



COELOGYNE TRIPURENSIS: SPECIES OF THE DAY

A new species of orchid named *Coelogyne tripurensis* was recently discovered in Jampui Hills, in Tripura's North District.



Coelogyne tripurensis

- It is a new species of orchid.
- It comes from the wet broad-leaved forests of **Jampui Hills of Tripura**, situated at the western periphery of **Indo-Myanmar Biodiversity Hotspot**.
- This genus accounts for about 600 species native to the Indian subcontinent, Southeast Asia, and the Southwest Pacific Islands.
- This genus consists of mainly epiphytic (though rarely lithophytic and terrestrial species) species, all of which are widely used among horticulturists because of their high ornamental value and few requirements for growing. .
- In the present study, the new species is included in the section Fuliginosae, which is characterised by its outstanding features, including larger showy flowers with a distinctive labellum and keels.
- Species belonging to this group show a high degree of phenotypic plasticity, rendering them challenging to delineate.