

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