

Banyan Tree

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The Banyan Tree is the national tree of India. It is very large tree and its branches span up to 100 m. 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. Ladies worship this tree for better their health and for their family. It is a famous tree in India. It helps in giving shadow to many people because of its large branches. The lifespan of a banyan tree is up to 500 yrs. There are many health benefits of the banyan tree as the hanging roots of the banyan tree helps people to rest with its long branches. As the tree ages its branches become weak and start to break. The banyan tree is considered sacred in Hinduism. Banyan trees are found in both urban and rural areas. The Banyan tree belongs to the family of Moraceae. The root of Banyan tree is very strong and its branches are spread wide in the air. It is home to many small birds and animals.