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## India foils UK company's bid to patent use of turmeric, pine bark and tea for treating hair loss

New Delhi, **Aug. 2** (ANI): **India** once again has been successful in protecting its traditional knowledge by preventing an attempt made by Europe's Leading Dermaceutical Laboratory-**Pangaea Laboratories Limited** to take patent on a medicinal composition containing turmeric, pine bark and green tea for treating hair loss.

**Traditional Knowledge Digital Library** (TKDL), a Unit of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, located the patent **application filed at European Patent** office by **M/S 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** as a treatment for hair loss, since long in Indian systems of medicine like Ayurveda and Unani.

The above UK based company had **filed** the patent **application at European Patent** office in February, 2011. **CSIR-TKDL Unit** had **filed** evidences from **TKDL** on January 13, 2014 after the patent **application** got published on website, pursuant to which the patent **application** is finally deemed to be withdrawn by the applicant on June 29, 2015. Till date **CSIR-TKDL Unit** has achieved success in about 200 such cases without any cost.

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

**Traditional Knowledge Digital Library** of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR-TKDL), headed by **Dr. Archana Sharma**, submitted proof in the form of references from ancient books in this case, which said the herb and its extracts of Myristica Fragrans were historically **used** for oral diseases in Indian systems of medicine. (ANI)