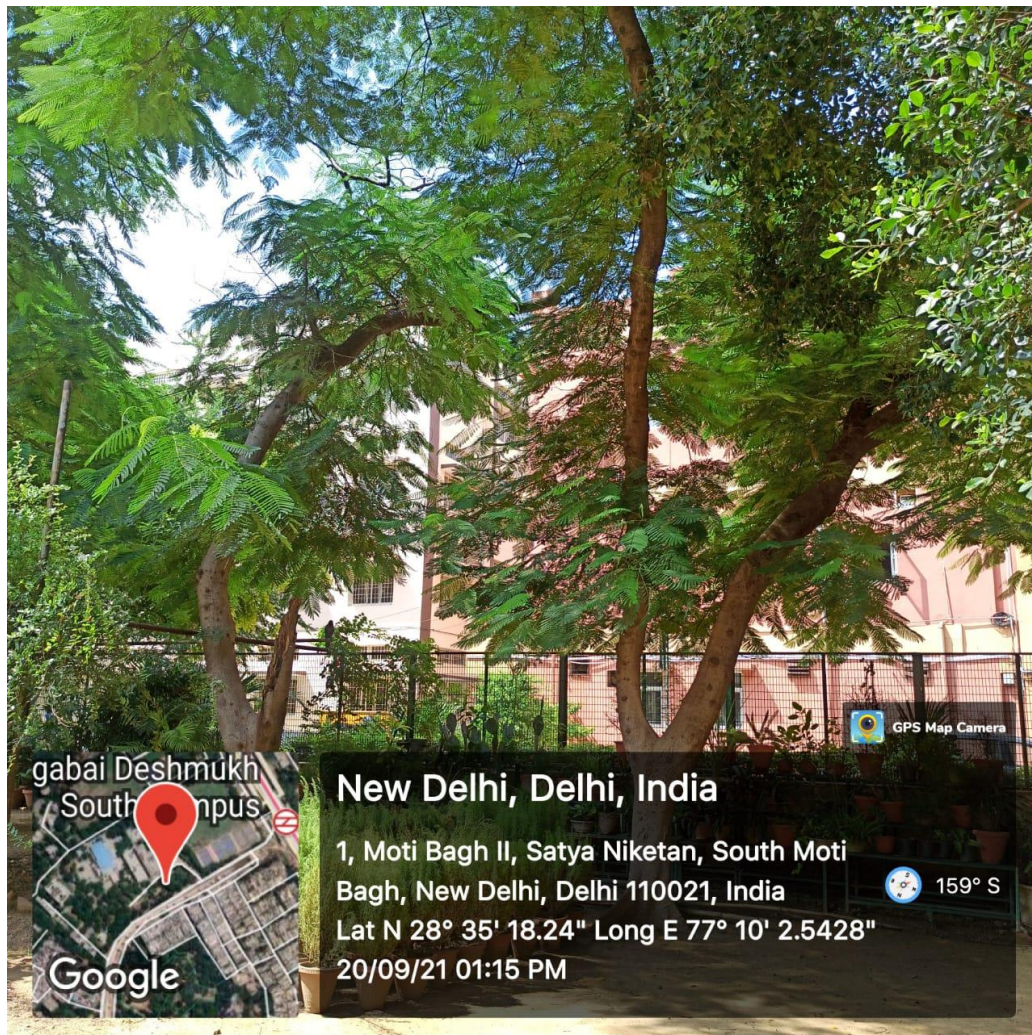


Delonix regia



Common Name: Gulmohar

Scientific Name: *Delonix regia*

Family: Fabaceae

It is a medium to large deciduous tree growing up to 30 meters in length and 1 meter in girth. It is native to South Asia, Nepal east to southwest China and South to Sri Lanka, Malaysia and Vietnam. The bipinnate leaves have a feathery appearance and are characteristic light, bright green. Each leaf is 30-50 cm long with 20 – 40 pairs of primary leaflets.

The flowers are large, with four spreading scarlet or orange -red petals up to 8 cm long, and a fifth petal upright, called the standard, which is slightly larger and spotted with yellow and white. The pods are green and flaccid when young and turn dark brown and woody when mature, filled with small seeds.

It is generally planted as a roadside tree for providing shade in tropical conditions as it has dense foliage and is widely spread.

Economically Important Part: Flowers