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## Paragraph on Banyan Tree

The National Tree of India is 'Banyan' Tree. It often refers specially to the Indian Banyan or Bengalensis. It is a fig that start its life as an epiphyte (a plant growing on another plant). The leaves of the banyan tree are large, leathery, glossy green and elliptical in shape. The leaf bud is covered by two large scales.

The huge tree of Banyan towers over its neighbours and has the widest reaching roots of all known trees. Its size and leafy shelter are valued in India as a place of rest and reflection. The banyan tree is considered sacred. It is also known as Bargad, Vata vilksh, and Barb.

Thank you.