Chinese Catalpha

Catalpa ovata

Code: XIM-T-025 **Location:** XIM University Campus **Local / Vernacular name:** ଦମଷଗଙ୍ଗୀ

Description

XIM University campus biodiversity register (2026–27). Recorded individuals: 6; abundance rank: 23.

Botanical Details

Leaf habit: Deciduous Flowers / Fruits: The flowers of the Chinese catalpa are large, white to pale yellow with purple or brown markings inside. They grow in clusters and attract bees and other pollinators. Native range: The Chinese catalpa is native to China, particularly in temperate regions.

Uses & Importance

Ecological: The Chinese catalpa is ecologically useful as a shade-providing tree that supports insects, birds, and urban biodiversity. Its broad leaves help reduce heat and improve the microclimate in gardens and parks.

Medicinal: The bark, leaves, and seeds are believed to have anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial properties and are used to treat skin diseases, itching, and infections.

Cultural: The Chinese catalpa is valued mainly as an ornamental tree because of its attractive flowers and large heart-shaped leaves. It is commonly planted in parks and along streets for its beauty and cooling effect, though it has little religious significance.

Location

GPS: 20.15860192, 85.76535449

Directions: https://www.google.com/maps/dir/?api=1&travelmode=walking&destination=20.15860192%2C85.76535449