

LIGHTWEIGHT ANTI-TANK MISSILE TESTED BY DRDO

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The man-portable, anti-tank missile being test-fired.

A new generation of Akash surface-to-air missile was successfully flight-tested on Wednesday by the DRDO from an integrated test range off the Odisha coast in a boost to air defence capabilities.

Separately, the DRDO also successfully flight-tested an indigenously developed low weight man-portable anti-tank guided missile, paving the way for its production for the Army.

The Defence Ministry said the Akash missile was test-fired at around 12:45 p.m. from a land-based platform and that the “flawless performance” of its weapons system was confirmed by the complete flight data.

“Once deployed, the Akash-NG weapon system will prove to be a force multiplier for the air defence capability of the IAF,” the Ministry said.

It is learnt that the new variant of the Akash missile (Akash-NG) has a slightly better range compared to the original version that can strike targets at a distance of around 25 km.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated the DRDO, the IAF and production agencies Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) and Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) for the test-firing of the missile.

On the man-portable missile, the Defence Ministry said the test had validated the minimum range successfully.

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