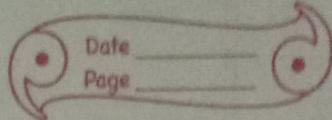


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Write a paragraph on 'Banyan Tree' in about 100 words.

The banyan tree is the national tree of India. It is a very large tree and its branches span upto 100m. It was first found in the year 1950 and holds a special culture of India. Ladies worship this tree for the ~~health~~ health and welfare of their better half. It gives shelter to birds and small animals and also contains some religious significance. It helps in giving shadow to many people because of the larger branches. Banyan trees are perhaps the biggest trees on the planet. It often refers specially to the 'Indian Banyan' or 'Ficus benghalensis'. These trees are found all over tropical and subtropical parts of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. The name 'Banyan' is derived from 'Banias', who nested under the trees to discuss their strategies regarding business. With high medicinal value, Banyan is often used as a herb to treat and cure many diseases.