

## **Corrigendum to FDA a press note dated 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2025**

1. There was a BBC media report yesterday wherein it was allegedly said that opioids like Tapentadol and Caresoprodol combination manufactured in India but are exported to African countries like Nigeria, Ghana etc where it is misused and abused for recreational purposes.
2. The report also carried sting operation details about one company based in Maharashtra ( 'Aveo') which is in the process of exporting tapentadol and caresoprodol to African countries.
3. Immediately acting upon BBC report a joint team of Government of India and Government of Maharashtra drug inspectors raided the factory and storage godown and seized all the stock as well as prohibiting Further production.
4. The company has already been given show cause notice under drug and cosmetics act 1940 and all necessary legal actions will be taken accordingly without any delay and without any fear or favour.
5. The Government of India has also issued advisory on 21.2.2025 to all the states to withdraw Export NOC and permission to manufacture all unapproved combinations of tapentadol and all unapproved combinations Caresoprodol. FDA Maharashtra has already started action as per above guidelines.
6. The Government of Maharashtra is determined to take action against all such bad elements who bring disrepute to the Country and state without any exception, in coordination with Gol.
7. Directions have already been given to the FDA commissioner to suitable action in the matter immediately.