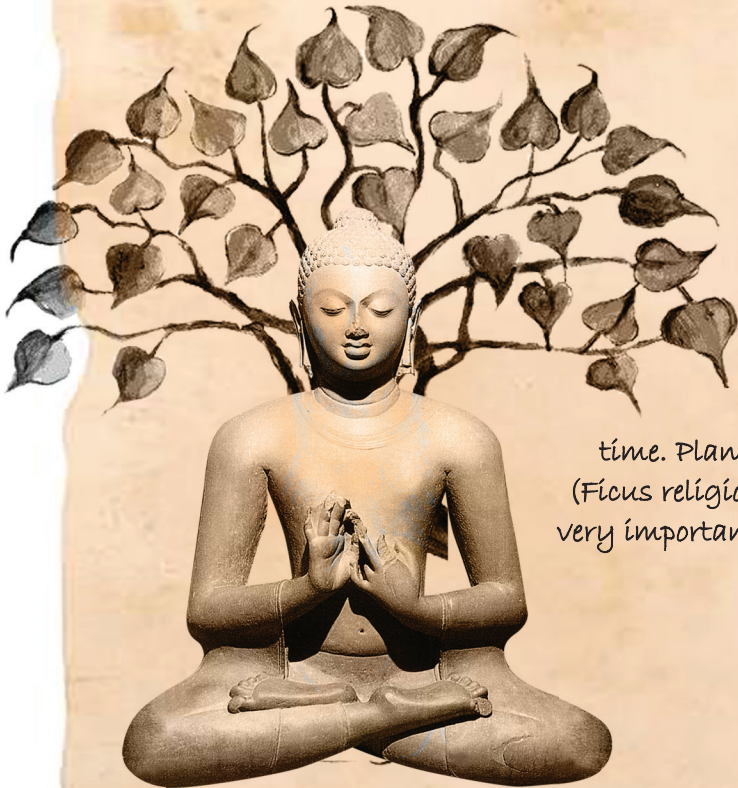


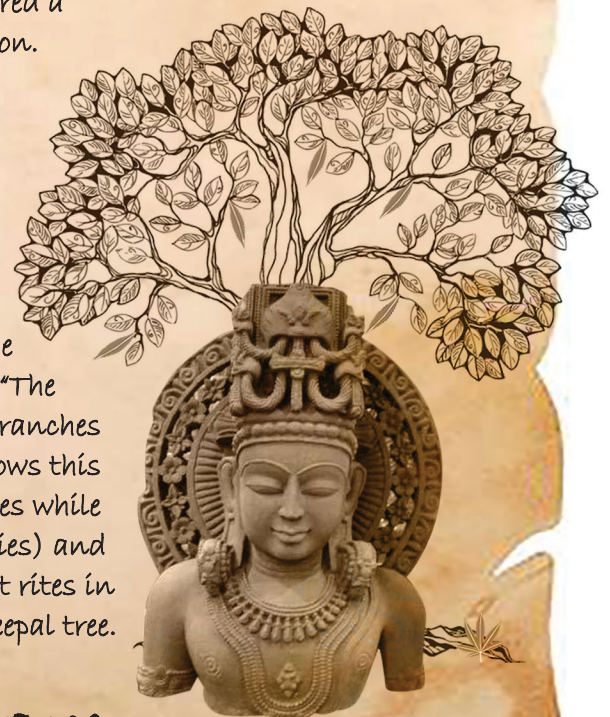
SMRITI VAN

Gaya, the land of enlightenment, beckons you.
Come, plant a tree – a living, growing memorial to your loved ones.



Lord Buddha's association with nature has been a source of inspiration for countless generations. Three major events of his life took place in nature. He was born in Lumbani Grove; Attained enlightenment (nirvana) under the Bodhi Tree at 35 years of age; And passed away (parinirvana) in a Sal Grove at 80. A popular practice of worshipping trees emerged during Lord Buddha's time. Planting and worshipping the Aswath (*Ficus religiosa*) is still considered a very important Buddhist tradition.

Vishnu Sahasranama declares Vishnu as Paramatma (the supreme soul) and explains his habitation inside Peepal Tree. "The imperishable Peepal tree that has its roots upward and its branches down and whose leaves are the vedic hymns. The one who knows this tree, is the knower of the vedas." Worshipping and planting trees while performing the tarpan rites (offering made to divine entities) and offering pind daan is a divine act. While performing the last rites in reverence to the ancestors, the daan is offered to a peepal tree.



Plant a tree in remembrance

Plant a Memory

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Trees represent life and the sacred continuity of the spiritual, cosmic, and physical worlds. Through association with religious or historical events, a tree attains the symbolic significance of the events as part of its meaning. Smriti Van promotes the trees from our scriptures, trees that are indigenous, trees that connect you to the supreme being and let your memories acquire shape, form and.....life.

Prominent trees associated with Buddhist and Hindu Scriptures

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| - Ashoka | - Peepal | - Sal |
| - Mango | - Jamun | - Banyan |
| - Bamboo | - Bakula/Maulsari | - Bel/ Bael |
| - Burflower/ Kadamba | - Flame of the Forest/Palash | - Neem |
| - Amla/Indian Gooseberry | - Baheda | - Saj |
| - Silk cotton tree | - Harro/Harra | - Plaksha |
| - Banana | - Jackfruit/Kathal | - Champa |
| - Kachnar | - Amaltas | |
| - Shisham | - Arjuna | |

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