

The fire on treetops

The cold wave that has swept in makes it hard to believe, but spring is almost here. And just as the trees begin to put on a show, the *palash* or the flame of the forest comes ablaze in vermilion, birds begin nesting on the green leaves, the eager bees and the cuckoos instigate an orchestral magnificence. Bards and poets from ages have responded to this very beautiful season quite imaginatively. And maybe that's why Tagore had tonnes of poems penned in admiration of the season-And with Phalgun's springtime's surge of desire Clove vines would ring with their ankle bells As damsels unfurled their flowing tresses in the south wind!

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