

Lunar eclipse to coincide with winter solstice after 372 years

NEW DELHI: After a wait of 372 years, sky gazers are in for a special celestial treat as winter solstice coincides with total lunar eclipse on Tuesday. The last time the two astronomical events coincided was on December 21, 1638, Geoff Chester of US Naval Observatory said. Also, Tuesday is the shortest day of the year as people living on the northern side of the equator will celebrate winter solstice. The winter solstice will be at 5.08 AM on December 22. In Delhi, sunrise will be at 7.09 AM and sunset at 5.29 PM making it a day with about 10 hours duration, Devgun said. **PTI**