

Nepali medicines to cure kidney in market

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KATHMANDU, Sept 8: Deurali-Janata Pharmaceutical Pvt.Ltd.(DJPL) a company producing medicines, has started to sell medicines related to heart diseases, nerve, diabetes and kidney related diseases from this month.

The company has managed a separate division named 'Suswasthya Division' to deal with diseases that last for a longer period

Hari Bhakta Sharma, executive director of the company said such drugs were produced to fulfill the demand for quality drugs in the market.

Speaking at the launching ceremony of the division on Wednesday, he said the drugs were introduced with the aim of reducing the dependency on the foreign products. He claimed that the medicines produced by his company had better quality than that of more than 80 per cent of Indian industries. It has also acquired WHO-GMP for its good manufacturing practice.

Sharma said that Nepal had been the dumping ground for inferior medicines. The reason for such a situation was mainly due to uncontrollable flow of several brands of drugs of several Indian companies. The government has allowed 250 Indian companies to export their 12000 brands of drugs to Nepal, which is the highest compared to India, Pakistan, Japan and United States in per capita population.

"There is a single regulatory body with scarcity of manpower, which is the key reason why medicines with inferior quality were spreading in Nepal," he said.

He said that DJPL was planning to export its products to developed countries within a few years. "Export to India is difficult because the Indian government creates obstruction on contrary to Nepal government's treatment to Indian drugs," he said. Currently, more than 90 per cent of the imported medicines are Indian products. Nepali Industries supply 30 per cent of essential medicines in the market.