

## **China's Reaction to India's Agni Missile**

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### **Why in news?**

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- After India successfully test-fired Agni-V ballistic missile, without referring to Pakistan, China advocated the need for “preserving the strategic balance and stability in South Asia”.

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### **What is China propagating against India's nuclear missile test?**

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- China signaled that there are restrictions imposed by the UN Security Council on India for developing missiles carrying nuclear weapons.

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### **What is Agni V?**

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- Agni V , with a range above 5000 km, can carry a payload of 1.5 tonnes, three times the minimum weight of an atomic warhead.

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- It is survivable to a counterstrike, as it is mounted on a TATRA truck, which imparts mobility to the weapon-system.

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- Missiles having nuclear warheads launched from fixed silos can be more easily targeted.

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## What is China propagating about India China relationship?

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- China is speculating reports about India and Japan relationships to counter China.

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- China stressed that India and China, is emerging economies, and not rivals but partners.

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- China is willing to work alongside regional countries, including India, to maintain the long-lasting peace, stability and prosperity in Indian Ocean region.

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