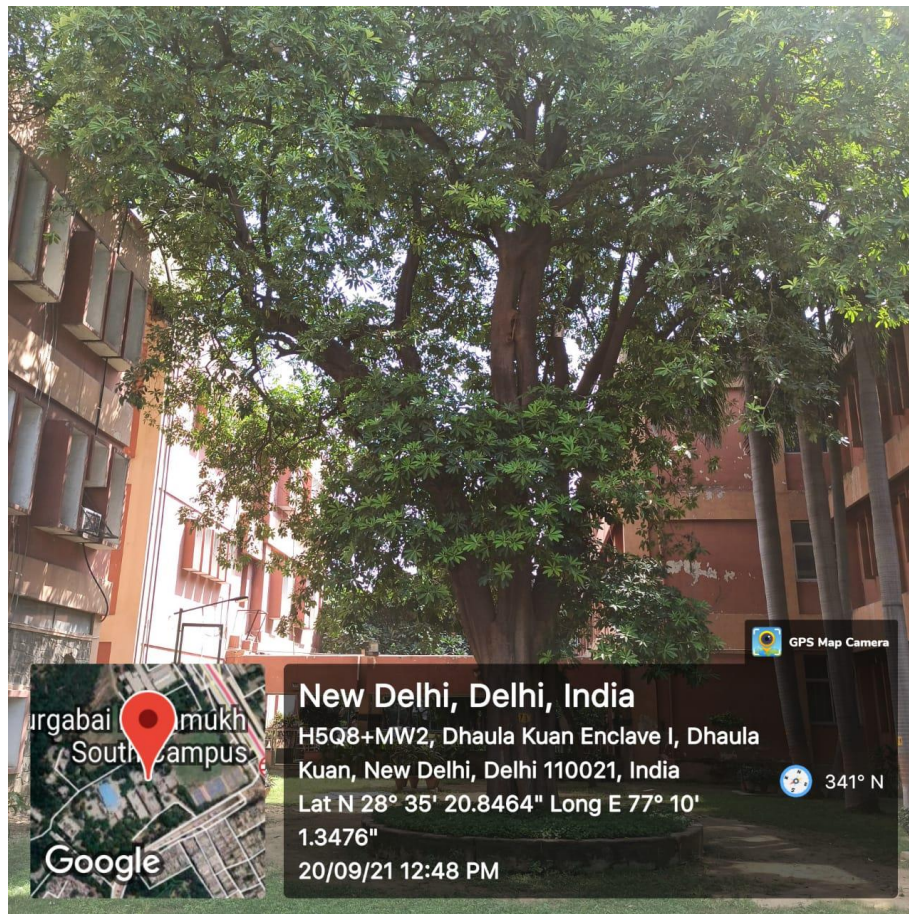


Alstonia scholaris



Common Name: Scholar's tree, Devil's tree

Scientific Name: *Alstonia scholaris*

Family: Apocynaceae

Economically Important Part: Bark

It is a large evergreen tree that grows up to 40-60 meters and has a wide trunk of a meters in girth. It is native to tropical and subtropical Africa, Central America, South east Asia, Polynesia and Australia.

The leathery, sessile, simple leaves are elliptical, ovate, linear or lanceolate and wedge-shaped at the base.

It is a very hardy tree and is commonly found on roadside.

Medicinal uses: It is used in traditional medicine and its bark is a remedy for malaria, toothache, rheumatism and snake bites.

Economic importance: Some other species of *Alstonia* are known to produce light timber.

It is also grown in nurseries as an ornamental tree in gardens and parks.