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BOTANICAL NAME *Butea monosperma* (Lam.) Taub.

COMMON NAME Palash, Dhak, Flame of the Forest

FAMILY Leguminosae
SUB-FAMILY Papilionoideae



DISTRIBUTION India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and Malaysia.

FUN FACT The bark of this tree is used to make spoons and ladles, they are used to put ghee into the fire during havans and other Hindu rituals.

COMMON USES

1. The flowers of this tree are used for treating liver disorders.
2. Different parts of this tree are used as timber, fodder, medicine, resin, and dye.
3. Charcoal is also obtained from it.
4. It is used for well-curbs and water scoops.
5. A red exudate obtained from the bark of the tree which hardens into a gum, known as Butea gum, or Bengal kino is used medicinally and also as a dye for tannin.

However, it must be used for medical purposes under medical supervision.

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