

Press Note

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A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials raided the premises of a medical distributor named **Sri Nandini Pharma** in **Sultan Bazar, Hyderabad**, and **seized stocks of Tetanus Vaccine and Oxytocin Injections for stocking them on racks at room temperature**, which could potentially lead to the degradation of the products and the loss of potency of the injections.

Tetanus Vaccine and Oxytocin Injections are temperature-sensitive medicines that **should be stored in a refrigerator at 2°C to 8°C** to maintain their efficacy. Storage at room temperature causes a loss of potency, and the use of such injections may adversely affect patients' health, as they fail to produce the intended therapeutic effect.

B) In a separate event, DCA conducted a raid on an unlicensed premises in **Hanumakonda**, and seized drugs worth **Rs. 80,000** that were illegally stocked for sale.

A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana Seizes Improperly Stored Tetanus Vaccine and Oxytocin Injections in Hyderabad

On 5th March, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, acting on credible information, raided the premises of **Sri Nandini Pharma** in **Sultan Bazar, Hyderabad**, and found stocks of **thermolabile** (temperature-sensitive)

medicines—**Tetanus Vaccine** and **Oxytocin Injections**—stored at room temperature on racks along with other general drugs. Tetanus Vaccine and Oxytocin Injections should be stored in a refrigerator at 2°C to 8°C to maintain their stability and efficacy.

DCA officials seized stocks containing two varieties of medicines worth Rs. 10,000 during the raid.

Sri. T. Rajamouli, Assistant Director, Hyderabad and Sri. V. Ajay, Drugs Inspector, Goshamahal are among the officers who carried out the raid.

Mithinti Srinivas, Proprietor of Sri Nandini Pharma, was present during the raid. Further investigation will be carried out, and action will be taken as per the law against all offenders.

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, has been constantly vigilant and alert to ensure the supply of quality and efficacious drugs to the public in the State.

Storing the Tetanus vaccine (Tetanus Toxoid injection) at room temperature instead of under refrigeration can lead to the degradation of the toxoid. Tetanus toxoid is a heat-sensitive protein that can degrade when exposed to higher temperatures, resulting in a decreased ability to induce an immune response, thereby reducing its therapeutic effect.

Storing Oxytocin injection at room temperature instead of under refrigeration can lead to the degradation of the peptide hormone 'Oxytocin.' Oxytocin is sensitive to heat and can degrade when exposed to higher temperatures, resulting in a decrease in its potency and effectiveness. This degradation may lead to a loss of uterotonic activity, meaning Oxytocin's

ability to stimulate uterine contractions could be compromised, thereby reducing its therapeutic effect in inducing labor or controlling postpartum bleeding.

Stocking Tetanus Vaccine and Oxytocin Injections at room temperature in a medical shop is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with imprisonment of up to two years.

B) Raid Conducted at Unlicensed Premises in Hanumakonda

On 5th March, officials of the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, acting on credible information regarding the illegal stocking and sale of medicines, raided an unlicensed premises at Mahima Clinic, H.No. 3-14-561, Vinayaka Nagar Line 3, KUC Road, Hanumakonda. G. Pravin Kumar had been stocking drugs at the clinic for sale without a drug license.

During the raid, DCA officers detected the unauthorized stocking of a large quantity of medicines intended for sale. A total of **42 varieties** of medicines were found at the premises, including expired drugs, habit-forming drugs, vaccines, antibiotics, and steroids etc. The officers seized the stock, worth Rs. 80,000.

Sri. J. Kiran Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Hanumakonda carried out the raid under the supervision of Dr. G. Rajyalakshmi, Assistant Director, Warangal.

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.

Wholesalers and dealers who supply medicines to individuals stocking and selling drugs without a drug licence are also punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. Stringent action will be taken against such wholesalers and dealers. They shall mandatorily ensure that the recipient entities hold a valid drug licence before supplying medicines to them.

Stocking drugs for sale without a drug licence 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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A) Photograph – Seizure of Improperly Stored Tetanus Vaccine and Oxytocin Injections in Sultan Bazar, Hyderabad



B) Photograph - Raid Conducted at Unlicensed Premises in Hanumakonda

