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Trees are an authoritative constituent of the natural landscape due to their prevention of eroding and the purvey of a specific weather-sheltered ecosystem in and under their foliage. In Hindu scripture trees are described as an extraterrestrial having its roots in heaven and its branches in the underworld that unites and connects beings of all kinds. This is a turnaround of our usual experience of trees. Indeed, in many places, especially in villages in India, trees are quite inseparable from the way of life of the people. Accounts of the Indian trees would be incomplete without a mention of those old familiar favorites, the neem, the tamarind or imli, the dhak and the champa, not forgetting the powerful spirits who are believed to dwell in them. Every tree in India is coupled with legends that go back to the distant past, into the timeless regions of man's pre-history. In India, there are thousands of trees grown in jungles, yards and countrysides. These are as follows:

Teak Tree

The Teak tree originated from India is heavy, tough and durable which has great value as timber.

Temple Tree

The 'Temple Tree' is possibly the most recognizable and broadly grown amongst all the trees that can be found in India.

Gorakh Chinch or Baobab

The tree named 'Gorakh Chinch' or 'Baobab' is probably one of the most extraordinarily shaped trees of the world.

The Mountain Ebony

The 'Mountain Ebony' tree is very a nice tree that has a rich and stimulating perfume, which fills the air.

Wild Almond

The 'Wild Almond' is a tall, straight tree. The scientific name of the tree is 'Sterculia Foetida'. The aromatic nature of the tree can emphasise its name very well as because 'Sterculia' means "dung" and 'Foetida' means "foul-smelling". Its family is 'Sterculiaceae'. 'Sterculia' does have a lot of species.

Jacaranda Tree

The tree named as 'Jacaranda' is a kind of the 'Wild Almond' trees. This tree is well known to the scientists as 'Jacaranda Mimosaefolia'.

Java Plum

The tree 'Java Plum' is amongst the most common evergreen trees of India, Burma, Sri Lanka and Malaysia except the waterless districts. If grown in a suitable place, the tree becomes tall and handsome. It chiefly found along riverbeds and it usually has a twisted trunk and a lot of branches.

Jamun or Nim Tree

'Jamun' or 'Nim' is a kind of 'Java Plum' that is a medium-sized or large tree with a straight trunk. The tree is graceful in form and evergreen. 'Nim' is a native very

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much recognizable to most of the people for its medicinal properties.

The Coral Tree

The tree named as the `Coral Tree` is very familiar to the Indian people from the month of January to March. The scientific name of the tree is `Erythrina Indica`. The tree came from the family of `Leguminosae` and sub family of `Papilionaceae`.

The Queen's Flower

The `Queen's Flower` tree, known as `Lagerstromia Speciosa` in science, is a very beautiful sight when in bloom. This is a member of the `Lythraceae` family and a common Indian tree.

The Pink Cassias

This tree derived from the family of `Leguminosae` and the sub family is `Caesalpineae`. In Tamil, the tree is called as `Pu Vakai` and in Malay, it is known as `Konna`.

The Belliric Myrabolan

The `Belliric Myrabolan` is found in India. The tree cannot grow in any waterless region and is therefore quite a common tree in India. The tree has a height of about 900 m. Named as `Terminalia Bellirica` in science; the tree belongs to a very large family of `Combrefaceae`.

The Mango Tree

The `Mango Tree` is one of the best-known and most popular trees of India. Being called as `Mangifera Indica` in science, the tree bear some very tasty and large fruits. There are a lot of names of this tree in various languages in India. Both in the languages of Bengali and Hindi, it is called as `Aam`.

**The Rain Tree**

The `Saman` or the `Rain Tree` is a very large and spreading type of tree and can very easily be identified. It has a wide shelter of evergreen, soft foliage and also the drafts of pink flowers. The scientists call it as `Samanea Saman`.

Flame of the Forest

The name of the tree `Flame of the Forest` itself suggests a lot about the tree. This is such a tree when it is in its fullest beauty, it can change the view of the entire forest in a very graceful way. The scientific name of the tree is Butea Monosperma. Its family is Leguminosae and sub-family is Papilionaceae. Its called in several names in Hindi language like Chichra tesu, Desuka jhad, Dhak, Palas, Chalcha, and Kankrei.

Saraca Indica

The Saraca Indica trees are also a variety of the Flame of the Forest trees. This tree is such a tree that reduces the pain and sorrow of the people. People feel happy when they see the extraordinary beauty of the tree. Saraca Indica is actually the scientific name of the tree. It belongs to the family of Leguminosae and to the sub family of Coesalpineae. The Indian people call these trees in various names. Both the Hindi and Bengali speaking people call it as Asok, Asoka, and Vanjulam.

