

Doomsday comet visible from city

By A Staff Reporter

If you had dismissed the doomsday comet Swift-Tuttle as being too far away in time (after all the fatal collision will take place only on August 14, 2116), then you would better change your mind. Our enterprising Amateur Astronomers' Association of Bombay have already sighted the comet. A team of four members from the Amateur Astronomers' Association, Manish Panjwani, Aadil Desai, Nilesh Vayada and Ajay Talwar spotted the racing comet on October 31, 1992 using a 7x50 and 20x60 binoculars.

From the lens of the binoculars the comet appears as a bright fuzzy spot moving rapidly across the sky. The Association members now plan to observe and photograph the comet as regularly as the weather and sky conditions permit. Currently, until November 12, 1992 the moon interferes with the observation of the comet but after this date one can spot it even from the city's light polluted skies.

The association has even planned an evening comet watch programme on Saturday, November 14 at 6.30 p.m. at Kirti College, Dadar, Bombay 400 028. The programme includes an introductory talk on comets by Aadil Desai followed by observation of the comet using the Association's 8-inch Celestron Schmidt-Cassegrain and 8-inch Newtonian Dobsonian telescopes along with two tripod-mounted 20x60 binoculars. Those interested in watching this future annihilation comet are invited to attend the programme.

Besides a field-trip to Vangani to observe the comet as well as the night-sky has been organised on November 21, 1992 for which details will be available at the association office at Room no. 14, Physics department, St. Xavier's College, Bombay 400 001 between 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. on November 14, 1992.

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