

BOTANICAL NAMEAlstonia scholaris

ENGLISH NAMEBlackboard tree,
Milkwood pine, devil
tree

HINDI NAME- Satparni,
satwin, shaitan ka jhad

**FAMILY – Apocynaceae** 

## **DESCRIPTION:**

- Medium sized tree, evergreen.
- Bark pale grey brown; exuding a milky latex when wounded.
- ❖ Leaves seen palmately compound but they are simple leaves; 4-8 leaves arise from the stem at the same height.
- Flowers small fragment, white, in light cluster.
- Fruit long and slender; bean like in pairs.

## **USES:**

- The timber is of superior quality \
- of Alstonia scholaris and less liable to attack by boring insects.
- It is used for making roof beams, frames, poles and toys. Being a quick growing tree that grows in a wide range of habitats and soils, it has been used for reforestation in Sri Lanka