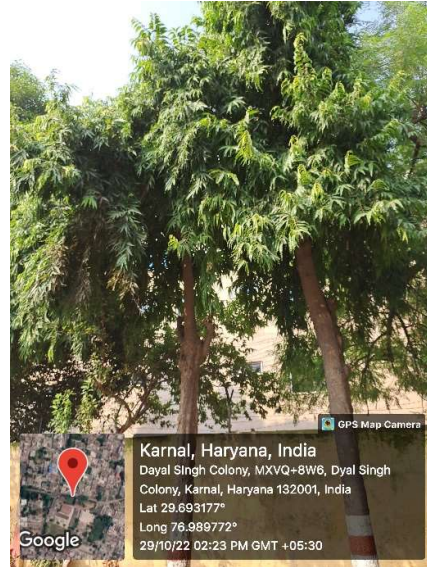


**Botanical Name:** *Polyalthia longifolia*

**Common Name:** False ashoka

**Hindi Name:** अशोक



It is commonly called false ashoka and belongs to family Annonaceae. It is a native of southern India and Sri Lanka. It is an evergreen tree and grows upto a height of 20 m. The plant exhibit symmetrical pyramidal growth with weeping pendulous branches and long narrow leaves. The margins of the leaves are wavy and lanceolate. Leaves turn coppery brown to light green and dark green on maturity. The flowers are pale green and star like. The fruits are borne in groups and are eaten by birds and bats. It is grown as an ornamental tree in gardens and parks. The wood of the plant is used in manufacturing of pencils, boxes and matchsticks.