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**Fireballs in the Sky**  
*2015's brightest Meteor Shower- 'The Perseids'*

**New Delhi:** The dark monsoon skies are expected to illuminate with the brightest meteor shower of the year 2015 on August 12. The Perseids is one of the best meteor showers to observe, producing up to 60 meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by Earth passing through debris of the comet Swift-Tuttle, which was discovered in 1862 and last passed close to Earth in 1992. The Perseids are famous for producing a large number of bright meteors.

The shower runs annually from July 17 to August 24. It peaks this year on the night of August 12 and the morning of August 13. The thin crescent new moon will pose no problems for viewing the bright Perseids this year, so some locations will be in for a great show. In fact, this year's Perseids display could spawn upto 100 meteors per hour under the most optimum conditions of clear dark skies and away from the city. However, one does not need to know about Perseus to watch the cosmic shower. The meteors appear in all parts of the sky. One can look towards the northeast after midnight to see the shower. Places which have monsoons, rain or clouds which includes Delhi may not be able to see it unless the sky is clear.

Best viewing will be from a dark location away from the cities, after midnight. Meteors will appear to radiate from the constellation Perseus (hence the shower is called Perseids), but can appear anywhere in the sky. Places which have monsoons, rain or clouds which includes Delhi may not be able to see it unless the sky is clear.

Do try to see it on 12th or 13th at dawn, away from the city light, and you may be in for a visual treat! To view the fireballs in the sky, go to a dark site outside Delhi and look at the sky in the late nights or dawn anytime during this period, but especially on the night of August 12.

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