Red Silk Cotton

As the name goes, the Red Silk Cotton is in fact a reddish and silky tree. The scientists know this as Bombax Malabarica. Bombax came from the Greek word Bombax that means "a silk-worm" and Malabarica means "from Malabar".

Jack Fruit Tree

The `Jack Fruit Tree` is a very large and evergreen tree. Known as `Artocarpus Heterophylla` in science, the tree posses one of the most popular and most important fruit of India, slightly behind the Mango and the Plantain. The tree came from the `Moraceae` family. It is famous in Hindi as `Chakki, Panos and Kanthal`.

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most familiar. `Spathodea Campanulata` is the scientific name of the tree. The word `Spathodea` is a Greek word that means "spathe" and refers to the ladle-like shape of the calices and `Campanulata` describes the bell-shape of the flowers.

The Tamarind Tree

Known as `Tamarindus Indica` to the scientists of the world, the `Tamarind Tree` is considered as one of the most beautiful trees. The name `Tamarind` derived from the Persian word `Tamar-e-Hind` that means "Indian date". This charming tree is proud member of the `Leguminosae` family and `Caesalpinieae` sub family.

The Cork Tree

The `Cork Tree` is a very famous tree in India and has been cultivated in most parts of India in the gardens and avenues. The scientific name of this tree is `Millingtonia Hortensis`. The name `Millingtonia` honours the English botanist of the 18th Century, Thomas Millington and `Hortensis` means "grown in gardens". It came from the `Bignoniaceae` family.



The Pongam Tree

The `Pongam Tree` is known as one of the richest and brightest trees of India. The tree is named as `Pongamia Pinnata` in science. The name `Pongamia` has derived from the Tamil name, `Pinnata` that refers to the pinnate leaves. The tree is a member of the `Leguminosae` family.

The Indian Laburnum

The `Indian Laburnum` is one of the most widespread trees of India and in almost every Indian language it has a name. The tree is very popular all over the country. Named as `Cassia Fistula` in science, the family of this beautiful tree is `Leguminosae`. The sub family of the tree is `Cceslapinieae`.

The Rusty Shield Bearer

Being another proud member of the famous `Leguminosae` family, the `Rusty Shield Bearer` tree is named as `Peltophorum Pterocarpum` in science. The sub family of this beautiful tree is `Cceslapinieae`. The name `Peltophorum` came from a Greek word that means, "shield bearing" in reference to the shape of the pods. This tree is not very much common to the Hindi and Bengali speaking people. In Telugu language, the name of the tree is `Kondachinta`.

The Casuarina Tree

The `Casuarina Tree` is such a tree that has a general appearance of a coniferous tree. The scientific name of this tree is `Casuarina Equisetifolia` and the very term `Equisetifolia` suggests that the bunches of the leaves are like a horse's mane or tail. The name of its family is `Casuaranaceae`.

Lignum Vitae

There are a few trees in India that can attract people very easily with their extraordinary combination of colours. The Lignum Vitae is such a kind of tree. The fresh and beautiful colours of The `Lignum Vitae` tree have a sharp comparison with the predominant yellows and reds. This tree is known as `Guaicum Officinale` in science. It came from the family of `Zygophyllaceae`.

Babul Tree

he Babul Tree is one of the very well known trees in India. Named as `Acacia Arabica` in science, this tree is another member of the family of `Leguminosae`. It belongs to the `Mimoseae` sub family. The name `Acacia Arabica` derived from the Greek word `Akis` that means a sharp point. This tree is called as `Babul` or `Kikar` in Hindi.

Banyan Tree

Being known as `Ficus Benghalensis` to the scientists of the world, the `Banyan Tree` is amongst those trees that have very extensive branches and thus are very much capable of giving the



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Peepul Tree

The `Peepul Tree` is considered as the only unmatched tree of the world as far as antiqueness and veneration are concerned. `Ficus Religiosa` is the scientific name of this tree. The tree belongs to the family of `Moraceae`.

Madre Tree

The scientists of the world know it as `Gliricidia Sepium`. The name of its sub family is `Papilionaceae`. The name `Gliricidia` means, "rat destroying" and it is claimed that the seeds of this tree have this special power. In Tamil, the tree is known as `Kona Maram` and in Sinhalese it is called `Maikonagaha`.

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