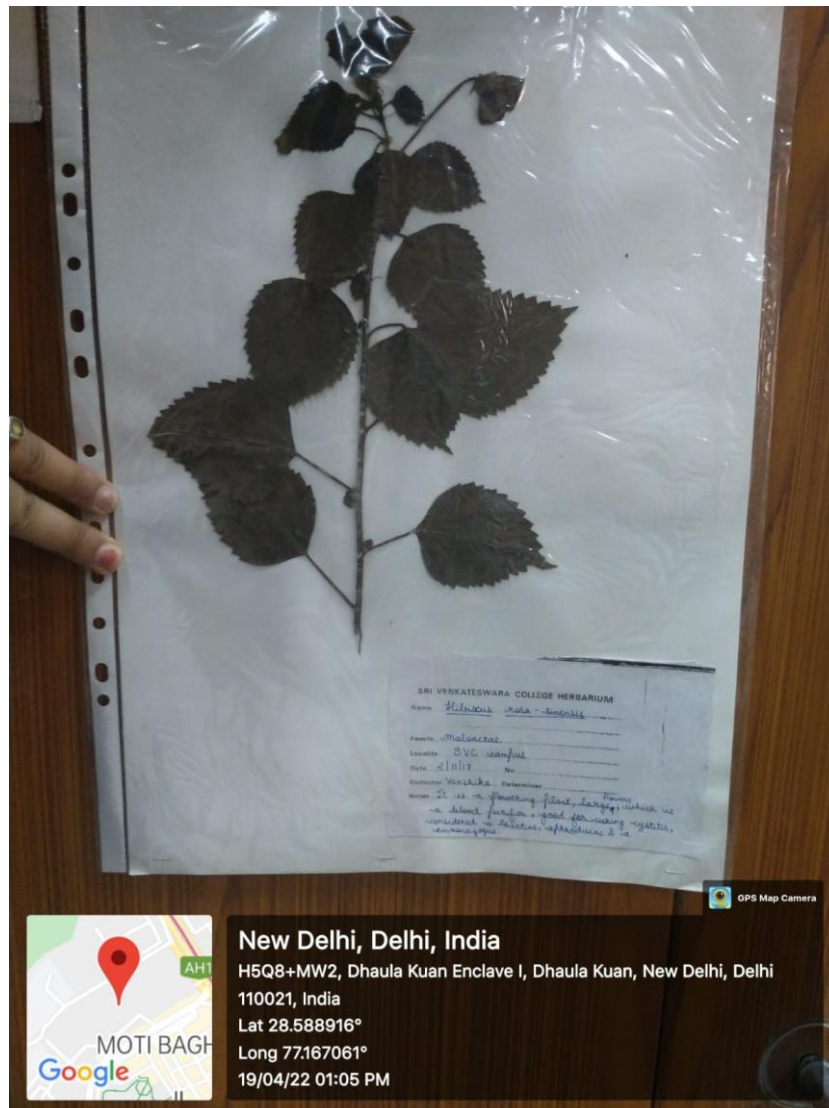


# *Ficus religiosa*



**Common name:** Peepal tree

**Scientific name:** *Ficus religiosa*

**Family:** Moraceae

**Important part used:** Leaves, bark and fruit

**Economic importance:** Chewing the roots of a peepal tree is said to help prevent gum disease. The extract of leaves is used to heal wounds due to cuts or burns. The root bark extract has anti-ulcer and blood sugar lowering properties. Its leaf and bark extract are used to relieve toothaches and reduce swellings. The bark extract has antibacterial and anthelmintic properties. Bark and fruit of the tree have strong antioxidants as well as immunity boosting properties. In India, traditional medicine systems use peepal bark extracts in polyherbal formulations to fight Alzheimer's, other neurodegenerative disorders, Parkinson's disease and bronchial diseases.