New Ginger Lily – Hedychium zubeengargianum

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Why in News?

Recently, Botanists formally described a new ginger lily species, Hedychium zubeengargianum, discovered in Shillong.

- **Family –** Zingiberaceae.
- **Genus –** *Hedychium* (ginger lilies).
- **Discovery –** *First identified in 2018* at the Botanical Survey of India's garden, Shillong, but the discovery was was formally published on July 21, 2026

Morphological Features

- **Appearance –** Fragrant, creamy-white wild ginger lily.
- **Aroma –** Highly sweet-scented wild flower.

- **Nomenclature–** Zubeen Garg, for his extraordinary contributions to Indian music, cinema, and environmental conservation.
- Another species, *Osbeckia zubeengargiana*, was named after him in 2026 from Manas National Park grasslands.

Reference

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