

Press Note

PUBLIC ADVISORY

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In view of the one-day Nationwide Bandh call given by the All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists (AIOCD) on 20th May, 2026, the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, hereby issues the following **public advisory** in the interest of patient safety and uninterrupted access to essential medicines.

1. A meeting was held with AIOCD Telangana chapter wherein it has been decided:
 - a. To keep pharmacy stores attached to hospitals available to supply medicines to avoid inconvenience to public.
 - b. The district chapters of the AIOCD will be in close touch with the Drug Inspectors to make any medicines available from local stores in case of emergency.
2. In addition, corporate medical stores like Apollo and Medpuls have been advised to keep their stores open.
3. In case of any difficulty regarding the availability of essential or emergency medicines on 20th May, 2026, members of the public may immediately contact the concerned local Drugs Inspector or the Assistant Director, Drugs Control Administration, for necessary assistance and intervention.

4. The Drugs Control Administration is closely monitoring the situation across the State to ensure the availability of essential and life-saving medicines. All field officers of the Department have been instructed to remain vigilant and respond promptly to any issues relating to medicine availability or public grievances.

5. The contact numbers and office addresses of Drugs Control Administration officials are available on the official website of the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana under the “**Key Contacts**” section:

<https://dca.telangana.gov.in/>

6. The public may also contact the DCA Telangana Toll-Free Number: **1800 599 6969** for assistance or information regarding the availability of medicines.

7. The Drugs Control Administration, Telangana appeals to all stakeholders to cooperate in ensuring uninterrupted access to medicines for the public during the bandh period on 20th May, 2026.

Sd/-
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