The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister has approved the “Widening access of the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library(TKDL) database to users, besides patent offices”.

The TKDL currently contains information from existing literature related to Indian Systems of Medicine(ISM) such as Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa and Yoga.

– The information is documented in a digitized format in five international languages which are English, German, French, Japanese and Spanish.

Who can access the TKDL database?

Until now, access to the complete TKDL database is restricted to 14 Patent Offices worldwide for the purposes of search and examination.

But from now on the TKDL database can also be accessed by users. This would be through a paid subscription model with a phase-wise opening to national and international users.

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