



**BOTANICAL NAME-**  
*Ficus benghalensis*

**ENGLISH NAME-** Indian banyan, Banyan fig

**HINDI NAME-** Peepal

**FAMILY-** Moraceae

### **DESCRIPTION :**

- ❖ *Ficus benghalensis*, is an evergreen fast growing tree, that can reach a height up to 30 meters.
- ❖ It produces propagating roots which grow downwards as aerial roots on the branches that grow downward like lianas.
- ❖ The figs produced by the tree are eaten by birds as the Indian myna. Fig seeds that pass through the digestive system of birds are more likely to germinate and sprout earlier.

### **USES :**

- ❖ For diarrhea and dysentery – The leaf buds of the banyan tree are beneficial in treating chronic diarrhea and dysentery.
- ❖ For female sterility- tender roots of the tree are considered beneficial in treating female sterility.
- ❖ For leucorrhoea – douching with the lukewarm decoction of banyan bark to keep the vaginal tract tissues healthy.