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Fake drug-making unit busted in Baddi, pills seized



Kullu: A team of drug control administration has busted another fake medicine manufacturing unit in Baddi of Solan district. The unit of Magnatek Enterprises and one of its godowns in Baddi were raided late on Sunday from where fake drugs of diabetes and multivitamin pills were seized in huge quantities. According to drug controller Navneet Marwaha, the busted unit was manufacturing, branding, and selling the spurious drugs as Mankind Pharma Limited and Intas Pharmaceuticals Limited, Sikkim.

The drug control administration team has also seized the vehicle used by the company staff to transport spurious drugs. The company used to supply fake drugs to the Delhi market. The factory owner is at large, but would soon be arrested, said an official. This is the fourth such fake factory bust in less than a year. In May, Rajni Bhargava, the proprietor of Cyper Pharmaceuticals, was arrested for allegedly producing spurious drugs. Bhargava's arrest had come after a fake drugs racket was busted in Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh and it had come to light that some of the spurious drugs were allegedly manufactured by the Cyper Pharmaceuticals. In November last year, another Baddi-based spurious drugs factory was sealed and three persons were arrested. Prior to that in September, 2022, an illegal drugs unit was busted in Baddi and spurious capsules and tablets of various drugs were seized. In 2020, a similar factory was unearthed in Baddi. Known as the pharma hub of the country, Himachal Pradesh has around 1,500 drug-making units with most of them in the Baddi Barotiwala Nalagarh belt.

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