ADMINISTRATION- PROHIBITION & EXCISE

Press Note

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Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, in a joint operation with the STF, Prohibition and Excise Department, busted a **Spurious Drug racket** in Hyderabad. The racket involved the shipment of **spurious antibiotic tablets** from Uttar Pradesh to Telangana through couriers. **Narcotic drugs, viz., Fentanyl Transdermal Patches**, were also seized during the raid.

Gandla Ramulu, a habitual offender involved in various spurious drug cases in the State, shipped the spurious antibiotics into Telangana from Uttar Pradesh with the assistance of **Munishekhar**, a resident of Proddutur, Andhra Pradesh.

Spurious antibiotics worth **Rs. 6.91 lakhs** were seized during the joint operation, and the accused, **Gandla Ramulu** and **Munishekhar**, were apprehended as part of the special operation carried out on 22nd November, 2024.

On 22nd November 2024, acting on credible information regarding the movement of spurious drugs into Telangana, the Drugs Control Administration,

Telangana, formed special teams and conducted a joint operation along with the STF, Prohibition and Excise Department.

Officials raided Shree Tirupati Courier Services Pvt. Ltd., located at Balanagar, and found cardboard boxes labeled as received from Shree Pharma, located in front of Gayatri Hospital, Jhalwa Chak Dadanpur Peepalgaon, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh. The boxes were addressed to Shiv Pharma Distributors, IDPL Colony, Adarshnagar, Hyderabad. The officers kept vigil on the medicine shipment received from Uttar Pradesh and tracked the delivery of the stocks to a person named **Gandla Ramulu** at Karman Ghat.

Gandla Ramulu is a habitual offender with several spurious drug cases pending against him in the state. He was arrested in February 2024 by the Malakpet Police in connection with a spurious drug racket, which led to an interstate Joint Operation in Uttarakhand with Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, Commissioner's Task Force, and Malakpet Police. This operation resulted in the busting of a spurious drug manufacturing unit named Nectar Herbs and Drugs at Kotdwara, Uttarakhand, and the interstate arrests of the offenders. Gandla Ramulu was later released on bail.

Officers raided the premises of a crockery shop located in Karmanghat, where Gandla Ramulu had received the consignment. They seized **four varieties** of spurious antibiotic drugs from his possession.

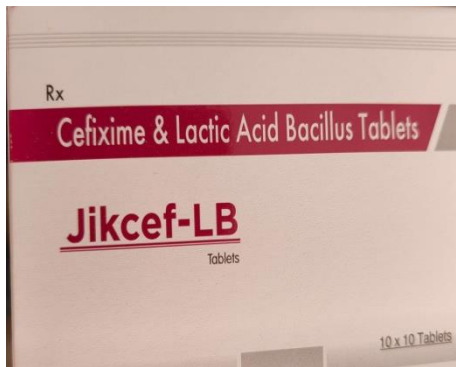
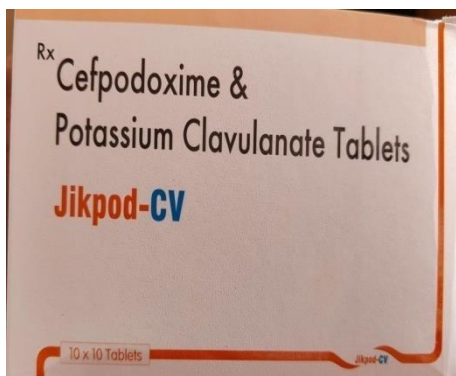
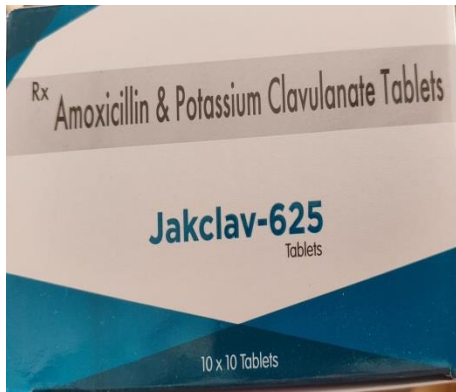
During interrogation, Gandla Ramulu revealed that he had procured the spurious drugs from Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, through a person named **Munishekhar of Proddutur**, Andhra Pradesh. He further disclosed that the spurious drugs were intended to be distributed to **Kumar of Karimnagar** and **Bhaskar of Kurnool** for sale.

The names of the firms mentioned on the label, namely '**Manufactured by:** Geenac Pharma, Plot No. 582, Raipur, Bhagwanpur, Roorkee, Uttarakhand-247667,' and '**Marketed by:** Wellnow Healthcare, Karnal Industrial Estate, Road No. 6, Borivali East, Mumbai-400066,' are found to be **fictitious or non-existing firms.**

The details of the spurious antibiotics seized are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the Drug	Batch No. Mfg. Dt., Exp. Dt.	Quantity	Claimed to be Manufactured by & Marketed by on the Label of the Spurious Antibiotics
1.	Jakclav-625 Tablets Amoxicillin & Potassium Clavulanate Tablets	Batch No. BPT- 3002 Mfg. Dt. 02/2024 Exp. Dt. 01/2026	9600 Tablets	Manufactured by: Geenac Pharma, Plot No. 582, Raipur, Bhagwanpur, Roorkee, Uttarakhand- 247667. Marketed by: Wellnow Healthcare Karnal Industrial Estate, Road No. 6, Borivali East, Mumbai-400066.
2.	Jikpod-CV Tablets Cefpodoxime & Potassium Clavulanate Tablets	Batch No. BPT- 3003 Mfg. Dt. 02/2024 Exp. Dt. 01/2026	400 Tablets	
3.	Jikcef-LB Tablets Cefixime & Lactic Acid Bacillus Tablets	Batch No. BPT- 3005 Mfg. Dt. 02/2024 Exp. Dt. 01/2026	10500 Tablets	
4.	Jikcf AZ Tablets Cefixime & Azithromycin Tablets	Batch No. BPT- 3001 Mfg. Dt. 02/2024 Exp. Dt. 01/2026	9600 Tablets	

Photographs of the Spurious Antibiotics seized are as follows:



In addition to the aforementioned spurious antibiotics, Narcotic Drugs, viz., Fentanyl Transdermal Patch 50 mcg/hr (Brand Name: FenSpar; Quantity: 12 patches) and Fentanyl Transdermal Patch 50 mcg/hr (Brand Name: THEMIFENT-P; Quantity: 9 patches), were also seized during the joint operation.

The accused, Gandla Ramulu and Munishekhar, were apprehended during the raids carried out on 22nd November 2024.

In connection with the seizure of Narcotic Drugs, a case has been registered at Saroornagar Excise Station vide COR No. 111/2024 U/s 8(c) and 22(c) of the NDPS Act and has been taken up for investigation.

Officers from Drugs Control Administration viz. Sri. G. Prasad, Assistant Director, Rangareddy, Sri. G. Anil, Drugs Inspector, Malakpet, Sri. B. Govind Singh, Drugs Inspector, Secunderabad, Sri. J. Nagaraju, Drugs Inspector, Saroornagar and Dr. B. Lakshminarayana, Drugs Inspector, Uppal and Officers from STF Prohibition and Excise Department viz. Sri. Ch. Nagaraju, Inspector, STF and Sri. N. Srinivas Reddy, Excise Inspector, Saroornagar Prohibition and Excise Station, and their staff 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 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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Photograph – Seizure of the **Spurious Antibiotics** and Narcotic Drugs

