

Press Note

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Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, seized **Spurious Drug (Counterfeit Version) 'Levipil 500' Tablets (Levetiracetam Tablets 500 mg), falsely claimed to be manufactured by Sun Pharma Laboratories Ltd.**

During the raids conducted by the DCA based on gathered intelligence, a **counterfeit version of 'Levipil 500' Tablets was detected circulating in the market at **Kavadiguda, Hyderabad, and at Karimnagar**. Counterfeit drugs were seized during the raids at **Arvind Pharma Distributors**, located in SBI Colony, Kavadiguda, Hyderabad, and at **Venu Medical Agencies**, located in Sai Nagar, Doctors Street, Karimnagar.**

Levipil 500 Tablet is an anti-epileptic medicine used to treat fits in epilepsy.

The details are as follows:

Based on intelligence gathered by Drugs Control Administration officials, raids were conducted at several dealers in Hyderabad and Karimnagar, leading to the detection of a **Spurious Drug – a Counterfeit Version of 'Levipil 500' Tablets (Levetiracetam Tablets 500 mg) – circulating in the market.**

Levipil 500 Tablet is an anti-epileptic medicine used to treat seizures (fits) in epilepsy.

During the raids, a special team of officers of the Drugs Control Administration detected counterfeit stocks of **Levipil 500 Tablets** at the premises of **Arvind Pharma Distributors**, located in SBI Colony, Kavadiguda, Hyderabad, and at **Venu Medical Agencies**, located in Sai Nagar, Doctors Street, Karimnagar.

A comparison statement for the suspected batches was obtained from the original manufacturer, **Sun Pharma Laboratories Ltd.**, against the corresponding genuine batch. The manufacturer confirmed that the batch of 'Levipil 500' Tablets (Levetiracetam Tablets 500 mg) detected by the Drugs Control Administration were indeed **"Counterfeit Drugs"**.

During the raid conducted on 4th July, 2025 at **Arvind Pharma Distributors**, SBI Colony, Kavadiguda, Hyderabad, and the raid conducted on 5th July, 2025 at **Venu Medical Agencies**, located in Sai Nagar, Doctors Street, Karimnagar, a counterfeit version of 'Levipil 500' Tablets (Levetiracetam Tablets 500 mg), bearing Batch No.: GTF1540A, Mfg. Date: May-2024, Exp. Date: Apr-2026, and falsely claimed to be manufactured by Sun Pharma Laboratories Ltd., Vill. Kokjhar, Dist. Kamrup, Assam, was detected. Counterfeit drugs were seized during both raids.

Sri G. Sreenivas, Deputy Director-I, Sri. M. Srinivasulu, Assistant Director, Karimnagar, Smt. D. Saritha, Assistant Director, Secunderabad, Smt. P. Renuka, Drugs Inspector, Musheerabad, Sri. P. Karthik Bharadwaj, Drugs Inspector, Karimnagar, Sri. B. Govind Singh, Drugs Inspector, Begumpet, Sri. C. Vivekananda Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Khairatabad, Sri V. Ajay, Drugs Inspector, Goshamahall, Sri. G. Anil, Drugs Inspector, Malakpet, Sri. K. Murali Krishna, Drugs Inspector, Malkajgiri, Sri Raja Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Kamareddy, Smt.

T. Chandana, Drugs Inspector, Mancherial, and Sri. P. Shravan Kumar, Drugs Inspector, Peddapalli, were among the officers who carried out the raids and detected the counterfeit drug stocks.

Further investigation will be conducted, and appropriate action will be taken against all offenders involved.

Counterfeit Version of 'Levipil 500' Tablets (Levetiracetam Tablets 500 mg), Batch No.: GTF1540A Seized by DCA



Spurious drugs pose a significant threat to public health, endangering patients' well-being. These drugs not only fail to treat the intended disease but also can lead to severe health complications over time.

DCA is actively working to ensure the removal of spurious drugs from the market.

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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Photographs of the Seizure Conducted at Kavadiguda, Hyderabad





Photograph of the Seizure Conducted at Karimnagar

