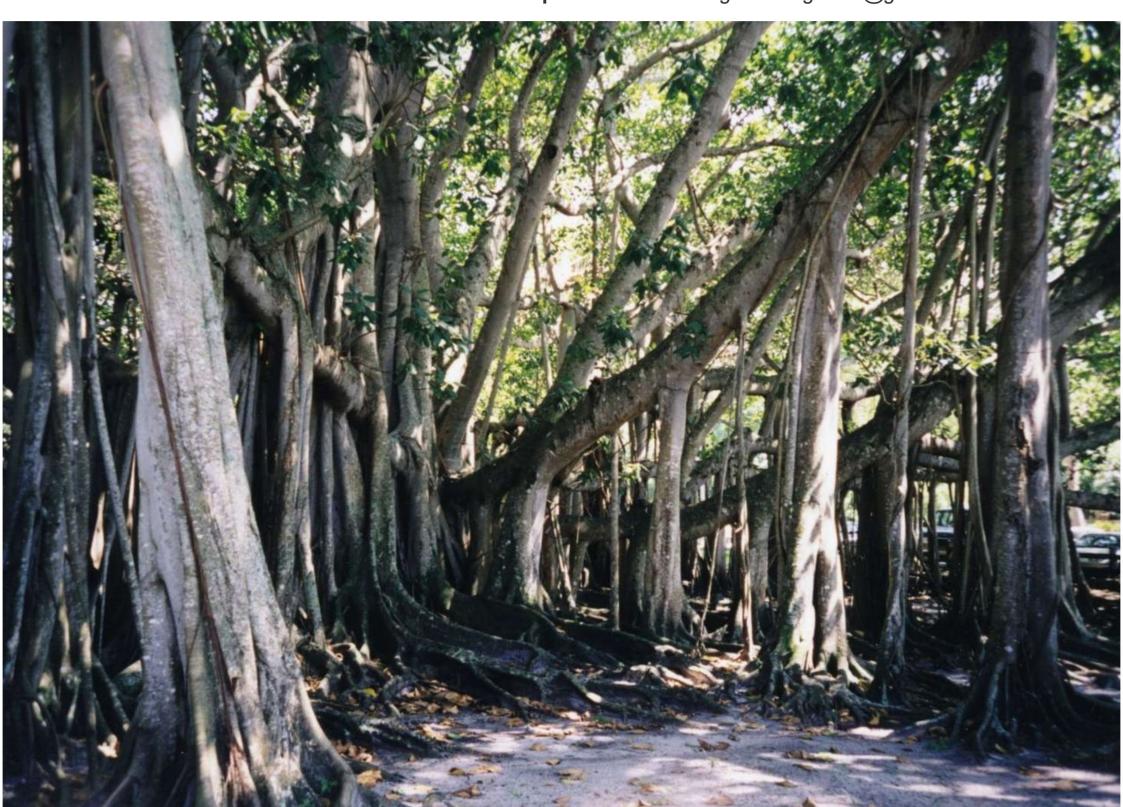
The fifth **Arboretum walk** is on the **13th of October 2012 at 3.30 PM** at the **NGMA Bengaluru**. This walk is being taken by Mr. Vijay Thiruvady who will tell us about the chosen trees of the month. **Registrations** are limited and begin on the 9th and end on the 11th of October from **10.00 am to 4.00 pm.** Contact us at *ngma.bengaluru@gmail.com*



TREE OF THE MONTH: The banyan (also banian) is a fig that starts its life as an epiphyte (a plant growing on another plant) when its seeds germinate in the cracks and crevices on a host tree (or on structures like buildings and bridges). "Banyan" often refers specifically to the Indian banyan or Ficus benghalensis, the national tree of India, though the term has been generalized to include all figs that share a unique life cycle, and systematically to refer to the subgenus Urostigma. (wikipedia.org)

Vijay Thiruvady has always been interested in various aspects of nature and more specifically horticulture. He conducts Green Heritage Walks in Lalbagh and in the 20 acre West End Hotel, regularly. Thiruvady has also written books on heritage trees and on Devarakadus/Gundutopus and large wooded institutional areas in Bangalore.

