



# Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women

## Sector 36-A, Chandigarh

**BOTANICAL NAME** *Broussonetia papyrifera* (L.) L'Hér. ex Vent.

**COMMON NAME** Paper Mulberry

**FAMILY** Moraceae



**DISTRIBUTION**

India, Asia, China, Japan, Korea and Myanmar.

**FUN FACT**

The barks of Paper Mulberry yield a fiber which is used in papermaking. In Polynesia paper mulberry is used manufacturing of a coarse fabric called Tapa cloth.

**COMMON USES**

1. The fibre from the inner bark is of very good quality and is used for making high quality cloth, rope and paper.
2. The fabric is produced by beating strips of bark on flat surface with a wooden mallet.
3. A very fine cloth is made from this fibre, the more its bark is beaten, the better becomes the quality of the cloth.
4. Its fruit is edible.

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