



Jatropha curcas L.

Family: Euphorbiaceae

Common name: Physic nut, Biodiesel plant

Local name: Ratanjot

Importance:

- Traditionally it is used for treating dysentery and diarrhea.
- Its latex contains an alkaloid known as “Jatrophine” which is believed to have anti-cancer properties.
- Known for its antibacterial activity.
- The oil has been used for illumination, soap, candles.