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INDIA FOILS US FIRM'S BID TO PATENT LOTUS

NEW DELHI: The claim made by a US company on the usefulness of lotus and cowhage (a herb) for treatment of obesity and hunger at the European Patent Office (EPO) has been foiled by India, largely because of submission of prior art evidence from ancient Hindu texts that refutes the claim of novelty. The US based company Somalab had filed a patent publication no EP2419508 at the European Patent Office (EPO) in 2010.