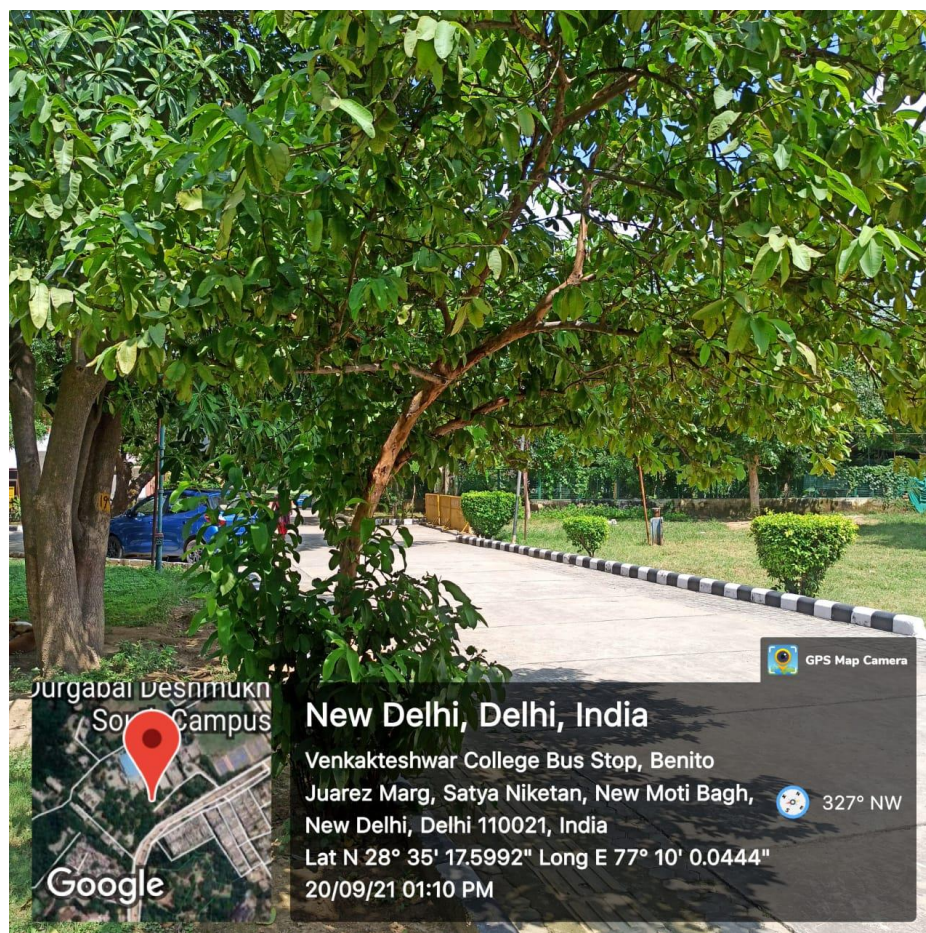


## *Psidium guajava*



**Common Name:** Guava

**Scientific Name:** *Psidium guajava*

**Family:** Myrtaceae

It is an evergreen shrub or a small tree native to the Caribbean, central America and South America. It is easily pollinated by insects, especially *Apis mellifera*.

The leathery, sessile, simple leaves are elliptical, ovate, linear or lanceolate and wedge-shaped at the base. It is a slow growing plant and is a popular choice for making bonsai.

**Medicinal Uses:** It is used in traditional medicine in many cultures and is used for inflammation, diabetes, hypertension, pain relief etc.

**Economically Important Part:** Fruit

**Economic Importance:** *Psidium* is known to produce wood that is resistant to insect and fungal attack. It is also grown in Orchards and other places for its fruit to be harvested. The leaves can also be used as fodder for livestock.