



# DRDO

## Press Release

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### **AGNI 1 ballistic missile Successfully Launched**

Agni 1, India's 700 km range ballistic missile was successfully launched today at 1006 hrs from the Wheeler Island off the coast of Odisha. It was a textbook launch meeting all mission objectives and the missile reached the target point in the Bay of Bengal following the prescribed trajectory" informed Shri Avinash Chander, the mission Director who is Distinguished Scientist & Chief Controller R&D (Missiles & Strategic Systems) and Program Director AGNI program.

The missile was launched from Road Mobile Launcher System and was tracked by Radar and Telemetry stations located along the coastline. Two Naval Ships located near the target point tracked the missile in the terminal phase of the flight.

Indigenously developed by DRDO the missile is already in the arsenal of Indian Armed Forces and was launched by the Strategic Forces Command as part of training exercise to ensure preparedness.

The launch was witnessed by Dr. Vijay Kumar Saraswat, SA to RM, Secretary Deptt of Def.R&D & DG DRDO, Shri Avinash Chander, Distinguished Scientist & CC R&D (Missiles & Strategic Systems), and Programme Director AGNI, Dr. J Chattopadhyaya, Project Director and Shri MVKV Prasad, Director ITR and senior officials from DRDO and the armed forces.

Dr Saraswat, SA to RM has congratulated all the Scientists and employees of DRDO and the Armed forces for the successful launch.

Shri A K Antony, Hon'ble Defence Minister congratulated the team on the successful launch of Agni I.

