

BOTANICAL NAMEArtocarpus
heterophyllus
ENGLISH NAMEJackfruit
HINADI NAME- Kathal
FAMILY- Moraceae

## **DESCRIPTION:**

- Middle sizes tree; evergreen.
- Bark thick and dark, deeply cracked, flaky.
- ❖ Leaves broad deep glossy green on top, paler underneath up to 20 cm long.
- ❖ Flowers male and female separate, on the same tree; male flower tiny in clusters emerging from new branchlets; female flower densely crowded on old branches or directly from the trunk.
- Fruit gigantic, lumpy, barrel or pear shaped; pollinated by small flies and beetles attracted by its mawkish smell.

## **USES:**

- The leaves of jackfruit tree are useful for curing fever, boils and skin diseases.
- The latex of the fruit is helpful in treating dysopia, opthalmities and pharyngitis.
- The latex can also be mixed with vinegar to heal abscesses, snakebites and glandular swellings.
- The wood of jackfruit tree is widely used in manufacturing musical instruments, furniture, doors, windows and roof constructions.