



Ballistic Missile: North Korea

Why in News

Recently, North Korea fired a **Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM)** from off its East Coast.

- North Korea is **barred from testing ballistic missiles and nuclear weapons** under international law.



Key Points

- **Ballistic Missile:**

- It is a **rocket-propelled self-guided strategic-weapons system** that follows a ballistic trajectory to deliver a payload from its launch site to a predetermined target.
- **Ballistic trajectory** is the path of an unpowered object, as a missile, moving only under the influence of gravity and possibly atmospheric friction and with its surface providing no significant lift to alter the course of flight.
- It can **carry conventional high explosives** as well as chemical, biological, or nuclear munitions.
- The **[International Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation \(ICOC\)](#)**, now known as the **Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCOC)**, is a political initiative aimed at globally curbing ballistic missile proliferation.
- **India is a signatory to this convention.**
- Established in April 1987, the voluntary **[Missile Technology Control Regime \(MTCR\)](#)** aims to limit the spread of ballistic missiles and other unmanned delivery systems that could be used for chemical, biological, and nuclear attacks.

- India has joined the MTCR.

- **Some of India's Ballistic Missiles:**

- [Agni P missile](#)
- [Shaurya missile](#)
- [Prithvi missile](#)
- Dhanush
- Sagarika etc.

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