

## DRDO Pinaka missile test successful



Amidst tension with Pakistan, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully test fired the multi-barrel guided missile system Pinaka for the third time on Tuesday - and getting it a step closer to be inducted to the Indian artillery.

The Pinaka missile test-fires conducted on Tuesday at Pokhran, nearby Pakistan border in Rajasthan was the third successful trial round of missile, with previous two conducted successfully earlier the same day. DRDO officials stated that the three-staged trial rounds were conducted to "prove the efficacy, reliability and high precision capabilities of the weapon system"; and as per officials, "all three trials met the mission's objective".

[#WATCH](#) India successfully carried out third trial of Pinaka guided missile at Pokharan (Rajasthan) today. Two trials were conducted yesterday. [pic.twitter.com/1glOwNYA1e](https://pic.twitter.com/1glOwNYA1e)  
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Developed indigenously by India's defence lab DRDO, the Pinaka is a multi-barrel guided missile system capable of firing a salvo of 12 HE rockets in 44 seconds, while being mounted on a Tatra military truck. The maximum range of Pinaka missile system is 40 km for Mark-I and 75 km for Mark-II, and a salvo of six launchers is capable of neutralising an area of 1,000 m × 800 m. The weapon system is loaded with state-of-the-art guidance kit, advanced navigation and control system to deliver a guided, high-precision and accurate target output.

The successful trials of Pinaka missile system conducted by the DRDO will take the indigenous weapon a step closer to getting inducted in Indian armed forces and boost the defence capabilities of the Indian artillery. Perhaps since last few years, India's budgetary expenditure has concentrated on developing strong defence - with India buying armoury from Israel, Russia, Japan, France and the US. And deployment of new arms including the Pinaka amid rising tension with Pakistan post-[Pulwama](#) is an indication of muscle flex on the Indian side.