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Huge firepower boost for Indian Army! Indigenous anti-tank guided missile tested successfully; what it means

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Indian Army gets anti-tank guided missile firepower! In a major boost to the Indian Army, the trial of the Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) was successfully conducted by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) recently. DRDO stated that the trial was concluded in a positive manner. The missiles managed to hit targets with precision and all the desired mission objectives were met successfully, DRDO said.

Man-portable anti-tank guided missile has been developed for Indian Army's infantry troops. The MP-ATGM missile would provide a boost to the Indian Army in decimating and tackling tank regiments of the enemy. The MPATGM is indigenously developed, with lesser weight – fire and forget weapon. The missiles are equipped with advanced features such as state-of-the-art Imaging Infrared Radar (IIR) Seeker with integrated avionics.

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The missiles have a varied range but these could hit targets within a maximum distance of two-three kilometres. The missiles with all the ranges have been tested. The trial of these missiles is absolutely crucial given the fact that Indian Army required over 50,000 anti-tank missiles. The Defence Ministry had recently given its nod for purchasing 5,000 2T ATGMs for the Indian Army, according to an ANI report.

Anti-tank guided missile (ATGM) is a missile which is manufactured to target and destroy heavily armoured vehicles and military tanks. Around 130 countries use these ATGMs

Indian armed forces have been continuously doing their efforts to modernise its arsenal. A few days back DRDO, the Research and Development wing of Ministry of Defence, test fired Pinaka guided missile at Pokhran range. MPATGM and Pinaka missiles would bolster the armed forces.

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