

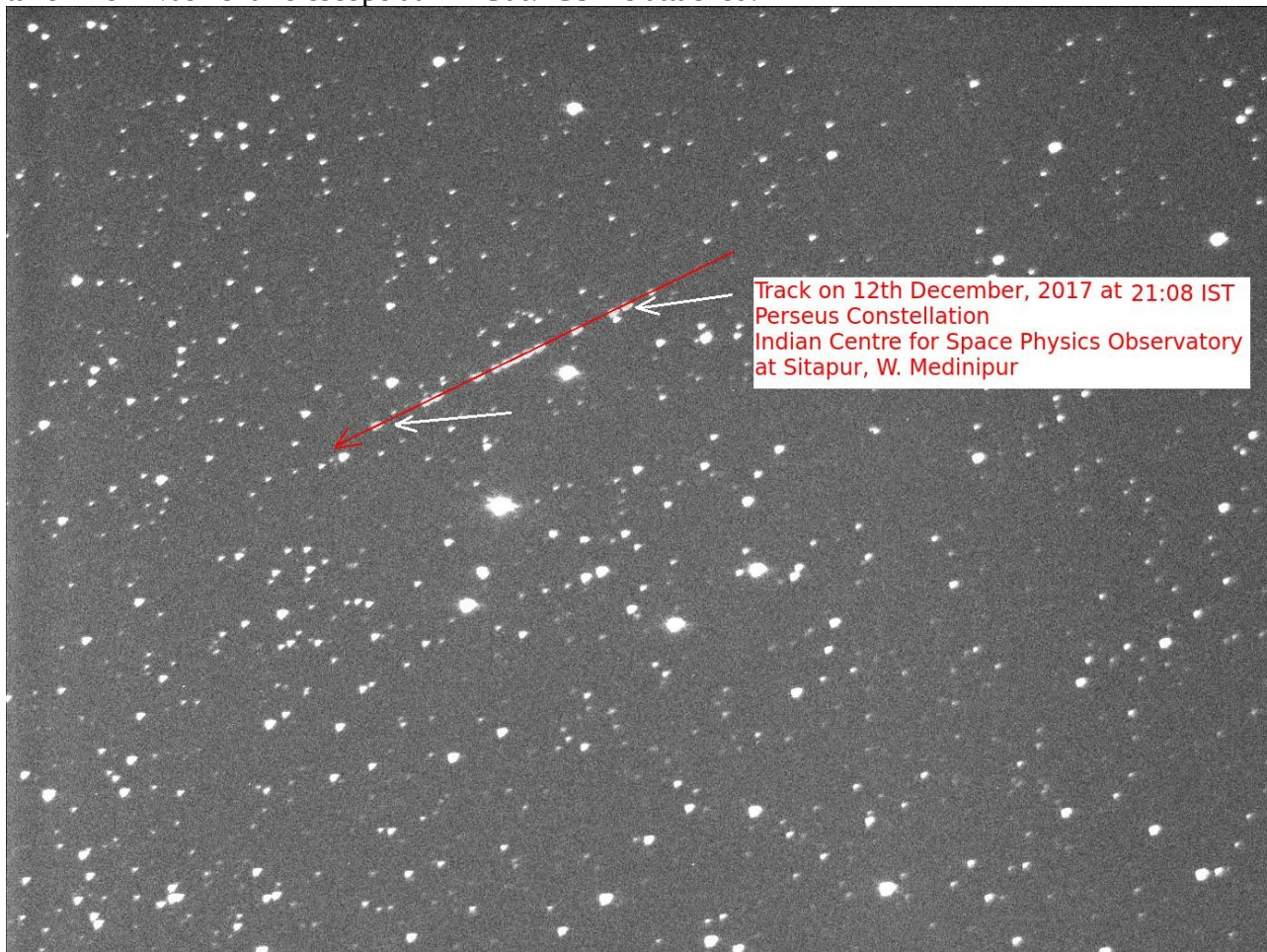
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Phaethon-3200 Asteriod which is regarded as a Hazardous Asteriod is coming closest to Earth on 16th December, 2017, passing close to the Earth only at a distance 16 times smaller compared to the Earth-Sun distance. Next time it will come this close is after 75 long years.

This rocky Asteriod is also the cause of Geminid Meteor Shower tonight where the observers in a dark area can view hundreds of meteors emanating from gemini constellation.

Most Importantly, due to its close proximity of the Earth it is bound to deviate from its predicted orbit. Astronomers from Indian Centre for Space Physics has been monitoring the deviation of the orbital trajectory and found the deviation already is about half a arc minute. Last night trajectory at taken from Vashisht Telescope at IERC00/ICSP is attached:



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