

Osbeckia zubeengargiana

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Researchers from Gauhati University recently discovered a new plant species named *Osbeckia zubeengargiana* in Assam.

About *Osbeckia zubeengargiana*

- It is a **new plant species**.
- It was discovered in the **grasslands** of **Manas National Park** in Baksa District, **Assam**.
- It has been **named after celebrated Assamese singer Zubeen Garg**, marking a rare tribute from the world of botany to a cultural icon of the region.
- The plant belongs to the **Melastomataceae family**, a group known for its **diverse flowering shrubs** found across **tropical and subtropical regions**.
- It is a **perennial erect shrub** that can grow up to 3.5 metres in height.
- The plant is characterised by its **delicate purple to pinkish four-petalled (tetramerous) flowers**.

- The shrub thrives in **moist soil conditions** and **blooms seasonally**, adding to the floral diversity of the grassland ecosystem.
- The plant **typically flowers and bears fruit** between **mid-September and January**.

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