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COPPER SIDE OF **THE MOON**

A **COPPERY RED** orb hung in the sky as the Moon went through the century's longest and darkest total eclipse early on Thursday. The spectacle was visible across the country and in east Africa, Middle East, central Asia, west Australia and parts of South America.

THE TOTAL PHASE of the eclipse lasted 100 minutes from 12.52 am, the Nehru Planetarium said. The penumbral eclipse began at 10.54 pm Wednesday and ended at 4.30 am Thursday. The last eclipse longer than this was in July 2000; the next will be in 2141.

MUMBAI, Thursday morning