



BOTANICAL NAME-
Ficus religiosa

ENGLISH NAME –
Sacred fig, bo tree

HINDI NAME - Peepal

FAMILY- Moraceae

DESCRIPTION :

- ❖ Large tree, deciduous.
- ❖ Trunk short, thick, often fluted; exudes milky latex.
- ❖ Bark yellowish or grey brown, smooth, become scaly with ages.
- ❖ Leaves large, with wavy margins and long stalks; heart shaped at base with very long pointed tip; shiny on top.
- ❖ Figs in pairs, from leaf axils; reddish at first, eventually deep purple when ripe.

USES :

- ❖ Many parts of the peepal find use in traditional medicine; the juice of the root- bark for curing toothache and strengthening the gums; the fig as a laxative and for treating asthma.
- ❖ The milky latex is use to treat crack heels.
- ❖ The leaves makes an excellent fodder especially for buffaloes and elephants.
- ❖ Peepal tree are an important host of a lac insect