

# India stops UK company from patenting hair loss formula

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India has succeeded in stalling UK-based company **Pangaea Laboratories Limited's** petition to patent a treatment for hair loss, a leading news daily reports. The treatment consisted of a particular combination of turmeric, pine bark and green tea. The petition by the company had been filed in February 2011.

According to the report, **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research's Traditional Knowledge Digital Library** told the **European Patent Office** that the particular treatment for **hair loss** had been used in India's traditional medical

practices like **Ayurveda** and Unani .

After the application was put up on the patent office's website on January 13, 2014, the council presented evidence supporting its claim. Following this, the application was reportedly withdrawn by **Pangaea Laboratories**.

**Traditional Knowledge Digital Library** has been instituted to preserve and protect knowledge of India's traditional medicinal practices. It is also working to preventing patenting of this traditional knowledge by multi-nationals. Just a few days ago, **Colgate-Palmolive's** move to patent a herbal mouthwash formula had also been stalled by the library.