

DRDO tests Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM)

written by iaseexam.com | 13/01/2022



The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) recently successfully flight tested the Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM).

The defence ministry said the anti-tank missile was flight-tested in its final “deliverable configuration”. The indigenously developed MPATGM is a low weight, “fire and forget” missile.

Key Highlights

- During the test, which was conducted at a range in Southern India, the missile impacted the designated target with precision and destroyed it.
- The final impact event was captured on camera. The purpose of this particular test was to prove the consistent performance for the missile system at its minimum range.
- Because of the strategic importance of tanks and armoured vehicles in modern day battlefields since World War I, the development of ammunition that can beat the armours of tanks and the development of armours that would withstand anti-armour ammo has been an ongoing race since then.
- While the Indian Army has been mainly using various imported anti-tank guided missiles in the past, the DRDO has been working on ATGMs to be launched from different platforms as part of the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme.

SOURCE: *The Indian Express, India Today*