

Hedychium zubeengargianum

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A new species of ginger lily named Hedychium zubeengargianum was recently discovered in Shillong.

About Hedychium zubeengargianum

- It is a new species of **ginger lily**.
- It was identified by botanists at the **Botanical Survey of India (BSI), Eastern Regional Centre, Shillong, Meghalaya**, after years of studying an **unusual plant growing** in the **institute's botanical garden**.
- Although it had been growing there since at least 2018, its **original source could not be traced** because no collection records were available.
- The species was named after **Meghalaya-born Assamese music legend Zubeen Garg**.
- Popularly **known as ginger lilies, Hedychium species** are among the **Northeast's most striking flowering plants**.

- India is home to about 41 taxa, most of them occurring in the biodiversity-rich landscapes of the Northeast and the Western Ghats.
- Hedychium zubeengargianum stands apart from its closest relative, Hedychium gracile, by its **creamy-white fragrant flowers, yellow anthers, densely hairy flowering stalk**, and an **earlier flowering season from April to May**.

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