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India foils U.K. firm's bid to patent Ayurvedic mix

India has once again foiled an attempt by a major European major dermatological company to take patent on a medicinal composition containing turmeric, pine bark and green tea for treating hair loss. "India once again has been successful in protecting its traditional knowledge by preventing an attempt made by Europe's leading dermatological laboratory — **Pangaea Laboratories Limited**, to take patent on a medicinal composition containing turmeric, pine bark and green tea for treating hair loss," a statement issued by the Ministry of Science and Technology said.

Traditional Knowledge Digital Library located the patent application filed at European Patent Office by **Pangaea Laboratories Limited** and filed pre-grant opposition along with prior-art evidences from **TKDL**, proving that turmeric, pine bark and green tea, are being used for treating hair loss, since long in Ayurveda and Unani.