

## Essay on Banyan Tree

The banyan tree is the national tree of India. It is a very large tree and its branches span up to 100m. The scientific name of the banyan tree is *Ficus benghalensis*. It was first found in the year 1950 and holds a special place in the culture of India. It is viewed as an equivalent to Brahma. The roots of this tree are spread wide and the stems are known to be very strong. It gives shelter to many birds and small animals and it also contains some religious significance. It is believed that the lifespan of the banyan tree is up to 500 years. This tree is found in the subtropical and tropical areas of India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh.