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## Meteor shower?

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**A local on holds up one of the meteorites that fell through the roof of his house on Tuesday night (see below)**

Parts of Gujarat were witness to some celestial activity last night after a blazing meteorite was spotted near the northern part of Rajkot district in Gujarat.

The celestial shower was witnessed as far as the Kutch area causing panic in the region. The blazing ball of fire is believed to have hit earth with a loud explosion near Maliya Miyana in the Morvi region.

Witnesses claimed that the meteorite lit the area along several kilometers like a floodlight.

The sight of these planetary objects hurtling down the earth emitting light created considerable excitement among the people of this region.

Pieces of meteorites have been recovered in Kutch even as there are reports of people sighting these objects in Jamnagar and Rajkot district.

Meanwhile the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), an institution of the Department of Space, Government of India, will be conducting elaborate tests on the meteorites that were recovered from different villages of Kutch.

The meteorites were brought to PRL in Ahmedabad this evening where tests would first be conducted to determine the origin of the meteorite, its radioactivity, its age, chemical composition and other features, a scientist said.

Meteorites are small bodies from outer space made of rock or metal. As they enter the earth's atmosphere from the outer space, they glow as a result of the heat generated due to friction. (With PTI inputs)

