

Agni 5

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India's indigenously developed intercontinental surface-to-surface nuclear capable ballistic missile 'Agni-5' was successfully test-launched from Wheeler Island off Odisha coast.

- The Agni V is an **intercontinental ballistic missile** with a range of 5,500 to 5,800 km.
- Agni V is **nuclear capable**, with a payload capacity of 1,500 kg of high-explosive warhead.
- It has been developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation under the **Integrated Guided Missile Development Program**.
- It is the **fifth variant** in the series of medium to long range Agni missiles. Agni I, II, III have already been inducted for military use.
- The successful induction of Agni V will give India **long-range strike capability**.
- The missile has previously been tested in 2012, 2013 and 2015.
- Once the Agni-V is inducted, India will join the **super exclusive club of countries with ICBMs** (missiles with a range of over 5,000-5,500km) alongside the US, Russia, China, France and the UK.
- Agni-V is **capable of striking even the northernmost parts of China**.