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## DRDO, INDIAN NAVY TEST INDIGENOUS MISSILE

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VL-SRSAM, a ship-borne weapon system, will be used for close-range targets.-

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy on Tuesday successfully flight-tested the indigenously developed Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.

The VL-SRSAM, a ship-borne weapon system, is meant for neutralising various aerial threats at close ranges, including sea-skimming targets, and was last test-fired in June.

"The flight test was carried out from an Indian naval ship against a high-speed unmanned aerial target for demonstration of vertical launch capability. The missiles, equipped with indigenous Radio Frequency (RF) seeker, intercepted the target with high accuracy," a Defence Ministry statement said.

During the test launch, flight path and vehicle performance parameters were monitored using flight data captured by various range instruments, the statement said.

The launch was monitored by senior scientists from various DRDO labs involved in the design and development of the system.

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