

Agni-5 successfully test-fired

Agni-V being launched off the Odisha coast on Sunday.PIB

Long-range ballistic missile Agni-5 was successfully test-fired off the Odisha coast on Sunday, proving its reliability. This is the sixth successful test of the missile and the second in its pre-induction configuration.

“Agni-5 missile was successfully flight-tested today [Sunday] at 0945 hrs from the Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Island (Wheeler Island). All the radar, electro optical and telemetry stations tracked the vehicle through the course of the trajectory. All the mission objectives have been achieved,” the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) said in a statement.

Agni-5 can carry nuclear warheads weighing 1.5 tonnes to a distance of over 5,000 km and is the longest missile in India’s arsenal capable of reaching most parts of China. With a smaller payload the range can go up much higher.

The missile features many new indigenously developed technologies, including the very high accuracy Ring Laser Gyro based Inertial Navigation System (RINS) and the most modern and accurate Micro Navigation System (MINS) which improves the accuracy of the missile.

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