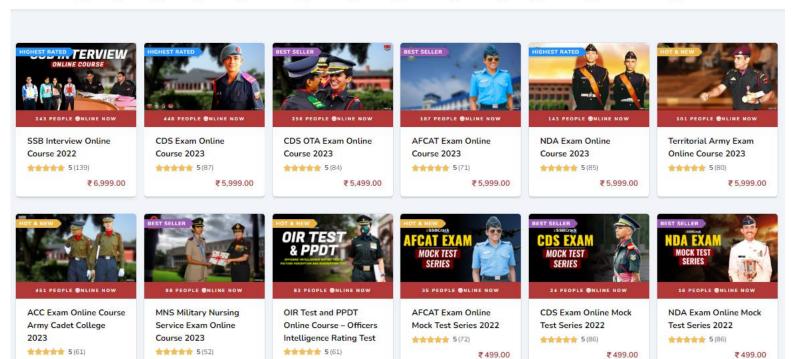


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NASA Alert! GIANT Asteroid Racing Towards Earth

Why In News?

- NASA Has Released A List Of 5 Upcoming Asteroids Including A Giant 100-foot Space Rock That Is Set To Make A Close Encounter With Earth.
- A House-sized Asteroid Is Hurtling Towards Earth And Could Make A Close Approach As Soon As Today.

How NASA Detects Asteroids?

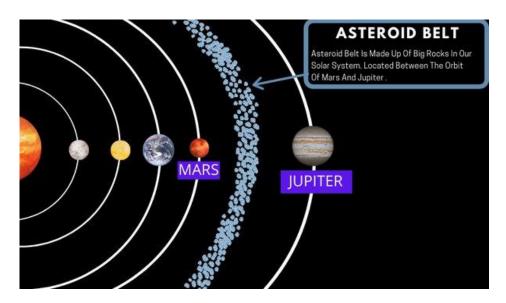
- NASA Uses Telescopes, Such As Pans-Starrs1 In Maui, Hawaii, And Catalina Sky Survey Near Tucson, Arizona, To Detect Near-earth Objects Like Asteroids & Comets.
- NEOWISE, NASA's Observatory, Has Identified Asteroids By Scanning Nearinfrared Wavelengths Of Light From Its Orbit Around Earth's Poles.





What Are Asteroids?

- An Object That Is Neither A Planet Nor A Comet That Orbits Within The Inner Solar System.
- They Are Rocky, Metallic Or Icy Bodies With No Atmosphere.
- Sizes And Shapes Of Asteroids Vary Significantly, Ranging From 1-meter Rocks
 To A Dwarf Planet Almost 1000 Km In Diameter.



Asteroid 2023 KT1

- Asteroid 2023 KT1, With A Width Of Just 71 Feet, Will Be Making Its Closest Earth Approach.
- It Will Come As Close As 3.8 Million Kilometers, According To NASA.
- The Asteroid Is Moving At A Breakneck Speed Of 28006 Kilometers Per Hour.

Asteroid 2012 KP24

- **Asteroid 2012 KP24** Is Heading For Earth And Will Make A Close Approach Tomorrow, **May 31**.
- This Asteroid, With A Width Of **58 Feet**, Is Heading For Earth At A Blistering Speed Of **44476 Kilometers Per Hour**.
- It Will Miss Earth At 3.9 Million Kilometers.



Asteroid 2023 JM1

- Asteroid 2023 JM1, Which Is Almost 72 Feet In Width, Is Heading For Earth And Will Make A Close Approach On June 1.
- This Asteroid Is Heading Towards Earth At A Blistering Speed Of 18535
 Kilometers Per Hour And Will Miss Earth At 3.8 Million Kilometers.





Asteroid 2023 KZ2

- Asteroid 2023 KZ2 Is Another Asteroid That Will Make Its Closest Approach To Earth On June 1.
- According To NASA, This Asteroid Is 63 Feet Wide.
- The Asteroid Will Come As Close As 4.7 Million Kilometers Near Earth And Is Already Moving At A Speed Of 33363 Kilometers Per Hour.

Asteroid 2023 KS2

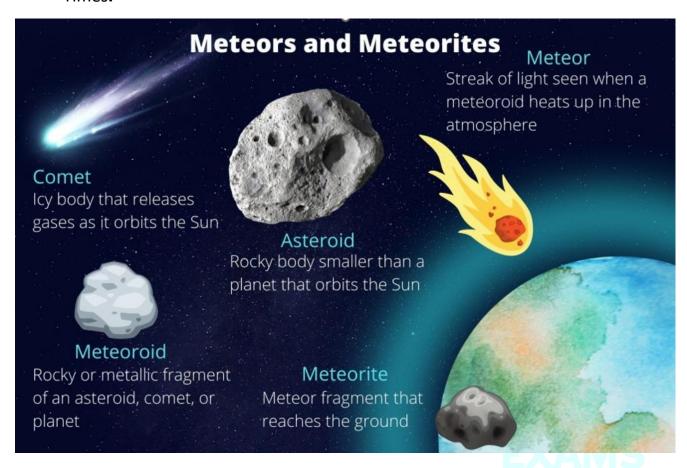
- Asteroid 2023 KS2, Which Is Almost 68 Feet Wide, Will Make Its Closest Approach To Earth On June 1.
- The Asteroid Is Already Rushing Towards Earth Slower Than Other Asteroids At A Speed Of 36963 Kilometers Per Hour And Will Pass The Planet At 3.9 Million Kilometers.

Why Should We Study Asteroids?

- To Learn More About The Early Solar System And The Conditions That Existed When The Planets Were Forming.
- Asteroids Can Also Provide Valuable Resources Such As Water, Metals, And Other Minerals.

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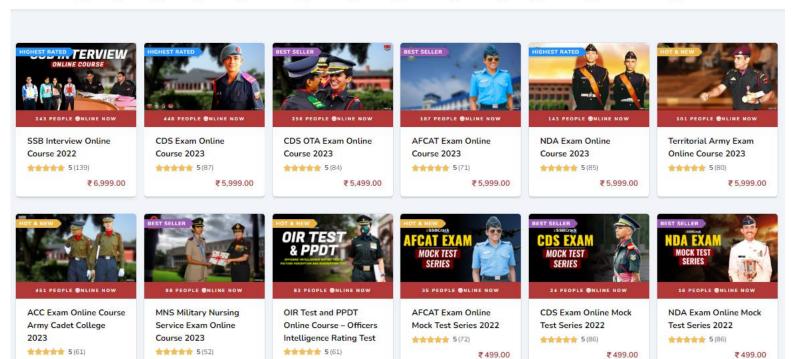
• It Was Believed That Water Was Already Present On Earth From The Earliest Times.





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