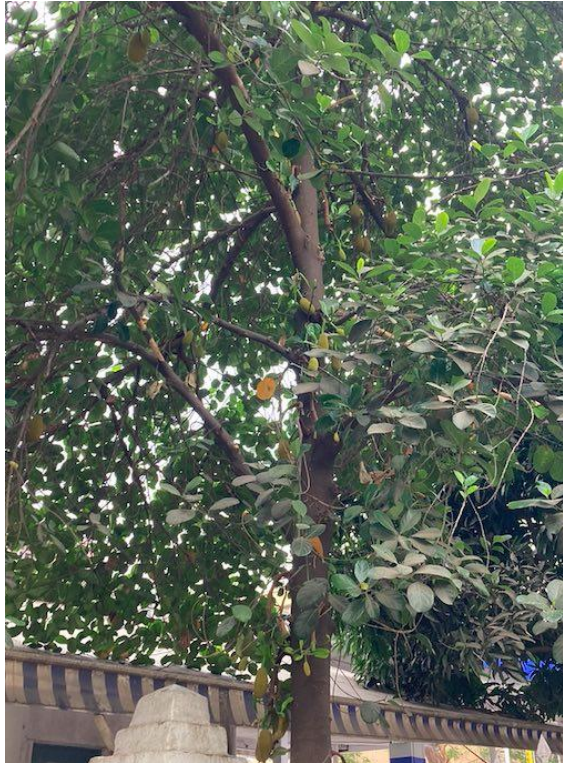


Jackfruit

Common name: Jackfruit

Scientific name: *Artocarpus heterophyllus*



Most corners of Mumbai boast a few jackfruit trees with their glossy leaves and fat, dangling fruit – the largest edible fruit in the world. The elliptical leaves are a dark green on top and a pale green beneath. The fruit are oblong and sometimes exceed a meter in length. The surface is dotted with little spikes. As the fruit ripens, the pale green skin becomes darker and browner and a not-entirely-pleasant aroma fills the air.

There are two types of jackfruit. Kapa has sweet flesh and barka has a sticky pulp – and it is said that the seeds of the kapa lead to a barka tree and vice versa.

The fruit is cooked as a vegetable and also consumed raw. Sawdust from the wood is used to make a yellow dye used by Buddhists to dye

their robes.