

Agni-5 Missile

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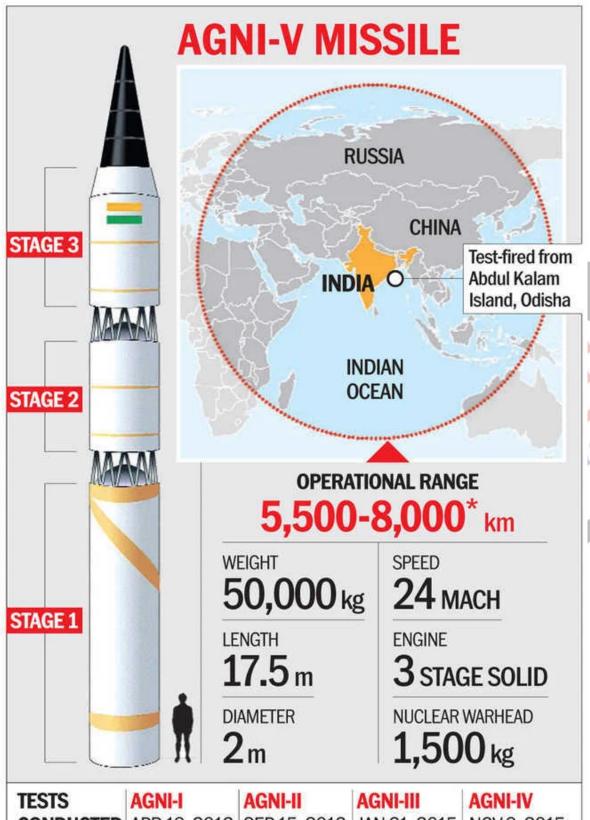
India successfully test-fired **Agni-5**, a **nuclear-capable Intermediate-Range Ballistic Missile** (IRBM) to validate **operational and technical parameters** and maintain **credible minimum deterrence**.

Agni-5 Missile

- About: It is an advanced surface-to-surface ballistic missile (SSBM) developed under India's_ Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP).
 - It is one of the five missiles developed under IGMDP, alongside Prithvi, Trishul, Nag, and Akash.
- Range: Around 5,000 km.
- Significance: With its <u>Multiple Independently Targetable Reentry Vehicle (MIRV)</u> capable IRBM technology, Agni-5 places India among a select group of nations including the USA, Russia, China, and France.

Surface-to-Surface Ballistic Missiles (SSBMs)

- About: SSBMs are missiles designed to be launched from the ground (or ships/submarines) to strike targets on land or at sea.
 - SSBMs can be equipped with conventional or nuclear warheads.
- Classification (Based on Range):
 - Short-Range Missiles (SRM): Less than 1000 km
 - Medium-Range Ballistic Missiles (MRBM): 1,000-3,000 km
 - Intermediate-Range Ballistic Missiles (IRBM): 3,000-5,500 km
 - Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBM): Above 5,500 km



TESTS	AGNI-I	AGNI-II	AGNI-III	AGNI-IV
CONDUCTED	APR 19, 2012	SEP 15, 2013	JAN 31, 2015	NOV 9, 2015
RANGE	700 km	2,000 km	3,500 km	4,000 km

^{*5,550} km with full payload of 1.5-tonne warhead, 8,000 km with a lighter warhead

ICBM ZONE Agni-V is classified as an inter-continental ballistic missile (ICBM), having a range of 5,500 km or more. The US, Russia, China, France and Israel already possess such missiles

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