



# Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women

## Sector 36-A, Chandigarh

**BOTANICAL NAME** *Araucaria columnaris* (G. Forst.) Hook.

**COMMON NAME** Christmas Tree, Cook's Pine

**FAMILY** Araucariaceae



**DISTRIBUTION** India, Australia, New Zealand, America and Mexico.

**FUN FACT** *Araucaria* yields an excellent timber. It is used for all kinds of light construction and domestic flooring, furniture and cabinet work. It is also used in making of chopsticks, matches and implements.

**COMMON USES**

1. It has traditionally been used for treatment of wounds and ulcers.
2. The *Araucaria* species have been used in treatment of respiratory problems, cardiovascular, neurological problems, viral infections and rheumatoid. However, medical supervision is a must before using it for medical purpose.

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