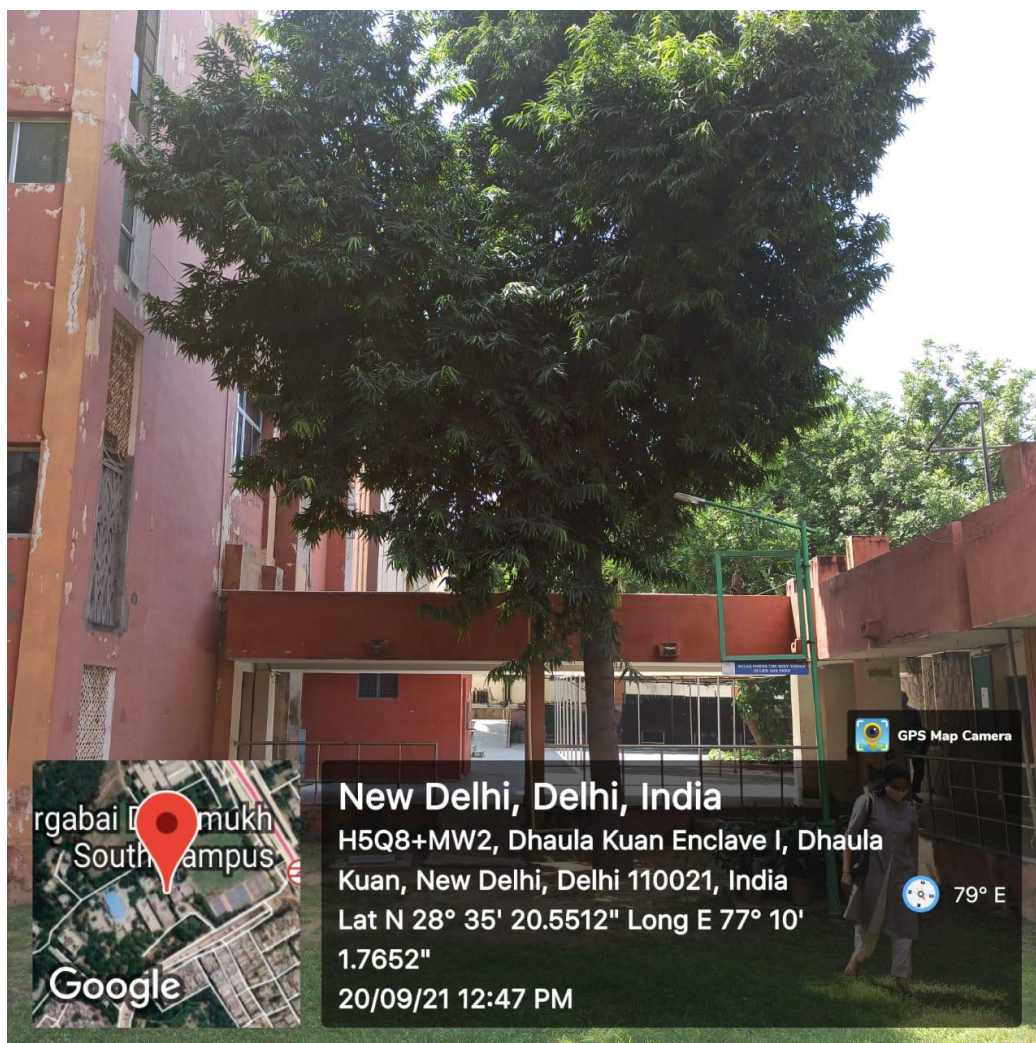


Monoon longifolium



Common Name: False Ashoka

Scientific Name: *Monoon longifolium* syn. *Polyalthea longifolium*

Family: Annonaceae

It is an evergreen tree native to Southern India and Sri Lanka, however, widely introduced elsewhere in Asia. It exhibits symmetrical pyramidal growth with willowy weeping pendulous branches and long narrow lanceolate leaves with undulate margins. It can reach a height little over 10 meters. Though this tree is specifically pruned in a pyramidal shape, if it is allowed to grow naturally, it can grow into a large, canopied tree.

Economically Important Part: Tree, Leaves and Wood

Economic Uses: The leaves are used for ornamental decorations during festivals. The tree itself is a focal point in gardens. It is known to be effective to alleviate noise pollution.

The wood is often used to make small articles such as pencils, matchsticks etc.