



## India prevents Britain from patenting Ayurvedic hair loss treatment

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The traditional Indian remedy for treating hair loss – a medicinal composition of turmeric, pine bark and green tea, has been used in Ayurveda (<http://www.thehealthsite.com/topics/ayurveda/>) and Unani (<http://www.thehealthsite.com/topics/unani/>) for generations. Recently, a British company, **Pangaea Laboratories Limited**, attempted to patent this composition. However, the **Traditional Knowledge Digital Library of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR-TKDL)**, challenged this patent application filed at the European Patent Office. Read: Hair loss problem? Try these 9 yoga poses to beat it! (<http://www.thehealthsite.com/beauty/yoga-tips-to-prevent-hair-loss/>)

India foiled the patent attempt by filing a pre-grant opposition along with evidence from **TKDL**, proving that this is being used as a treatment for hair loss (<http://www.thehealthsite.com/beauty/hair-loss/001/>) in Ayurveda and Unani, the science and technology ministry said on Sunday. The Britain-based company had filed the patent application in February 2011 while **CSIR-TKDL** registered its opposition in January 2014 after the patent application was published online following which the patent application was withdrawn on June 29. Till date, **CSIR-TKDL Unit** has achieved success in about 200 such cases without any cost. Read: DON'T miss out on these 6 vitamins to PREVENT hair loss (<http://www.thehealthsite.com/beauty/dont-miss-out-on-these-6-vitamins-to-prevent-hair-loss-t715/>)