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India Successfully Test-Fires Agni-III Intermediate-Range Ballistic Missile

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India successfully conducted the test-firing of the **Agni-III intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM)** from the **Integrated Test Range (ITR)**, Chandipur, Odisha. The launch was carried out under the supervision of the Strategic Forces Command (SFC) and validated all operational and technical parameters of the missile system.

Key Highlights of the Test

The test **demonstrated the operational readiness and reliability of the Agni-III missile.**

It strengthens India's **strategic deterrence capability.**

The missile system was monitored by **advanced range instrumentation, radar and telemetry systems.**

About Agni-III Missile

Type: Intermediate-Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM)

Range: ~3,000–3,500 km

Stages: Two-stage, solid-fuel powered

Payload Capability: Nuclear and conventional warheads

Guidance System: Inertial Navigation System (INS) with high accuracy

Operator: Strategic Forces Command

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Developer: Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

Strategic Importance

Agni-III forms a crucial part of India's land-based nuclear deterrent.

It enhances India's capability to deter threats across the extended strategic neighbourhood.

The missile supports India's nuclear doctrine of Credible Minimum Deterrence and No First Use (NFU)

Integrated Test Range (ITR), Odisha

Located at Chandipur, Odisha.

Managed by DRDO.

Used for testing missiles, rockets, UAVs and defence systems

Agni Missile Series – Quick Overview

Agni-I: Short-range ballistic missile

Agni-II: Medium-range ballistic missile

Agni-III: Intermediate-range ballistic missile

Agni-IV & Agni-V: Long-range / Intercontinental class missiles.