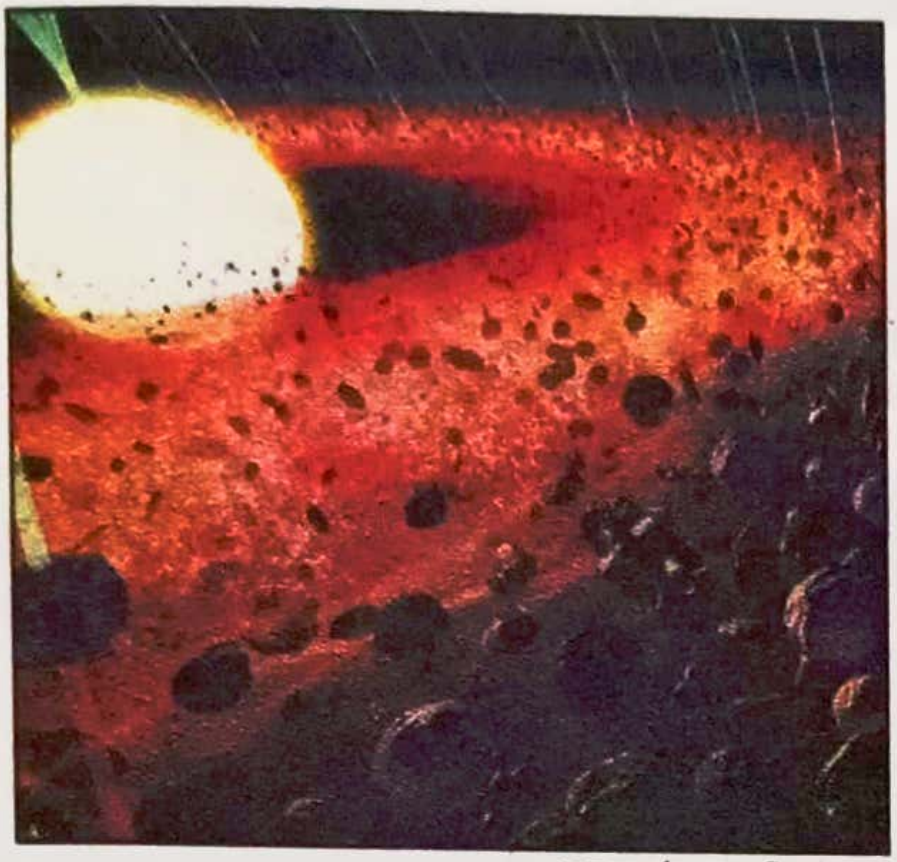


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Sun birth

Ancient grains inside one of the oldest known meteorites reveal that a surprisingly strong magnetic field existed during the solar system's first 2,00,000 years. The discovery by researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, US, suggests magnetism worked alongside gravity to help transform a vast cloud of gas and dust into the sun and planetary disk.