

## STF busts major fake medicine racket



**HASAN HADI, 28 Jun:** The Uttarakhand Special Task Force (STF) has arrested Naveen Bansal, a key figure involved in manufacturing and supplying fake medicines under the names of top pharmaceutical companies. These fake medicines included drugs used for blood pressure and paracetamol, primarily targeting patients over the age of 50.

Investigations revealed that about 15 per cent of the medicines in the market may be fake, senior officer said. A case has been registered against the accused under Sections 63, 65 of the Copyright Act, Sections 318(4), 336, and 340 of the BNS, Drugs and Cosmetics Act, Information Technology Act.

The accused supplied these counterfeit medicines to various medical suppliers across multiple states, including Dehradun, especially in areas near Kargi Chowk.

STF SSP Navneet Singh Bhullar said that Naveen Bansal was closely linked to another accused, Santosh Kumar, who was arrested earlier on June 1, 2025, from Selaqui. Santosh was caught with a large stock of fake medicine packaging and labeling material. During questioning, Santosh revealed that he used to receive fake boxes and labels from Naveen Bansal to prepare the counterfeit drugs.

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