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India foils UK Company's bid to patent use of turmeric, pine bark and tea

India has foiled a British Company's bid to patent use of turmeric, pine bark and tea for treating hair loss and succeeded in protecting its traditional knowledge.

The UK based company **Pangaea Laboratories Limited** had filed patent application at European Patent office in February, 2011 on a medicinal composition containing turmeric, pine bark and green tea for treating hair loss.

An official release said in New Delhi that the **Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL)**, a Unit of **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research** filed pre-grant opposition along with prior-art evidences. It proved that turmeric, pine bark and green tea, are being used as a treatment for hair loss, since long in Indian systems of medicine like Ayurveda and Unani.

Recently, **CSIR-TKDL** has also foiled an attempt of **Colgate-Palmolive Company** to patent a mouthwash formula containing herb (Nutmeg- Jayaphal) extract used in Indian traditional systems of medicine to cure oral diseases.

Till date **CSIR-TKDL** has achieved success in about 200 such cases without any cost.